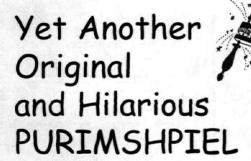
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Celebrating Purim

Rabbi Cohen
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astounding talents to bring you:



Thursday, March 24 6:45 P.M. in the Sanctuary



Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel's
Slucker Religious School & the Temple Youth Groups

Present
Esther & Mordechai's
Excellent Adventure....
A Purim Extravaganza



Sunday, March 20th 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A fun-filled event open to our entire Temple family and friends.



Games, Rides, Food, Crafts, and much, much, more....

Schedule of Services

Friday, March 4

Vayakhel, Exodus 35-38.20 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 P.M. Shabbat Service , 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, March 5

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel B'not Mitzvah of Suzannah Dessau and Julie Devinsky, 10:15 A.M.

Friday, March 11

Pekude, Exodus 38.21-40 Shabbat Service , 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, March 12

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat, 9:00 A.M. B'nai Mitzvah of Eric Menino and Ross Eglow 10: 15 A.M.

Friday, March 18

Tetzaveh, Exodus 27.20-30.10 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 P.M. Shabbat Service, 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, March 19

Minyan Service, 9:00 A.M. B'nai Mitzvah of Emily Gardiner and Scott Zimmer, 10:15 A.M.

Thursday, March 24

Megillah Reading and Purimshpiel, 6:45 P.M.

Friday, March 25

Vayikra, Leviticus 1-5.26 Shabbat Service , 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, March 26

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. B'nai Mitzvah of Allison Eatroff, Emma Strickler and Bryce Gadye 10:15 A.M. Bar Mitzvah of Julian Gordon, 10:30 A.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



MARCH 4 5:32 P.M. MARCH 11 5:40 P.M. MARCH 18 5:47 P.M.

MARCH 25 5:55 P.M.



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A Community of Prayer

For many years, a group has been meeting every Shabbat morning in the lovely Gross Chapel in the mansion area of temple. This is an open call to those TSTI members who are interested in joining us in building a community of prayer. If you are seeking a more intimate and creative spiritual experience, we have a framework to build from.

If you are interested in joining to create and nurture a community of prayer that meets on a regular basis, please come to the Gross Chapel on Saturday morning at 9:15 A.M. Following our service, we meet for bagels, coffee and Torah study.

If you have a desire to share prayer, song, community and support in an intimate and beautiful setting, you have an opportunity to participate and to create that experience every Saturday morning in the Gross Chapel. We are looking forward to making it happen for all of us...

Annual High Holy Days Appeal

The following contributions were received after last month's Bulletin went to press:

Patron Fern & Bruce Eatroff

Friend Isidor Hirschhorn

Donor Robert & Marian Itell Carol LaRose

We are grateful for your support.





From the Rabbi's Study

One of the challenges with a monthly Temple bulletin is the time lag. By the time you read this column it will be almost a month old meaning that current events are not so current by the time this is published. This is certainly the case with regard to the Mid-East peace process which seems to change on an almost daily basis. Thankfully, recent changes appear largely positive. The ceasefire that was implemented earlier this week, along with the active reengagement of the current U.S. administration, may well reinvigorate the peace process. My hope and my prayer is that by the time you read this, there is even more cause for optimism. Of course, the situation will not resolve itself overnight, but as long as small positive changes are made, perhaps a peaceful and equitable solution is finally possible.

What does not change on a daily basis however, is my conviction that our commitment and support for our brothers and sisters in Israel is central to the peace process and our own religious commitments. One reflection of our congregation's commitment to Israel can be seen in the inclusion of ARZA membership (the Association of Reform Zionists of America) on Temple bills. Our temple board decided to include ARZA dues as a sign of our commitment to Israel as a democratic, Jewish nation. We believe that support for Israel is a central pillar of our faith and commitments as members of the Jewish community.

When ARZA dues were first introduced, our synagogue's ARZA membership went from just a handful of households to over 60%. In recent years however, this number has decreased as Temple members have opted not to renew their membership in ARZA. Especially at this time of change, when there is again reason to be optimistic, our support and commitment to Israel is an important part of our mission as a Temple family. If you are not currently an ARZA member, I urge you to become one. (Check their website, www.arza.org, or contact me for more information.)

