



Rabbi Cohen Invites All to Shabbat in the Home

Shabbat B'Bayit
שבת בבית

Friday, January 23
Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

My first year of rabbinic study took place at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on King David Street in Jerusalem. At the end of the year, as I was returning home, I stopped off for a three-day visit in Paris. It seemed like it would be a wonderful way to ease the transition back to an American lifestyle. Not knowing French, I found that I could navigate my way around the city using English, and remarkably my Hebrew came in handy a number of times as well.

On a Friday morning I happened to be in a small Parisian shop when I heard the proprietor speak Hebrew to one of his employees. I struck up a conversation with the man, and by the end of our talk, he asked me what I was doing for Shabbat dinner. I replied that I had made no plans and asked if he had any suggestions. He smiled and insisted that I join him and his family that evening.

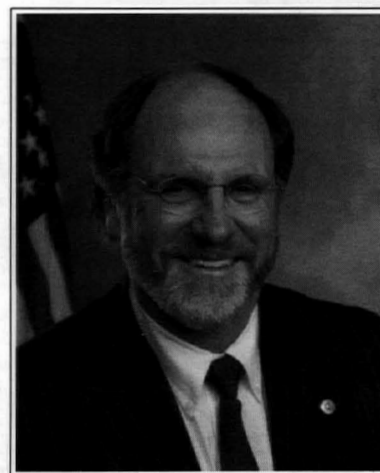
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Conversations...

Rescheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2004
7:30 P.M. Free Admission

SENATOR JON CORZINE:

**"Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and Israel:
From a Washington Point of View"**





Schedule of Services

Friday, January 2

Vayigash, Genesis 44.18-47.27
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 3

Minyan Service, 9:00 a.m. Gross Chapel

Friday, January 9

Vayehi, Genesis 47.28-50.26
Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 10

Torah Class, 8:15 a.m.
Tot Shabbat, 9:00 a.m.
Minyan Service, 9:00 a.m. Gross Chapel
B'nai Mitzvah of Alexandra Kassirer,
Emily Tutino and Courtney Krandel,
10:15 a.m.

Friday, January 16

Shemot, Exodus 1-6.1
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 17

Torah Class, 8:15 a.m.
Minyan Service, 9:00 a.m. Gross Chapel
B'nai Mitzvah of Sally Podhoretz,
Meredith Prescott and Aaron Karlsruher,
10:15 a.m.

Friday, January 23

Va-ayera, Exodus 6.2-9.35
Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m. followed by
"Shabbat at Home" PLEASE NOTE TIME
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Saturday, January 24

Torah Class, 8:15 a.m.
Minyan Service, 9:00 a.m.
B'nai Mitzvah of Carissa Leone, Margie
Levine and Matthew Giordano, 10:15 a.m.

Friday, January 30

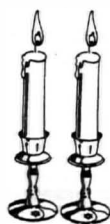
Bo, Exodus 10-13.16
Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 31

Torah Class, 8:15 a.m.
Minyan Service, 9:00 a.m.
B'not Mitzvah of Liza Wiesenthal and
Rachel Weinstein, 10:15 a.m.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

JANUARY 2	4:21 P.M.
JANUARY 9	4:28 P.M.
JANUARY 16	4:35 P.M.
JANUARY 23	4:44 P.M.
JANUARY 30	4:52 P.M.



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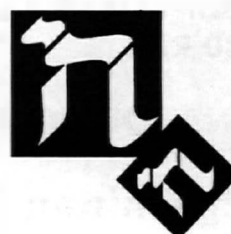
Two new leaves have been added to our Tree of Life. Please call Mimi Braun for information on how to order (\$180) a leaf to celebrate a simcha in your life. 973-243-9005.

Carol & Harvey Schaffler
40th Wedding Anniversary
Love, Elsa & Sid

In honor of our daughter Jennifer's
marriage to Louis Cicenja
August 9, 2003
Hanie & Jerry Warshaw

Double Chai

a chance to win a
year's free Temple
membership!
Watch for more news!





Take the Plunge!

Get involved! There are so many wonderful programs happening at TSTI. From Shabbat Milk and Cookies for our youngest members to a variety of social and learning activities through our Renaissance program, there is something for everyone. The foundation of TSTI lies in its sense of

community and together. Involvement from all of our members strengthens this foundation and the community as a whole.

Below is a brief description of the many active committees and interest groups at TSTI with contact information for the Committee Chairs. Participating in these various opportunities will not only enrich your own temple experience, but the experience of the entire TSTI family.

BLOOD BANK: Coordinates and administers the Temple blood drive.

Contact: Dolly and Irving Soloway at 973-731-7594.

BROTHERHOOD: Men's group supporting the Temple youth and creating a place for meaningful gatherings and variety of social activities.

Contact: Russell Kaplan email: zoulicat2@aol.com

CATERING: Coordinates the formulation of catering and building use policies.

Contact: Rita Marshall email: drmrjm@aol.com

CHAI LEARNERS: Plans scheduling and course curriculum for Temple and community programs based on topics of Jewish, culture, values and religious education.

Contact: Max Weisenfeld email: max_weisenfeld@bigfoot.com

COLLEGE CORNER: Responsible for maintaining contact with college age students by preparing and sending "care packages" throughout the school year.

Contact: Barbara Green email: luckymay9@aol.com

CONVERSATIONS: Plans lecture series with authoritative speakers on various current events.

Contact: Linda Kirsch email: lindabk@optonline.net

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Serves as advisors to Temple Executive Director and Board of Trustees regarding building maintenance, refurbishment and long range planning.

