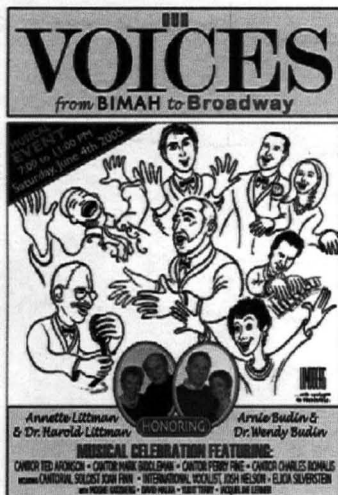


# JUNE

## FROM SONG, TO STUDY, TO SHAVUOT, TO SUMMER



### SONG

Saturday, June 4

From Bimah to Broadway

7:00 to 11:00 P.M.



### STUDY

Sunday, June 12

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

### SHABBAT, SHAVUOT and CONFIRMATION

Friday, June 10

7:30 P.M.



### SUMMER

Shabbat Services, relaxed and informal with D'var Torah presentations from our congregants, Friday, June 24 at 7:30 through Labor Day weekend.

## Schedule of Services

### **Friday, June 3**

*BAmidbar, Numbers 1-4.20*

Kaddish Service, 6:00 P.M.

Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Supper and Shabbat Service in the Park,  
6:30 P.M.

### **Saturday, June 4**

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel

B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin Lieber,

Grace Teller, Michael Mallon,

10:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Nettie Feinberg,

10:30 A.M.

### **Friday, June 10**

*Naso, Numbers 4.21-7*

Shabbat Service and Confirmation ,  
7:30 P.M.

Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

### **Saturday, June 11**

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel

B'nai Mitzvah of Noah Furman and

Alexander Winkler, 10:15 A.M.

### **Monday, June 13**

Yizkor Service and Lunch of Remembrance,

10:30 A.M., Gross Chapel

### **Friday, June 17**

*Beha'alotecha, Numbers 8-12*

Shabbat Service, 7:30 P.M.

Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

### **Saturday, June 18**

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel

Bat Mitzvah of Anna Goldstein, 8:30 A.M.

B'nai Mitzvah of Alyssa Leight and

Pierce Ericson, 10:15 A.M.

### **Friday, June 24**

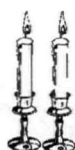
*Shelach Lecha, Numbers 13-15.41*

Shabbat Service, 7:30 P.M.

Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

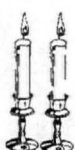
### **Saturday, June 25**

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel



#### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

JUNE 6	7:39 P.M.
JUNE 13	7:46 P.M.
JUNE 20	7:53 P.M.
JUNE 27	7:58 P.M.



## Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel

### Clergy

Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen, D.Min.

Rabbi Ellie Lynn Miller

Rabbi Harvey S. Goldman, D.Min., D.D.,

Rabbi Emeritus

Rabbi Herbert Weiner, Rabbi Emeritus

Cantor Theodore Aronson

Joan Finn, Cantorial Soloist

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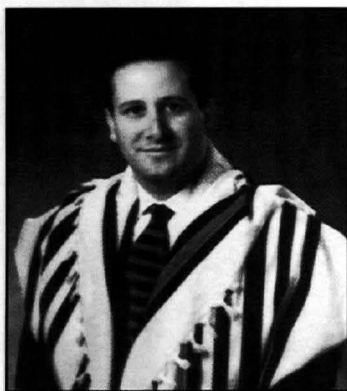
## SUNSET SHABBAT IN THE PARK

Friday, June 3  
6:30 - 8:30 pm



Join your TSTI friends and clergy for a delightful evening of Shabbat  
under the stars...

At Turtle Back Rock, off Walker Road in West Orange.



## From the Rabbi's Study

*The following is excerpted from Rabbi Cohen's remarks at the Congregational Meeting, May 18, 2005*

This evening we find ourselves at the point in the Jewish calendar cycle that is known as Sfirat ha-Omer, the counting of the Omer. This is the point in the year when our ancestors, who planned their lives around their agriculture, brought in the first measure of the barley harvest. From an historical perspective this period marks our ancestors' journey from the crossing of the Reed Sea to their arrival at Mt. Sinai where they and we entered into our covenant with God.

This period of time is an excellent metaphor for what goes on within a Jewish community, for just as our ancestors made a journey from one point to the next, only to discover that it is the journey, not the destination, that matters so too have I come to realize that synagogues are always works in progress. Ours is an ongoing journey, punctuated by moments here and there when we stop and assess where we've been, where we are, and where we are going.