In addition, we can show our support for Israel by renewing our personal commitment to visiting the ancient land of our ancestors. Along these lines, therefore, I am excited to announce our renewed commitment to TSTI congregational trips. Over the next few years we plan to take one or two congregational trips per year. The first will be a family trip in December, 2005, most likely from the 21st until January 1st. We will have the opportunity to tour throughout the country, to visit with Israelis and to become better connected to both the historic and modern Jewish homeland. We will plant trees just outside Jerusalem, spend a morning excavating in an ancient city, hold a service at the memorial at Yad v'Shem, as well as share numerous other memorable experiences. I have reserved a limited number of plane tickets that will be

available on a first come basis, ensuring that each Temple trip is an intimate experience limited to one bus load of Temple members. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, or future trips such as a spring trip with Cantor, and another in December of 2006, please contact me.

In these and other ways we can show our unwavering support for Israel at this critical juncture and share some wonderful experiences, as well

Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen

Striving for Peace

On Friday, March 11, we welcome Reverend Rick Boyer of Prospect Presbyterian Church, in Maplewood to our bimah to speak about an issue regarding interfaith relations facing his church. Rev. Boyer states, "Recent actions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have strained the relationship between the church and the Jewish community. Striving for peace is not something that everyone sees the same way. Can we be friends and talk about differing perspectives while we all work toward the peaceable community described by the prophet Isaiah."

Please join us for what promises to be an important exchange of thoughts and ideas. Please use this page to send best wishes from your family or from merchants and businesspeople. You may reproduce this page as often as needed.

Sharey Tefilo-Israel TRIBUTE JOURNAL "OUR FACES, GENERATION TO GENERATION"

Saturday, June 4, 2005
Honoring
Temple President Arnie Budin & Wendy Budin
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A Spectacular Musical Evening

"OUR FACES, GENERATION TO GENERATION"

Honoring

Temple President Arnie & Wendy Budin
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Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel Saturday, June 4th, 2005 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

A FUN musical celebration featuring performances by

Cantor Ted Aronson

Josh Nelson

& other talented professionals in a cabaret setting

Enjoy Cocktails, Hors D'oeuvres, Dessert and an Open Bar

Celebrate with friends at this Temple Fundraiser

Tickets: \$75.00 per person - all inclusive Watch for your invitation in the mail.



TSTI BROTHERHOOD SCOTCH TASTING

AND NCAA BASKETBALL MARCH MADNESS PARTY

Watching College Hoops, Drinking Scotch and Hanging out with the Guys. What could be Better?

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2005 **Location:** Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel **Time:** 8:00 p.m. (after the Purimshpiel)

Food: Nosh and Desserts

Cost: \$10 for Brotherhood Members

\$25 for Non-Members, Guests and Friends

Door Prizes:

Bottle of Glenrothes V72 (Retail Value of \$350)
Pair of 2005 Yankees - Red Sox Tickets
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DON'T MISS THIS EVENT IF YOU ARE A MAN WHO:

Likes to watch college hoops
Likes to watch Rabbi Cohen cry when Duke loses.....again
Knows the difference between Scotch and Whiskey
Doesn't know the difference between Scotch and Whiskey
Wants to learn more about the great activities sponsored by Brotherhood

There are 3 ways to reserve your spot by March 21st:

Send this sheet and your payment to TSTI - Attention: Brotherhood E-Mail Todd Lurie at tlurie@comcast.net Fax this sheet to Temple at (973) 763-3941

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New Director for Littman Fund

In a long-range plan to expand the capabilities of the temple's Josh Littman Video Program, **Russell Kaplan** has agreed to take on the volunteer role of Executive Director. As such, Russell will coordinate the program's *B'nai Mitzvah* video projects liaison, **Arthur Haas**, who has served as Technical Director since the program's inception, help train student video technicians and initiate new and exciting ways to make use of the extensive video equipment.

The Josh Littman Video Fund was established in 1987 in memory of Joshua Littman who was a television news anchorman in Detroit, Michigan. With the installation of discreetly placed professional video equipment in the Sanctuary – and more recently in the Bet Tefillah – the fund has videotaped more than a thousand B'nai Mitzvah.

In addition, the Fund supports a new program that enables people to phone into *Shabbat* Services, makes available videos of *Shabbat* Services for shut-ins, and videotapes special programs that are available for loan from the Josh Littman Library.

The Fund also provides the projectors and screens used in the enlarged Sanctuary during the High Holy Days Services.

Members interested in working to develop new ways to broaden the video programs, as well as high school students who would like to be trained as video operators, should contact Russell.

Rabbi Dana Kaplan

Scholar-in-Residence

April 8 - April 10

Rabbi Kaplan is a Visiting Research Scholar at the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies at the University of Miami. He also serves Congregation B'nai Israel in Albany, Georgia. The author of over 40 scholarly essays and general audience articles, he was recently appointed the general editor for the Cambridge Companion to American Judaism.