Contact: Ed Schwarz email: montrosepres@att.net

IRIS FAMILY MATTERS: Provides programs and services to support quality family time and uses creative activities to address challenging life issues.

Contact: Karen Wolf email: kbwolf@optonline.com or Rachel Fish Kaplan email: zoulicat2@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP: Welcomes prospective and new members. Plans and coordinates new member activities, new member sponsor program, communication and Temple involvement.

Contact: Nancy Fogel email: nnfog@aol.com

RENAISSANCE: A large and active social group for those members 55 and older offering monthly trips, lectures and programs throughout the year.

Contact: Matty & Dan Goldberg email: nonni1@comcast.net

SISTERHOOD: Offering Temple women a place to belong for friendship and a meaningful way to participate in Temple and Jewish Life.

Contact: Marcia Weinstein email: marciaw16@aol.com

SOCIAL ACTION: Creates and supports programming and projects related to improving social and ethical values in the community.

Contact: Jill Kushner email: jillmkushner@yahoo.com

WAYS AND MEANS: Responsible for developing and executing social activities that create opportunities to raise funds for Temple betterment.

Contact: Rich Flaum email: RFlaum@newjerseylaw.net

USHERING: Volunteer to usher at High Holiday Services.

Contact: Andy Jacobs email: acj@idealjacobs.com

UAHC Becomes URJ

At its biennial meeting in Minneapolis, the parent body of Reform Judaism made history by electing to change its name after 130 years. The former Union of American Hebrew Congregations has changed its name to the **Union for Reform Judaism**, serving the Congregations of North America. The name change was met with great enthusiasm by the 4500 delegates attending from throughout North America.

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That night, following his instructions, I went to the back door of his shop, knocked, and was ushered inside. Truth be told, I don't remember what we ate, I don't remember quite how his home looked or how the table was set, nor do I recall all of our conversation during the evening, but what I do remember is the warmth, the sincere welcome, and the open arms of this man and his family to me, an American stranger.

At its core, Shabbat is not a holiday that centers on synagogue. Rather, like Chanukah and Passover, Shabbat is a "home holiday," where gathering together with friends, family, and members of our community can add to the joy of the Shabbat celebration. Too often, and for too many of us, Shabbat becomes only synagogue-centered, and the warmth of Shabbat in the home is lost.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Mimi and Joe Paperman on the birth of a grandson, Sam Paperman. Happy parents are Dana and David Paperman.

Rita and Dennis Marshall on the marriage of their daughter, Gail, to Greg Vestal.

Elizabeth and Marc Best on the marriage of their daughter, Aliza, to Michael Dawson.

Marjorie Abel on the marriage of her daughter, Wendy, to Neil Ross.

Bonnie and Lew Garely on the engagement of their son, Alan, to Adriana Krstic.

Last year, with the introduction of Shabbat B'Bayit (Shabbat in the Home), we sought to embrace the warmth and good feeling of a family-centered Shabbat. After an early Shabbat service in our sanctuary, 17 families hosted Shabbat dinners, welcoming Temple members to their homes. New connections were made, wonderful meals were enjoyed, and our community, which is blessed with a large number of committed households, felt far smaller for one night.

Amy Blumkin and Andrea Baum have been hard at work to prepare for this year's Shabbat B'Bayit. Wonderful people have offered to serve as hosts. They look forward to having you join them in the lighting the Shabbat candles, chanting Kiddush and ha motzi, and sharing Shabbat dinner. As with my Parisian host of many years ago, I am certain you, too, will have a most memorable evening.

They say that if you do something once, it's innovative. But if you do it twice, it's a tradition! So, on Friday

TOT SHABBAT



Tot Shabbat, a special Saturday morning service just for preschoolers, their families, and their friends in the Jewish community, is held on the second Saturday of each month. Join us at **9:00 A.M. on January 10** for a wonderful Shabbat experience!

SHABBAT STORYTIME

A story and crafts project will be presented on Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bet Tefillah.

evening, January 23, the Shabbat B'Bayit tradition continues. Come for Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m., then I encourage all of you to bring Shabbat back home.

Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen

Shabbat B'Bayit Deadline for sign-ups is January 5

Please send an \$18 contribution for your family. Mail to:
Shabbat B'Bayit
60 Woodcrest Ave
Short Hills 07078

Questions? Please call us:
Andrea Baum (973) 564-5084 or
Amy Blumkin (973) 379-0074

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a bumblebee. His wings are too small for his body and aerodynamically he should be incapable of flight. So why is it that a bumblebee can fly? Because nobody told him he couldn't.

You might be thinking, 'cute story,' but has she finished either of the projects yet? Well you'll be happy to know that as of this writing it is now a month since I started this simple pillow project and I haven't accepted help yet. I also haven't completely finished either project. I've run out of fabric for the chair twice but it's looking pretty good. The temporary curtains now have so many staples I can't take them down without ripping the fabric but they are hanging beautifully. I have discovered that a great alternative to a sewing machine is a hot glue gun. I've learned a lot from my mistakes and during my upcoming winter break I expect to put the finishing touches on the chair...and maybe I'll get around to the pillows yet.

Carol Paster
Preschool Director



I am an incurable optimist with the naïve belief that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to do. I've been wrong about this many times, but yet I just don't seem to learn from my mistakes. I don't seem to remember the last project left unfinished because of my lack of expertise or lack of time.

Take for instance my newest unfinished project. I started out to replace four small non-descript throw pillows on my living room couches. I shopped around but nothing seemed to be the right size, shape and color. I washed the old ones, but they looked no better. I had them dry cleaned. They only got worse. So I was off to Rag Shop to buy a few yards of fabric to recover the pillows. How hard could this be? Trading Spaces and other room makeover TV shows have people doing this all the time. I don't have to sew them, I could just fold the fabric over like an envelope, hot glue it together and maybe put a big, fun button on the closure. Simple, huh? Well, I found the perfect fabric and bought four yards. That should be enough for four pillows. And while I was there, I also found fabric for my dining room windows, which had been left virtually naked since my washing machine (located on my second floor) blew a hose and flooded my house two years ago. The fabric was the perfect color, but not having planned to attempt two projects during a four-day weekend, I hadn't measured the windows so I guessed at the size and felt that 15 yards should do it

As I laid out the fabric to get a sense of how large a square to whack off for the first pillow, I realized I had enough fabric to recover my husband's favorite, well-worn chair. The next thing I knew, I had pulled off the old fabric to use as a pattern. Stuffing and chair parts were everywhere. It looked as

The Iris Family



though the chair had exploded. I started with the back cushion... the hardest part. I figured that if I could do that part, the rest would be easy. Well, the cushion WAS easy, but it was downhill from there. I didn't know how to sew the arms or the cushions back onto the chair.

Realizing I was in big trouble, I did what any other self-respecting person would do... I started working on the curtains for a while. The fabric was fairly sheer, not the type one can sew and rip out easily. I was afraid that there was little room for error. (I didn't know it yet, but I had over estimated my fabric purchase by about 10 yards.) I had failed to purchase any apparatus for hanging all this fabric, so I pulled out my staple gun intending just to see how I'd like the finished product to look so I'd know what kind of curtain rod to buy. I measured very carefully by folding the fabric in half to find the middle, eyeballing the windows to find the center and shot the first staple into my chestnut woodwork. This was easy, I was on a roll. I continued to fold to find the middle, eyeball to find the center and send a staple 'home', but only six staples later, I had run out.

So let's recap. I now had 15 yards of fabric hanging from six staples, an exploded chair with assorted tools, threads, tacks and four yards of fabric hanging from various parts of it and only two days of vacation left. Do I give up? Call in a professional? Call in a friend? NO. I won't admit defeat.

In the Preschool I watch children struggle with defeat all the time. Many children think that they are ready to tackle a skill that older siblings or friends have accomplished such as tying a shoe, reading a book, pedaling a tricycle, or cutting with a scissor, but not all have the developmental maturity to be successful yet. For some it will cause frustration and perhaps some tears and after a few attempts, they will give up until they are more capable, knowing that the skill is beyond their abilities for now. Others will try, try and try again and eventually their persistence will pay off even though developmentally they shouldn't be able to accomplish the task. Still others, like myself, will make the attempt and rather than give up, will find an alternative way to solve the problem. Those who can't tie a shoe properly will make a bunch of knots. Those who can't read will memorize the story and read it back in paraphrased form. Those who can't pedal will ask a friend for a push. And those who can't cut with a scissors will use their fingers to tear the paper. It won't be the traditional solution but it will be a creative one.

It is important to allow children the opportunity to experiment, explore, make mistakes, waste material and to problem solve. It's important to allow them to dream and believe they can do anything they set their minds to. It reminds me of an old story about

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Linda and Rudy Slucker Religious School



I read in the New York Times Science Section some time ago that because of the expansion of the universe, time, it is theorized is actually going

faster. Well, you don't have to tell me twice.

The glorious writers of the Proverbs (and the Byrds) declared that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. Clearly they had a notion that time can be quantified. When time is quantified, doesn't it seem to go faster; you remember those semesters at college. The fastest four years of my life. But faster than that was the minute it took my children to grow into adults.

If time is going faster it certainly explains our sense of not being able to get everything done in the same amount of time that we did before; why we are running faster to keep up; why we are constantly questioning our abilities and feeling guilty about our choices; and all because the universe is expanding. Sacre Bleu!

And why am I waxing philosophic on the passage of time? Two months ago my beautiful daughter Aliza was married to her Michael. As I watched her under the chuppah offer the Kiddush cup to Michael, I looked at her hands, the same hands, the fingers the same shape as that newborn that grasped me so long ago. The same hands that held mine on her first day of school, as we walked to the park, as she became a Bat Mitzvah, the moment before we left her at college and the same hands that held mine as we walked down the aisle.

I know that this sounds like a Kodak moment, but there is a point. As exasperated as we may get on a day-to-day basis with our children and they with us, we have to stay in touch with their souls because the experience of life is fleeting. We cannot know what will happen, so we have to stand up to time and say, "you're not going to bully me. I'm taking you over and making the choices in my life that allow me to love." Perhaps the 11th commandment should have been Thou Shalt Cherish Every Moment with Your Children.

Elizabeth Best, RJE
Religious School Director

Sunday, January 18
3rd Grade
Family Education
In celebration of
Tu B'Shevat

Sunday, January 11
1st Grade Family Education
Cantor Aronson
will lead a workshop on
Jewish Genealogy

Sunday, January 25
Fourth meeting of the Jewish
Studies Enrichment Class

Sunday, January 25
Kindergarten Family Education
Rabbi Miller

10 Minutes of Torah

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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."