Friday, April 8 7:30pm Worship Service Contemporary Debates in American Reform Judaism

This talk will touch on the issues that are central "hot button" controversies in American Reform Judaism today. Rabbi Kaplan will bring up a number of recent developments that are interesting and personal. He will connect these experiences together, illustrating how the movement and American Judaism generally are changing.

Saturday, April 9 12:30pm Luncheon Fee \$10

The Dynamic Tension of Reform Judaism:

The Development of Our Movement

How has Reform Judaism changed in response to an evolving social and intellectual environment? This will be a PowerPoint presentation with photos of many fascinating personalities, synagogues, prayer books, and docu-

ments. We will look at how the Reform movement in the United States has handled the inherent tension between tradition and innovation over the last 200 years.

Sunday, April 10 10:30am Brunch

The Progressive Jewish Future

A short informal talk and vibrant discussion.

What does the progressive Jewish future look like? How is intermarriage affecting our mission/our future? How do our struggles relate to the wider challenges liberal religion faces? What are the opportunities; where are the risks? What are our main obstacles and what do we know about our past/current realities that can help us navigate through these challenging and exciting times?

The Brunch is sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Renaissance.

Renaissance Group

Our "Day of Games" was a great late afternoon and evening — a truly Super Bowl Tailgate Party. Not only did the New England Patriots win the game, we had winners of our own. Hy Goldberg and Florence and Arthur Seglin, long-time Renaissance members, along with two guests, won the football pool run by Joel Scharf. The noshes and the "main course" as well as the desserts were well received. If you missed this activity, try to include it in your schedule next year. It is a great way to share the excitement of the big game with friends and to break up the winter doldrums. Thank you **Linda Scharf** and **Matty Goldberg**.

We are looking forward to our trip to the newly renovated Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan, scheduled for Wednesday, March 2. Our chairperson, **Ruth Tenner**, has arranged for docents to guide our visit. After lunch, we will be able to tour the museum on our own. We will depart for home at 4:00. You have received the detailed information in the mail and hopefully you have returned your reservation.

On Sunday, April 3, we will host the Renaissance Coalition of New Jersey/West Hudson Valley. This is a first for us. We will report on this at our next meeting, Thursday, April 14, which is our potluck supper, which is always delightful. The main course of the meal will be catered, but you will be asked to bring either a side dish, a salad or a dessert. And, back by popular demand, Fred Miller will again entertain us with selections from songs by Roger and Hart. You will receive the ubiquitous letter in the mail with all the details. Be sure to return your reservation promptly.

Again, we want to remind you that when you receive the letter describing our visit to Washington, D.C. on May 13-15, please respond promptly. Our chairpersons, **Gerry Gould, Linda Kirsch** and **Frankie Weiss** need ample time to make arrangements.

Our best wishes for a rollicking Purim. Hag Sameach.

Florence Seglin

Linda and Rudy Slucker Religious School

Jewish Studies Enrichment Class Jewish Family Museum

Sunday March 6th
An opportunity to share your family memorabilia
with the students of the religious school

3rd Grade Torah Study

Sunday, March 13th
Spend the morning with your child learning Torah
during their regular session.

6th Grade Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Program

Sunday, March 13th
Parents and Students to meet with Cantor Aronson
during your child's regular session.

Sharey Ateed High School

Our last cycle of the year begins Tuesday, March 15th

Purim Extravaganza

Sunday, March 20th
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
A fun-filled event open to Temple family and Friends.
All proceeds to benefit our Youth progams

Matan Chaim: The Gift of Life Oonor Card

On behalf of the Union for Reform Judaism and the entire family of Reform Judaism, we invite you to join in becoming an organ donor and to participate in the mitzvah of *matan chaim*: the gift of life.

Jewish tradition teaches that we are partners with God in continuing and sustaining the daily miracles of creation. Organ and tissue donation are an extension of this partnership. Through donation, you have the unique and holy opportunity to give the gift of life and wellness from one of God's creations -- you -- to another. With your gift, you respond *hineni* to God's call.

Please contact Susan Jacobsen at 973-763-6358 or email her at sjacobsen@prodigy.net for further information.

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Bone Marrow Bank at Temple in May

Arnie and Grace Rintzler, long-time members of TSTI, have a grand-niece in Pittsburgh who has leukemia and is looking for a bone marrow donor. The family is trying to coordinate bone marrow drives in several states, and we'd like to hold a drive at TSTI on May 22 from 10 to 2.

Arnie will act as the chair for the drive, but he needs help. Who's out there who would like to work on this worthy effort? We will be working with Arnie's niece, who has run several of these drives on her daughter's behalf. She'll walk us through the details. We need people to help organize in a variety of ways, as well as people to help staff on the day of the drive.

If you would like to know more about Arnie's grandniece, go to <u>www.AmysArmy.org</u> - and if you want more info about bone marrow drives and donation, go to <u>www.GiftofLife.org</u>

If you are interested, please contact Arnie directly at either of the following: email: AWRintzler@verizon.net.

Mitzvah Mindfulness

Want to be kept up-to-date on Mitzvot?

Send an email to jillmkushner@yahoo.com and ask to be put on the Mitzvah list. I'll keep you informed and in touch. There are over 120 TSTI-ers on the list already!

TSTI Soup Kitchen—for families, singles, seniors, teens, juniors, and in-betweeners Thanks to Amy Giles for taking the time to write to Karen Seidmon and Jill Kassirer, Soup Kitchen Cochairs, about her family's experience at the Lighthouse Soup Kitchen in January:

Everything went smoothly this morning at the Lighthouse... We made elbows with meatsauce, and then mixed it with some mozzarella cheese and baked it in the oven (like a baked ziti with meat). We fed about 75 people, but went through more than 125 plates of food and there wasn't a morsel leftover.. Once again, It was a heartwarming experience for all of us. The people we serve are so polite and appreciative. It is wonderful that TSTI supports this program.—Amy

You too can feel the warmth! There are still some openings left for Winter/Spring 2005. Contact Karen Seidmon at kseidmon@aol.com to sign up.

Habitat

We have two new Habitat workdays scheduled for the warmer months ahead. The dates are Sunday April 17 and Saturday May 14. Please let Barbara Laub know as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer. Contact **Barbara Laub** and **Dennis Percher** at blaub@comcast.net - her NEW email address.

Political Action

Are you interested in political action? I received the note below from the regional committee. This sounds like a chance to make an impact at the state level, which could have far-reaching consequences. It's also a

chance to meet with like-minded folks who care about important issues.

If anyone is interested, please email me at iillmkushner@yahoo.com to let me know which specific political issues you care most about. Include the personal qualities you possess that would "qualify" you to assume this kind of leadership role. Remember that you would be acting in concert with the Reform Jewish position. (The URJ's focus on issues is managed through the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. If you want to know about the their position on key political issues, go to http://rac.org/advocacy/issues/) I will forward your information to the appropriate regional people. Thanks.

From the Regional Social Action group of the URJ: With today's focus on "moral values," and the increasing erosion of both individual rights and governmental support for society's disadvantaged, it is imperative that we Reform Jews make our leaders aware of the Jewish values taught by our sacred texts, and which we espouse.

Accordingly, the Regional Social Action Committee is creating a New Jersey advocacy corps whereby members of congregations would visit state legislators at their home offices to promote the Reform Jewish position on specific issues and forthcoming proposed legislation.

We ask that you recommend member(s) of your congregation whom you feel would be appropriate, because of both their social concern and their personal abilities, to speak with elected and appointed officials to forcefully, yet diplomatically, express our views. Hopefully, these individuals will also take the lead in educating congregants about significant issues and pending legislation, as well as promoting individual advocacy through phone calls, letter writing, e-mails, and petition circulation.

Jill Kushner

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD Featuring Robin Raskin

"The Internet Mom"



Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 PM Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel Ballroom

Robin Raskin is a renowned technical journalist, spokesperson and author of six books on Parenting in the Digital Age. Come find out what is really going on in cyberspace and learn what you can do to help keep your kids safe.

Dessert Reception to Follow
For information call Tracy at 973 763-4116 ext. 286

This event is one of many opportunities provided through the Iris "Family Matters" Programs

ATTENTION ALL 8th - 12th GRADERS Volunteers Needed to Run the Game Booths at the Purim Extravaganza - Sunday, March 20

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Letters can be given for *outside* Temple community service hours . Please return form to Tracy Horwitz at Temple. Questions, call Tracy at 973-763-4116.

Sharey Tefilo-Israel

SHABBAT MILK & COOKIES

(for children pre-k to 2nd grade and their parents/grandparents)

With Children's Klezmer Music by the

HESTER STREET TROUPE





Friday, MARCH 11, 2005

6:15PM-7:30PM

at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel

CREATE QUALITY SHABBAT TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY!

- * Celebrate Shabbat through music, songs, crafts and prayer.
- * Kids are encouraged to come in Pajamas.
- * Remember your blanket to sit on.
- * And end the evening with a milk and cookie treat!