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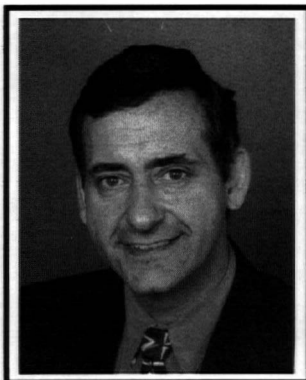
www.urj.org/torah/ten

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Friday, January 30 – Sunday, February 1

DR. MARK WARSHOFSKY

Mark Washofsky is a professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. His area of research and teaching is the literature of Jewish law and the application of legal theory to the understanding of the Jewish legal process (halakhah). His articles deal with such subjects as the history of the halakhah, the nature of rabbinical decision making, and issues of medical ethics in Jewish law.



tradition, created and developed by sages who lived hundreds and thousands of years ago, assist us in solving the new and unprecedented ethical dilemmas that have emerged as a result of contemporary medical science? We will study a responsum as an example of how we may learn our medical ethics from our Jewish tradition. Reservation required.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

"THE TALMUD, JEWISH LAW, AND REFORM JUDAISM"

SATURDAY LUNCH AND LEARN 12:30 P.M. \$15
"JEWISH LAW AND MEDICAL ETHICS"

The most difficult moral choices we ever have to make are those that involve questions of life and death. As Jews, we are heirs to a long tradition of text and thought that is said to offer us guidance through this thicket. Yet how can that

SUNDAY BRUNCH AND LEARN 10:30 A.M.
Sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Renaissance

"FLAGS ON THE BIMAH"

What does the Torah say about displays of patriotism in the synagogue? Is it a legitimate expression of love of country? Or is it a form of idolatry, the raising of an earthly "kingdom" to an equal status with the Heavenly one? We shall read several responsa that interpret Jewish law very differently in this case. And we shall ask: where do we stand on this question?

Saturday Night, MAY 15 - Save It!!

The Cirque de Shulé Fundraiser Encore!!

**LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD AND SPIRITS
SILENT AUCTION, CASINO GAMES, GREAT PRIZES,
Invite your Friends !!**

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to last spring's Temple fund-raiser, Cirque de Shulé is back for an encore. Bring your friends and join your TSTI family on May 15 for a night of Music, Dancing, Gourmet Food, Casino Games and the not-to-be missed Silent and Chinese Auctions. For those who missed last year's gala, here's your chance to have fun and raise funds for TSTI.

In addition to your presence on the big night, we need your support to make this year's event the best yet. We need volunteers to help solicit goods and services for the Silent and Chinese Auctions and to help with organization and publicity. Subcommittees are forming now.

We also need items for the Silent and Chinese Auctions. Do you have or know anyone who will donate:

- A week at a Timeshare or Vacation Home
- A Tee Time at his/her Golf Club
- Tickets to local sporting events (Yankees, Mets, Giants, Jets, Devils, Nets)
- Tickets to local performing arts (NJ PAC, Broadway, Lincoln Center)
- Gift Certificates to local Restaurants and Merchants

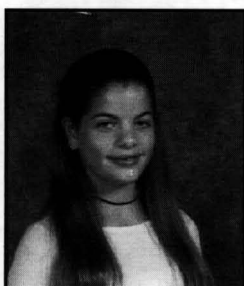
To get involved call **Rich Flaum** at (973) 912-0391 or send an e-mail to Rflaum@newjerseylaw.net

Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Courtney Elise Krandel will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 10 with her parents **Susan** and **Craig Krandel** and brother Matthew. Grandparents Eileen Krandel and Carol and Irv Shayne will also share in Courtney's simcha. Courtney enjoys math and social studies at Millburn Middle School, and plays tennis and soccer in her free time. For her "Mitzvah Project" she will visit residents at a nursing home and lead them in activities.

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means being a part of the Jewish community and teaching the traditions I have learned to my future family," says Courtney.



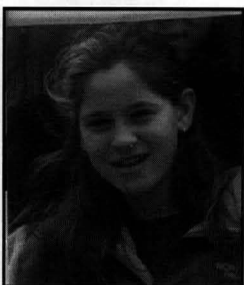
Alexandra Lee Kassirer will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 10. She is the daughter of **Paul** and **Jill Kassirer**, sister of Zachary and Matthew, and granddaughter of Joanne and David Singer and Ethel and Seymour Kassirer. Alex attends Millburn Middle School where her favorite subjects are language arts and Spanish. She also enjoys soccer and playing the violin. Alex volunteers at a soup kitchen and also collects clothing for those who eat their meals there for her "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means becoming an adult, taking on more responsibilities and doing things to help others," says Alex.



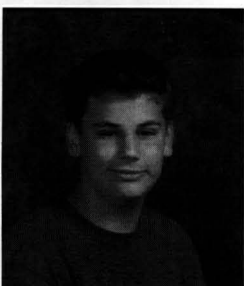
Emily Rebecca Tutino will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 10. She is the daughter of **Jane Witkin** and **Charles Tutino**. Her brother Will and grandparents Norma and Nathan Witkin look forward to sharing the day with her. Emily's favorite subjects at Maplewood Middle School are science, math and art. She enjoys being on the swim team, sailing, piano and saxophone. She is volunteering throughout the year at a day care center in South Amboy founded 30 years ago by her grandmother for her "Mitzvah Project."

"I had already begun to assume many responsibilities before becoming a Bat Mitzvah. I now look forward to the hard work, difficult choices and greater freedom involved in becoming an adult," says Emily.