There is no fee, but please let us know if you plan to attend. To register, e-mail thorwitz@TSTI.org or call Susan at 973 763-4116 ext. 221

"Shabbat Milk and Cookies" is one of many opportunities provided through the Iris "Family Matters" Programs

Iris Family Preschool's Spring Concert Rebecca Frezza & Big Truck



March 13th 3:00 pm



TSTI - 432 Scotland Road South Orange, NJ



Tickets \$12/adult \$8/child in advance \$15/adult \$10/child at the door ALL tickets will be held at the door.

For tix: mail a check with name, address, phone &number of tickets to:

Iris Family Preschool - Spring Concert
c/o TSTI - 432 Scotland Rd., South Orange, NJ 07079
To purchase securely online: www.mtbythedunes.com/rebecca.html

TOT /HAPPAT

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 March 12 for a wonderful Shabbat experience!

/HAPPAT

A story and crafts project will be presented on **Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m.**in the Bet Tefillah.





It's hard for many of us to try new things. Some of us jump in without question and others are more cautious. Some don't ask questions and others do major research. Some move right into new situations, others watch and wait to see what happens. I see this with adults, children and even animals.

Take my dog for instance. As she is getting older and less agile, she has trouble on occasion jumping onto the couch or our bed...yes, we let her on the furniture, but that's an article for another day. The full impact of this surfaced last winter. Patches, our 10-year-old cocker spaniel, was walking very slowly and avoiding the stairs inside and outside our home. A trip to the vet revealed a mild case of arthritis, aggravated by the cold weather. I live in a 100 year old home filled with charm, but the rooms are drafty and the radiators aren't large enough for the size of the rooms. Consequently, the heat never warms up the cold tile floor of my kitchen or the hardwood floors of my living and dining rooms. If you remember last winter, it was a particularly cold and snowy season.

In an effort to make Patches more comfortable, we bought her a dog bed for Chanukah. It was soft and cozy with a cute dog print on one side and warm alpaca on the other. She wanted nothing to do with it. She would sniff it and walk away. We turned it over and she still snubbed it. We moved it to different locations in the house. Nothing doing. We would pick her up and place her on the pillow. She would jump off as soon as we let go. We put a doggie cookie in the center of the pillow. She'd eat the cookie and walk away. We placed her

favorite toys on it and still she resisted. Clearly the humans were much more excited by this new purchase than the dog was. So we put it away and continued to help her onto the furniture when needed.

As this winter started, we brought out the dog bed once again and reintroduced Patches to her old nemesis. Again it was met with less than lukewarm enthusiasm. After a few days, however, I received a call from my daughter while I was at work. "Hi, mom. Guess what?" she whispered. "Patches just took Lambydoodle (her new favorite toy) and put her on the pillow and now she's just sitting there watching it." As it turned out, little by little, Patches came closer and closer and now, lo and behold the bed is now her new best friend. I guess in her mind if the toy was safe on the pillow, then she would be also. Now Patches uses it every day and we are all so excited.

Not to compare the children in our preschool to my dog, but I watch many of our children struggle with new ideas and situations all the time. Sometimes it's a new winter coat, or perhaps putting on the first pair of shorts after a long winter or even getting used to new shoes. Other times it's singing a new song or eating a new food. And sometimes it's sleeping in his or her own bed. Those who choose not to jump in to new situations and experiences right away need to have a chance to watch, to observe, to practice and to let others try it out first. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

Carol Paster
Preschool Director

. . . and Kick . . . and Slide . . . and Whirl Around

Come celebrate Shabbat with dance as the 3rd graders perform Israeli dances at Shabbat services on Friday, April 1 at 7:30 P.M. with their instructors, **Arlene Gordon** and **Andrea Baum**.

TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL'S

8th Annual Family Camp Weekend Camp Nah-Jee-Wah June 10th – June 12th, 2005

TSTI's Family Camp Weekend takes place this year at Camp Nah-Jee-Wah in Milford, PA. The fun begins on Friday afternoon, **June 10th** and continues through Sunday afternoon, **June 12th**. Our past weekend retreats have been unforgettable experiences and this year promises to be equally rewarding.

Family Camp is...

- © Creating Lasting Memories with Family and Friends
- Worshipping in the Great Outdoors
- Ropes and Challenge Course
- Building Friendship by the Campfire
- Making Family Arts and Crafts Projects
- © Canoeing, Swimming, Sports and Games

The cost for this weekend is just \$100.00 per adult and \$80.00 per child (children under 2 years are free). This includes all meals (full service dining hall) from Shabbat dinner through Sunday lunch, private accommodations for each family (with indoor bathroom facilities, hot showers and electrical outlets), snacks, crafts and all activities.