Sally Rae Podhoretz, daughter of **Jane Ostracher** and **Jim Podhoretz**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her brother Jack and grandparents Joan and Sidney Ostracher and Harriette and Seymour Podhoretz on Saturday, January 17. Her favorite subjects at South Orange Middle School are language arts and social studies, but she enjoys acting, singing and dancing as after school activities. She is planning a fundraiser for children with cancer for her "Mitzvah Project."

Sally notes that "Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am adult in the Jewish community. In that role I have to take on more responsibilities, do charitable work and keep Jewish traditions alive."



Aaron Joseph Karlsruher will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 17. Joining him will be his parents, **Lucy** and **David Karlsruher**, brother Jordan, and grandparents Helen Karlsruher and Barbara and Joseph Rosano. Aaron plays trumpet in the Millburn Middle School band, and likes language arts and Spanish. He also plays basketball and his favorite, baseball. For his "Mitzvah Project," Aaron will participate in the Mitzvah Clowns and volunteer at a soup kitchen in Newark.

"Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I will have a greater role in the Jewish community. I look forward to sharing this day with my family and friends," says Aaron.

Margie Levine, daughter of **Jamie** and **Gilbert Levine** will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 24.

Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



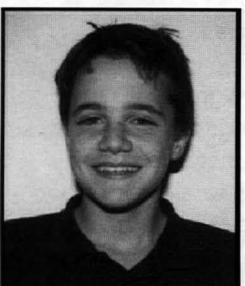
Meredith Jenna Prescott looks forward to Saturday, January 17 when she will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her parents, **Jacqueline** and **Bruce Prescott**, brother Daniel, and grandparents Harriet and Stephen Pollack and Francis and Howard Prescott will celebrate with her. Meredith, who attends Heritage Middle School, likes social studies and language arts as well as soccer and tennis. Because of her love for children, Meredith has chosen to volunteer as part of a Friendship Circle with a special needs child for her "Mitzvah Project."

"As I become older, I accept more responsibility at home and in the Jewish community," says Meredith.



Carissa Scarlett Leone will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 24. She is the daughter of **Carol Leone-Gresnigt** and **Louis Leone**, and step-daughter of **Adrien Gresnigt**. Sharing her joyous day are sisters Tiffany, Jenna, Margaux and Olivia, and grandmother, Sunny Bitman. Carissa attends South Orange Middle School and enjoys science and social studies as well as spending time with her family and friends. She is collecting clothes to send to a homeless shelter for her "Mitzvah Project."

Carissa says, "I am very excited to become an adult in the Jewish tradition. I look forward to taking on greater responsibilities in all areas of my life."



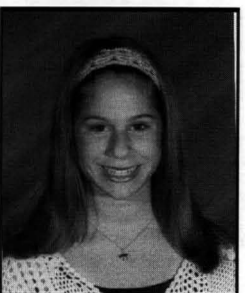
Matthew Robert Giordano, son of **Terry** and **John Giordano**, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 24. His sister Samantha and grandparents Harriet and Everett Felper and Lucille and Pat Giordano will celebrate with him. Matt attends Morristown Beard School where he likes history and science. Tennis and skiing are his favorite pastimes. Matt volunteers at a local nursing home for his "Mitzvah Project."

Matt says, "I feel honored to carry on the Jewish tradition of becoming a Bar Mitzvah."



Liza Glenn Wiesenthal, daughter of **Lauren** and **Marc Wiesenthal**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 31. Grandparents Barbara and Arthur Levy and Cynthia and Miles Wiesenthal, along with brother Matthew look forward to this special day. A student at Kent Place School, Liza favors math, language arts, French and social studies. She also enjoys playing tennis, soccer, swimming and drama. Liza's "Mitzvah Project" was working at TSTI's Israeli Fair to raise consciousness about Israeli products.

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means being recognized by the Jewish community as a maturing adult and getting ready to take on responsibilities, to think beyond myself, and about helping others," relates Liza.



Rachel Simona Weinstein looks forward to Saturday, January 31 when she will be called to the Torah. With her will be her parents **Beverly** and **Marshall Weinstein**, brother and sister Adam and Stephanie, and grandparents Anne Silberfarb and Harriet and Bernard Weiner. At Roosevelt Middle School where she is a seventh grader, Rachel likes social studies and reading. In her spare time she likes piano, cheerleading, acting and spending time with her friends. She and her family will volunteer at a Newark soup kitchen for her "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is meaningful to me because it is bringing me a step closer to my religion and its beautiful traditions. I am both proud and honored to participate in the Shabbat service and read Torah in front of my family, my friends and my congregation," explains Rachel.



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*Example isn't another way to teach,
it is the only way to teach.*

—Albert Einstein

Please help us teach ourselves and
others in the doing of Mitzvot.

BAKIN' AND JAMMIN' FOR BUBBES AND ZAYDAS

We're gearing up for making goodies
for Seniors! **Sign up now** for this
event on **Sunday, Feb. 29th, 2pm-
6pm**. It will be a festive day of creative
cooking, followed by the opportunity
to hand deliver the goodies and
receive warm thanks. Questions? Call
or email:

Baking: **Cathy Ehrlich**, 973-669-3727,
pehrlich@usa.net

Jam-Making: **Robin Greenberg**, 973-
761-4326, robin.doug@verizon.net

Donations of Candy and Nuts for
Baskets: **Jill Kushner**, 973-763-8844,
jillmkushner@yahoo.com

BRIDGES EVENT

On **Sunday, Feb. 8th**, starting at about
10:30 a.m., we will be preparing food
and sorting clothing to take with us to
Newark to distribute to people in
need. If you're interested in this hands-
on event, all ages are welcome.

Peggy Barnett is the overall coordi-
nator and will be working on food. **Jill
Kassirer** will be managing the
clothing distribution. **Sign up now!**

To sign up, please call or email them
at: PegBarnett@aol.com, 973-763-
0178 or jskplk@aol.com, 973-912-
8875

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR TOTS

Karen Seidmon and **Jill Kassirer**—
co-chairs of the TSTI Soup Kitchen at
the Lighthouse in Newark—are doing
a second clothing collection! This
clothing will be distributed to people
in need during the Bridges event. Our
focus is on collecting baby items:
During January, please bring gently
used baby clothing, diapers, formula,
and baby wipes to the bins near the
Religious School entrance.

GREEN TEAM

Elliot Sommer is chairing this
initiative. The Green Team is in the
process of investigating areas to work
on and creating a plan of action. If
you're interested, please contact Elliot
at: elliott@pacesetterfabrics.com or
973-763-0944.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK—HOUSE THE HOMELESS

Be part of our work with the Interfaith
Hospitality Network this year. TSTI will
do its part by housing the homeless for
one week starting **Sunday, Feb. 8,
2004**. People will be needed to set up,
to cook, and to visit in the evenings
with our guests. This is a Mitzvah that is
appreciated beyond your imagination.
It helps people who are on the road to
becoming self-sustaining. If you are
interested in helping in any way at all,
please contact **Bill** and **Zeny
Steinhauer** at
wsteinhauer@unigene.com or 973-
761-0830.

POLITICAL ACTION GROUP

Pam Kruger recently hosted a TSTI
political action group meeting. If
there's a public policy issue that you

think needs to be heard - re Israel or
other issues facing the U.S. - this is a
great opportunity to mobilize and
make a difference. Contact Pam at
pkruiger@comcast.net or 973-313-
9709.

SOUP KITCHEN

We still have openings!!! See the dates
below, and contact **Karen Seidmon** at
kseidmon@aol.com or 973-564-6272
to sign up.

February 15 Room for one more family

April 11 3-4 families

May 16 3-4 families

May 30 2-3 families

May 16 3-4 families

June 13 3-4 families

June 27 3-4 families

Also, if you have a group of 3 to 6
adults and some kids, please feel free
to pick a Sunday that is not already
accounted for (generally the 1st and
3rd Sundays) and call Karen to arrange
for a group to go to the Lighthouse.
When TSTI is not there on a Sunday,
there is no other meal being served
that day!

TSTI sent another terrific team to the
Lighthouse recently. Seventy meals
were served, and a great time was had
by all. Thank you to the Burroughs (the
captains for the day), Soloways and
Taffets!! Here's an excerpt from Debbie
Taffet's email to Karen Seidmon—
worth sharing:

"We had another terrific experience
(our family's second) at the Lighthouse
soup kitchen yesterday. It was a
wonderful way to top off a weekend
filled with family, plenty of good food
and thanksgiving. We had the pleasure
of meeting and getting to know two



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Temple families whom we might not have otherwise had the chance to meet. We, along with our amazing "captain" family, Marla and Brian Burroughs, and the lovely Soloway family, worked together to prepare a wonderful meal. Marla added home-made corn bread to the menu, which, under the supervision of Sabina Soloway, was measured and baked to perfection. The corn bread was served piping hot and I am sure was appreciated by the visitors to the Lighthouse.

It was a memorable day on many levels. We felt good about giving something back to this community which we know appreciates our efforts. In addition, it was really nice to meet the Soloways and the Burroughs. I can think of no better way to get to know other people than while doing mitzvot. I stepped away for a moment and realized how much can get done and how powerful it is to have a small, multi-generational group of people working together towards a common goal. Whether it was stirring the chili, preparing a tray of baked goods, or opening cans, washing out a pot and serving the food... everyone (ages 7 to 88) got the chance to contribute."

WEATHER AND EVENT CANCELLATIONS AT TEMPLE

Call the main office number, 973-763-4116.

You will hear updates as soon as decisions are made to cancel or postpone an event in case of inclement weather.



BAKIN' AND JAMMIN' FOR BUBBES AND ZAYDAS Sunday, Feb. 29th, 2pm-6pm

Name _____
(Adults and children welcome. Parents, please do not send young children without supervision.)

Phone _____

Email _____

I want to (check one):

Bake _____ Make Jam _____

Please send to:

Jill Kushner, 23 Village Green Court, South Orange, NJ 07079

PROJECT SHIN

As the Project SHIN (Spiritual Healing Integrating Nursing) Nurse, I integrate the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of health and healing in an effort to help our congregants feel connected even in difficult times. In addition to my office hours during senior meetings, I am available for consultations with congregants and family members to assess medical, emotional and housing related issues, helping to find appropriate and safe interventions, resources and referrals. Sometimes it only takes a short conversation, a visit, a kind word/listener, or some specific information or education to make a difference in how to approach a problem. I also make home and hospital visits by request of congregants, family members or by referral from our Clergy. My goal is to help empower people to advocate for themselves and be as independent as is safe. Please contact me through the synagogue office or leave a message on my work phone, 973-736-3200 ext. 372. Note that all inquiries are confidential. As always, I am looking forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

Claire A.G. Akselrad, Project SHIN Nurse

(Project SHIN of the MetroWest Jewish Health and Healing Center is funded through a grant provided by NJ Healthcare Foundation and United Jewish Federation Special Initiatives.)

Oh, What a Night!