Reserve your family's place today by returning the attached form with your payment to Temple no later than **May 20th.** Payments are non-refundable after that date. For more information on Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, visit online at www.njvcamps.org.

Any questions, please email Todd Lurie at tlurie@metlife.com or Gale Weisenfeld at gale.weisenfeld@verizon.net

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Sisterbood



COMING UP NEXT:



Paintin' the Plates Tuesday, March 8 7:30-9:00 P.M. 155 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood, NV



Join us for a creative and cozy getaway with wine and cheese -- just for women -- just for an evening -- but, oh, what fun! Because space is so limited, email Jen Larson at jrltsti@comcast.net to see if space is still available or if you have any questions.

Please mark your calendar for the much anticipated

Women's Seder

Thursday, April 7 6:00 P.M. in the Social Hall

Sisterhood has funds available to help ease the cost of attending any URJ camp or summer experience. These scholarships are not based on need and are available only to our Temple members. Would you like to know more about these scholarships? Please email **Ann Merin** at merin 29@verizon.net. with your questions.

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Suzannah Aliza Deassau, daughter of **Howie Dessau** and **Joyce Klesztick**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 5. Her sister, Emma, and grandparents Nora and Meyer Klestzick and Grace Dessau look forward to her special day. Suzannah attends South Orange Middle School and enjoys math and social studies and gymnastics. For her "Mitzvah Project", she volunteererd at a pet adoption day for the Jersey Animal Coalition. Suzannah says, "I am excited to celebrate this great accomplishment with my friends and family and pass on our family's beliefs."



Julie Rachel Devinsky will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 5. Celebrating with her will be her parents, **Deborah** and **Orrin Devinsky**, and sister, Janna. Julie attends Millburn Middle School. For her "Mitzvah Project," she volunteers at the JCC's after school program for three and four year olds, and is collecting items to donate to Babyland in South Orange.

Julie says, "Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means taking responsibility for my actions and decisions. It also helps me understand my Jewish heritage and traditions so I can look forward to what is ahead."



Marty Jelin Schwarz will be called to the Torah on Saturday, March 5. Joining him will be his parents, **Ed Schwarz** and **Sarah Jelin**, siblings Bessie, Jake and Willa, and grand-parents Sima Jelin, Sidney Weinstein, Gertrude Schwarz and Otto Schwarz. A seventh grader at Farbrook School, Marty enjoys math, drama, music and oil painting. He is volunteering at "Children Together" for his "Mitzvah Project."

"My Bar Mitzvah marks becoming a teenager formally. Now come the responsibilities and opportunities of entering this new age," says Marty.



Eric Jordan Menino, son of **Lisa** and **Richard Menino**, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 12. Eric's sister Lauren, and grandparents Cynthia and Ralph Kaplan and Mary Menino look forward to the occasion. Eric's favorite sports are hockey and basketball, and he likes Spanish and science at Millburn Middle School. Through ECLC, a school for children with learning disabilities, Eric is working with special needs students for his "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bar Mitzvah signifies to me the entry into my adult Jewish life and my acceptance of additional responsibilities," says Eric.



Ross Elliot Eglow, son of **Dianne** and **Michael Eglow**, looks forward to his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 12. Joining him are his brother Samuel, sister Jordan and grandparents Barbara and Al Eglow, Libby Thall Cohen and Walter Cohen. Ross attends Millburn Middle School where his favorite subjects are social studies science. Ross has chosen to visit Daughters of Israel Nursing Home and play the viola with his friend, Willy, on the cello for his "Mitzvah Project."

Ross says of this milestone, "Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means completing an important phase in my Jewish studies. It is a big accomplishment and only the beginning."

Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Scott Zimmer will be called to the Torah on Saturday, March 19. Scott is the son of **Jill** and **Richard Zimmer**, brother of Allison and grandson of Phyllis and Jerry Reich and Lenore Zimmer. Science is Scott's favorite at South Orange Middle School, and leisure time finds him enjoying snowboarding and tennis. Scott will raise money for Pups for Peace, and organization that trains Israeli bomb-sniffing dogs for his "Mitzvah Project." Scott says, "I am becoming a man in our community and accepting the new responsibilities that comes with this."



Emily Campbell Gardiner, daughter of **Donna** and **Harlan Gardiner**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 19. Looking forward to sharing the day with her are her grandparents Barbara Campbell and Trudi and Alan Gardiner. Emily attends Millburn Middle School where her favorite subjects are language arts and science, and tennis is a favorite pastime. For her "Mitzvah Project," Emily will be working with children at a shelter for homeless families.

Emily notes, "Becoming a Bat is a milestone in my life. It is a very special day and I will remember it forever."



Bryce Aaron Gadye will be called to the Torah on Saturday, March 26, with his parents **Marjorie** and **Ross Gadye**, sister Mallory, and grandparents Gloria and Irv Weiss sharing the day. A Millburn Middle School student, Bryce likes math and science, and enjoys basketball in his spare time. He is helping children with special needs at the JCC for his "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I will carry on my Jewish heritage with pride. I have a deeper understanding of Judaism and what it means to be moving toward adulthood," says Bryce.



Allison Eatroff will be called to the Torah on Saturday, March 26. With her will be her parents, **Fern** and **Bruce Eatroff**, brother Daniel, and grandparents, Sandy and Jay Solan and Seena and Jerry Eatroff. Allie attends Millburn Middle School where she enjoys math. She loves to play piano, tennis, soccer, basketball and softball. She visited Children Together, a foster home, and created art projects with the children for her "Mitzvah Project".

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am taking a step toward fulfilling my responsibilities to the Jewish faith. I look forward to continuing my studies and helping out in the community," says Allie.



Emma Claire Strickler looks forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 26. She is the daughter of **Alisa Deitz** and **Dan Strickler** and granddaughter of Beulah and Allen Strickler and Marjorie Deitz. Emma finds time for playing the cclarinet and soccer, and her favorite subjects at Millburn Middle School are language arts, social studies and Spanish. Emma has completed one "Mitzvah Project," donating 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, and is now reading and playing with young children at an after school program.

"Although becoming a Bat Mitzvah is a long process, in the end it is worth all the work to be able to follow this amazing tradition," says Emma.

Mazel Tov To Our Bar Mitzvah



Julian Blake Gordon, son of **Carol** and **Jim Gordon**, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 26. His brother Keller and grandmother Frances Figler look forward to celebrating with him. Keller, a student at Summit Middle School, likes math and art. Soccer, video games, reading and piano take up his spare time. He will contribute 100 bagged lunches for the Bridges program in Irvington for his "Mitzvah Project."

"This means that I have accomplished something great in my life. It also means that I have done something very good to help others. I am proud of myself, but I'm anxious for it to be over," says Julian.



Thanks, Shabbat B'Bayit

Thanks to **Randi Butcher, Robin Kahn**, and their committee, we had a great time at Shabbat B'Bayit on Friday evening, February 4.

The service, with Rabbis Cohen and Miller, was short and eloquent. In the hallway outside the sanctuary, we received an envelope specifying the host home and list of guests.

Our hosts, Arlene and Andy Brafman, welcomed us into their beautiful home. We lit the Shabbat candles, had a wonderful Shabbat dinner and great conversation! Thank you Arlene! Our fellow guests were Barbara Laub, Dennis Percher, Annette and Harold Littman, Wendy and Arnie Budin, Rita Miller and Marcia Mehr. We concluded with a fabulous variety of desserts.

Here's to another year and a Shabbat B'Bayit to remember!

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Sunday, March 6

7:30 PM

Warren Grover Scholar of Newark History "The Jewish Mafia and the Nazis"

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Tickets are \$10

Sunday, March 13 7 PM

Movie: A Price Above

Rubies (1998) explores the tensions in the Hasidic community in Brooklyn through a young woman's desire to free herself from the restrictive Hasidic life. Tickets are \$10

Sunday, April 177:30 PM

Daniel B. Silver author of Refuge in Hell: How Berlin's Jewish Hospital Outlasted the Nazis

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We celebrate Purim with great fanfare and merriment, with masks and with an occasion to send gifts to one another and to remember those who are in need. We also talk fondly about Queen Esther and how she was empowered by her Uncle Mordechai to overcome her fear and save the Jews. We are encouraged to be happy, to use our mind, body and spirit to help us celebrate and engage in life, adding life to years.

Successful aging is also a paradigm that incorporates the idea of celebrating life. If successful aging is in the center of the wheel, then the spokes would include avoiding disease, engagement with life and, last but not least, maintaining mental and physical functions. There are given risk factors of heart disease, cancer etc. and modifiable risk factors like high cholesterol and smoking. As I see it, aging gracefully is as much an art as it is a science.