Every Shabbat morning, just before we ascend the bimah, Rabbi Cohen instructs the children who are about to become B'nai Mitzvah to close their eyes, and to picture themselves, surrounded by their families and by the love and support that their families have for them at this special moment in their lives. It is an awesome moment, and one that we hope both the children and their families will cherish and remember.

I was given this very same gift $\frac{3}{4}$ a most treasured and loving memory $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday November 21st when so many of you came together to celebrate Shabbat and to recognize the 36 years that I have been fortunate enough to serve as the cantor of TSTI. I could not have sung with more "heart," have smiled a wider smile, have given (and gotten) warmer embraces than I did that night. My love and appreciation for my congregation is unbounded, and extends to each of you.

I am thrilled that the new music we presented that evening was received by you with such great enthusiasm. I was overjoyed at the sight and sound of so many people singing together as one voice in our sanctuary. This was honor enough! But there is more $\frac{3}{4}$ there are so many people that contributed to this special evening that it is impossible for me to mention them all. I want, however, to make special mention of Barbara and Jon Green, Linda and Joel Scharf and Doris and Jeff Spector who worked so hard to make this beautiful evening happen. Thank you also to Matty Goldberg and the many people who baked home made desserts for the oneg Shabbat. To all who volunteered to do

the many tasks that make an event like this happen so beautifully, my gratitude and thanks.

A few words about **Change for Change**. This past year, on one of my trips to study in Israel, I developed a relationship with two schools, *Bet Sefer Etzion Gaver*, an elementary school, and *Bet Sefer Alon*, a junior high school. Both these schools are in dire need of money to be able to offer programs that help families who are in crisis. As part of the special service on November 21st, I asked families to take home a **Change for Change** box, and bring it back full of money to help these schools in Israel. I am happy to say

that so far we have collected over \$3,000.00, and the number is growing every day. **SO PLEASE, CONTINUE TO FILL YOUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE CANS AND RETURN THEM TO THE TEMPLE OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.**



With our help the *Alon* school has started a "Pupil Center" for seventh and eighth graders which meets four times a week. This

center is aimed at helping pupils with educational gaps and economic difficulties. Currently it provides 40 pupils with a daily hot meal, as well as extracurricular lessons and enrichment. Hopefully the money we are raising with our **Change for Change** cans, will allow this to be an ongoing program. Similar programs are planned for *Bet Sefer Etzion Gaver*.

And so to you, my congregation I want to say thank you, and to encourage you to continue to collect money for **Change for Change**, and to never, never stop singing.

Cantor Ted Aronson

Magevet to Appear Friday, February 6

Magevet is Yale University's premier a capella group dedicated to singing Jewish, Hebrew and Israeli music. Founded in 1993, they are known in Jewish communities around the world for their unusual, sometimes daring arrangements of traditional and modern melodies, for their particularly sweet blend of voices, and for their lighthearted sense of humor. Magevet performances and recordings provide an exciting and fresh taste of Jewish

music spanning from Renaissance choral masterpieces to Yemenite and Yiddish folksongs to modern Israeli pop hits. Listeners come away inspired by the sense of pride for our diverse heritage that they convey with each and every song they sing.

This special evening is underwritten by the Melville J. Berlow Music Fund.



SHABBATON SIGN-UP INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Registration information for the February 28th Regional *Shabbaton* at Temple Beth El in Hillsborough, NJ is available. This all-day program of worship and study has been an increasingly popular regional event, and a large number of participants is expected.

A highlight of this year's *shabbaton* will be the *D'var Torah* offered at *Shabbat* morning services by Dr. Norman Cohen, Provost of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). In addition to his duties as Provost, Dr. Cohen is a Professor of *Midrash* at HUC-JIR, New York. After being ordained as a Rabbi in 1971, he earned a Ph.D in *Midrash* from the College in 1977. Author of a number of books on Biblical and Jewish themes, Dr. Cohen is also widely known for his lectures on the people described in the Torah.

The day will begin with Torah study prior to the morning service. After lunch following services, a series of workshops will be presented by leading regional scholars. A *havdalah* service will conclude the day's program at about 5 PM.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact the Regional Office at (toll-free) 888-750-8242.

GIVE LIFE



Blood Bank Great Success

One might have thought that the snowy and treacherous winter storm of December 14 would have stopped most people from venturing outside. Not so the 64 intrepid souls who appeared at Temple to give blood at our annual blood drive. The committee chairs, **Dolly** and **Irv Soloway**, along with **Dr. Jon Green**, **William Perlman**, **Joe Paperman**, **Alice Prager**, made every effort to make the drive a success under the stormy circumstances — and successful it was! Thank you to all who volunteered to call and remind Temple members about the drive and to those who helped serve snacks and coordinate the many activities involved in this tremendous venture.

Registered blood donors:

Alan Barnett
Peggy Barnett
Susan Berkley
Elizabeth Best
Amy Block
Andy Brafman
Noah Brauner
Shelli Brosh
Wendy Budin
Glenn Butcher
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Mark Slade
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Joe Teleposky
Sandy Weener
Cathi Weinstein

November 21, Redux

On Friday evening, January 30, we will be singing the music of Lich'vod Shabbat, that was introduced at the November 21 service. If you would like to be part of a volunteer choir that sings this music with us, rehearsals will be held at the following times:
Tuesday evenings January 13, 20, 27 at 7:30-9:00 PM
Rehearsal prior to service on Friday, January 30 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM

FAMILY CAMP IS COMING Save The Date!!!