Several years ago I was at a seminar when the nurse explained very simply that the normal aging process for our body systems is that we all become stiffer, drier, colder, and, add slower. Sometimes our heart, brain, and lungs become less flexible and they have a harder time getting needed oxygen to our body but there is not necessarily a decline in functioning. Our kidneys become less efficient, our sight and hearing diminishes. Body fat redistributes and muscle mass can decline. However, it is most important to know that our body organs have different rates of change. Age is both physical and mental and that some older adults function as well, if not better than younger adults. As we have discussed, healthy nutrition and exercise, mind and body and soul, can improve and alleviate some of the wear and tear of age. But remember, when doing a periodic self assessment or a periodic assessment of an aging parent note that depression, isolation, pain, dizziness, falls, confusion, changes in appetite or the ability to care for oneself are not necessarily signs of the normal aging process and should be discussed with your doctor.

Assessment also includes long term planning and short term goals. Note that those more difficult discussions about long term financial, medical and legal issues are best discussed with family. One might be surprised at how willing a parent might be to discuss these topics, at any age. Our scientific, legal and financial community is becoming so specialized and complicated that with guidance from professionals, it is much easier and less costly to make decisions about the future in a calm, non-emergency time.

And then we need to look at our relationships, spirituality and finding comfort issues, communication and problem solving techniques, and our ability or willingness to access community resources. As we deal with our successes and failures and deal with losses and joys we are each on our own path but are still part of a larger Jewish community and world out there. We are admittedly each sometimes better at or worse at living life with fanfare and merriment than we would like.

Please feel free to contact me at (973) 736-3200 ext.372 if you would like information or would like to talk. Happy Purim!!!

Take care,

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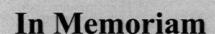
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| People can take an active part in controlling the amount of resources used and the amount of waste products that are produced. | extens | | | | |
| The Jewish tradition espouses that people should act as "stewards of creation." | A record to a second | | | | 67 |
| God created the resources of the Earth for our use. | | | | | |

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| Following Jewish tradition, we believe that God has granted us use of the Earth, but God has absolute ownership. | IS SURVEY | HT 30 | E BOTH SIDES | COMPLET | PLEASE |
| People have special rights beyond those of other living things. | Sanogeen 5 | the bes | Ouestigns, Circle | Dro-Survey | A TOAM |
| Stewardship is living on the Earth, respecting creation by preserving creation, and repairing what has been damaged. | ele | Fen | Male | our Cender: | V 1 |
| Ultimately, all life belongs to God, who sustains us in and through the land. | 30.50 | 20 | | | |
| God has concern for other creatures of the Earth, not only humans. | 40 03 | Cost, | 31 (8)6 | er mij ega tud | 2. Y |
| Caring for creations is an act of Tikkun Olam. | onmental basis | n an envi | neard a sermon with | ave you ever | 3 1 |
| Advocating against pollution, waste and energy standards is a matter of fighting for social justice. | the natural wo | rience in | nad a religious expo | ave you ever | 4. H |
| The Torah declares that we should preserve our resources for future generations. | 1 ISHODIDST | (A | describe yourself? | low would you | 5. |
| One of Israel's greatest achievements is making the desert bloom. | es in the past | ห่งารอ อเก | bilen behnette unv | hib godin wal | |
| Pollution, and depletion of resources such as clean water, are minor problems in Israel, compared to issues of security. | Major holidays | (C) | B) Frequently | A) Weekly | 70 |
| Energy conservation in the US can affect relationships in the Middle East. | 8) \$31-45,00 | \$30,000 | ncome? A) Under | vlime) Isuaau | 7 |

Part III - Proposed Behavior Questions- Please circle the best response.

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| None | 1 or 2 | Several | As many as I could find | Every bulb in the house |
| Don't know | 5-15 mpg | 16-25 mpg | 25-35 mpg | 35+ mpg |
| Don't know | 5-15 mpg | 16-25 mpg | 25-35 mpg | 35+ mpg |
| Every chance I get, even for others | Enthusiastically at home and work | Regularly at home | When I remember | Seldom |
| I seek and purchase those with high Energy Star ratings | Energy efficiency is an important factor | I balance price and efficiency considerations | Price is main consideration in my choice | Brand/power/aesthetic factors matter most. |
| Mow regularly; keep yard free of trees and bushes; use water, chemical | Mow regularly, plant trees & bushes; use water, | Mow regularly, use no water or fertilizer | Mow occasionally; use organic | Plant only natural flora |
| fertilizers and pesticides | pesticides, fertilizer | ity to cleanse itself. | fertilizers no | Nature Is resilien |
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