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel's
7th Annual Family Camp Weekend
at Camp Na-Jee-Wah June 11th - June 13th

For more information, please call Todd Lurie (973) 275-1420 or Gale Weisenfeld (973) 762-9550. To learn more about Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, visit online at www.njycamps.org

Renaissance Group

So now we are launched on a "New Year—2004." May we all experience a healthy and happy year!

Before we go on to scheduling for 2004, we would like to reflect on the wonderful Shabbat we celebrated on November 21st in honor of Cantor Ted Aronson's 36th Anniversary with our congregation. The music was beautiful and inspirational and the night brought much nostalgia to many of us. Mazel tov to Cantor and his family.

We had anticipated a pre-Chanukah dinner party to be celebrated on December 5, but that was the day that our first snow storm made its debut. Now, we can anticipate a post-Chanukah event, scheduled for Friday, January 16, with the grace of the "snow gods." It would appear that this is the year for late dates. The "Super Bowl" is scheduled for Sunday, February 1; therefore our "Games Day" which is always planned to coincide with this date, will be on February 1. There are those of us who will be watching the football game on our large-screen and the rest of us will be playing our own games; bridge, canasta, scrabble, whatever. Please bring your games, or cards and enjoy some time with friends over the card table or game board. Food will be plentiful and delicious, in our usual style. Details will reach you by mail, so you can make your reservation.

On March 9 we will board the ubiquitous bus and go to Philadelphia to the flower show and to see the paintings of Manet at the Philadelphia Museum of Fine Arts. This is a wonderful museum and you will find a variety of other exhibits, as well. **Judy Miller**, chairperson, has made this day possible for us. Details will reach you in the mail.

Florence Seglin

Sisterhood

A few months ago I could not believe it was 5764. NOW I cannot believe it is 2004. Time is going too fast for me! I think time is going too fast for me because I am involved with many activities at Temple. One, the Gift Shop, has become a major endeavor. We had a busy Chanukah and now Sylvia and I will get ready for a store-wide sale and plan for the upcoming Gift Show in NYC.

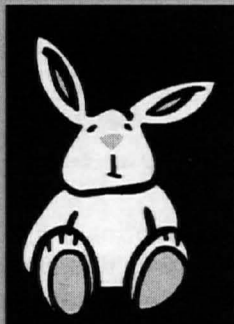
Which brings me to the next paragraph. Sylvia and I need more sales help. Can you spare some time (on a regular basis) during the Friday night Oneg? Would you like to work Sunday mornings when your child is in school? The Gift Shop is a delightful place to work. You meet the nicest people — our Temple members. Please think about joining us. We want the input of our Sisterhood members to help make the Gift Shop more important to our Temple community.

Sisterhood had two great programs in December and more are planned for February and March. A program about snowboarding for women and teens presented by our very own **Chickie Rosenberg** in February, and our Women's Seder in March. We have had several tables at our Seder that had three generations of one family. Several teenagers attended and enjoyed the feminine slant. There will be open seating. However, if you are a group of 8, 9, or 10 we will reserve a table for you.

Marcia Wainstein
Sisterhood President

MOTHER and BABY GROUP

Come and meet with other mothers to discuss your baby and the life changes you are experiencing. Leader **Susan Siegeltuch**, MSW, LCSW, plans to cover topics such as finding child care, marital and emotional changes, returning to work, sleep deprivation, weaning your baby, language development, impact on siblings and more.



Beginning Wednesday, January 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. for 12 Wednesdays. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. Please call Susan at 973-378-8635 to learn more about this program. Sponsored by The Iris Family Preschool.

The congregation extends its sincere appreciation for the following contributions:

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There are many opportunities to give *tzedakah* in support of TSTI. We have a wide variety of special and general purpose funds to which members and friends can contribute to mark special occasions, remember family members or friends, express appreciation, or simply to support a particular area of interest. Tributes can be purchased for \$5, \$10, \$18 or \$25 or more.

Sending a Tribute ... So Easy ... So EZ Pass

For your convenience, simply **prepay for your Tribute by "bank-ing" a minimum of \$50.** Once your account is funded you may email tributes@tsti.org, or fax your Tribute information to 973-763-3941, or call Temple and ask for the Tribute voice mail box.

PARTY SHOWCASE

Sunday, March 28
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Do you have a party related business? Would you like to display your wares and talk to interested Temple members about your services? Whether you are a stationer, florist, party-planner, caterer, photographer, videographer, entertainer, DJ or craftsperson, take this opportunity to showcase your talents.

For additional information, call the Temple office and ask for Karen Patton, 973-763-4116.

10th Annual Women's Interfaith Forum

**Wednesday,
January 28
6:45 P.M.**

(Snow Date, January 29)

**Tempe B'nai Abraham
300 E. Northfield Road
Livingston, NJ
(Entrance on E. Cedar St.)**

The Rite of Marriage: Comparing Religious Traditions

Panel presentation, story-telling and discussion led by representatives of:

The Interweave Center for Holistic Living, The Islamaic Center of Passaic County and The MetroWest Jewish Health and Healing Center

Part of a series entitled "Women of Sacred Story Interfaith Spiritual Dialogue," this program will explore the unique ways of marking the milestone of marriage according to Christian, Islamic and Jewish traditions.

A vegetarian/dairy buffet supper will be served. There is no charge for the event, but seating is limited and reservations are required and must be made before Wednesday, January 21.

For further information or to make a reservation, please call Temple B'nai Abraham at 973-994-2290 ext. 255 or email at receptionist@tbanj.org.

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