Where we have been is known to all of us. Our beloved Temple has encountered wonderful highs, has met and overcome challenging lows, and has dealt with everything in between. The sum of those experiences allows us to be here today and to celebrate one of the most vibrant liberal Jewish communities in America. In the past, our congregation was shepherded by dynamic and dedicated leaders, and that is equally true today. It has been my privilege over the past few years to work with the officers and board members of our Temple and the trustees of our Gates of Israel Foundation and with Temple President Arnie Budin and Foundation President Jay Rice. Arnie and Jay are two individuals for whom I have the deepest respect and heartfelt gratitude.

Guided by Arnie and Jay's selfless leadership and remarkable vision, we have now undertaken a campaign to renovate our facility and expanded our endowment fund to help sustain today's programs and tomorrow's opportunities.

The Campaign theme "Preserving our past...for generations to come" underscores for each of us, the understanding that we would not be here today if it were not for the dedication, commitment and generosity of all who came before us. But it also reflects our understanding that it is now our turn, and our responsibility, to do our part to secure our temple's future. I am personally indebted to the Baum, Iris and Stoller families for agreeing to serve as Campaign Chairs, to the Bershad, Duane, Eig and Gellis families for agreeing to serve as Advisory Council Chairs, and the Bass family for agreeing to serve Honorary Chair and to

the almost 30 families who have publicly endorsed this campaign and who serve as members of our campaign's Advisory Council.

I have been amazed by the remarkable generosity that has already created an energetic campaign — more than any of us had ever dreamed. The initial weeks of this campaign have convinced me that we will achieve our goal and perhaps even surpass it.

Just as Joseph used his years of plenty in Egypt to prepare for the future, so have our Temple Board and our Gates of Israel Foundation, committed to doing the same for us.

As Arnie moves toward the end of his third and final year as Temple president, I want to publicly thank him for all he has done for Temple — and for being a good, supportive partner and friend to me for these past years. Time and again, Arnie has shown what an incredible mensch he is — both here at Temple and in the larger community. I want to also thank Wendy for her support and encouragement — and for lending Arnie to us for these past three years. And I personally look forward to celebrating Arnie and Wendy, and Annette and Harold Littman on June 4<sup>th</sup>. I cannot imagine four people more deserving of such celebration.

As much as I will miss working with Arnie as Temple president, I look forward to working closely with our new president, Barbara Stoller. Barbara is one of the most creative individuals I know. Under Barbara, I know that TSTI is in good hands. I am also privileged to continue to work with the finest Temple professional staff and volunteer leaders anywhere — individuals who are creative and who are committed, body and soul, to the well-being of this Temple and to all of you, the people who are Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel.

This year marks my Bar Mitzvah year at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, as next year marks my 13th year in the rabbinate. As I share with parents when their child approaches Bar or Bat Mitzvah age, this is a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future. As I look back on my 13 years here at Temple, it is with a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all that I have received from so many of you. As I look at our congregation today, it is with a sense of joy at who we are and what we have achieved already. As I look to the future, I do so with confidence because I believe we are taking all the necessary steps now so that we can build upon all that we've inherited to create a future that is even brighter.

I wish all of you a restful, rejuvenating and safe summer.

*Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen*





## A Word with the Rabbi

Beginning in January, Alex Rosenblatt and I began teaching guitar -- a new addition to our Hebrew High course selection.

Throughout the course of two elective periods, a total of 25 students worked on their guitar skills. Some of the students were beginners, while others came with a foundation that they wanted to expand on. Playing guitar with these students was very exciting. Watching them learn to play Bim Bam (our first song) and then Hinei Mah Tov was amazing. By the end of the course, all the students had learned to play more challenging songs using intricate strum patterns.

Part of the curriculum of our Hebrew High is learning to look at the world through Jewish eyes. The ability to teach students guitar in a Jewish forum, using Jewish songs, reinforces the notion that so many aspects of our Jewish lives can cross into our secular lives.



Thank you to Alex Rosenblatt, a board member of STISY and member of the 11th grade class in Hebrew High for working with me on this new endeavor. I also want to thank the members of the guitar class as well.

You are our future song leaders. I hope that this year gave you a great base and an enthusiasm to continue learning and playing.

*Rabbi Ellie Miller*

## Arnie Budin Ends Three-Year Term as TSTI President

This is my final opportunity to write to you as president of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel. On July 1, 2005, Barbara Stoller will become our new president. We are in good hands. Over the past three years, Barbara has been an extremely diligent and creative Vice President of Operations. We have been well served by her counsel and optimistic outlook.

Our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees have served admirably and we owe them our gratitude for their time, integrity, and diligence in managing our affairs over the past three years.

I especially thank our clergy and professional staff for their support and dedication to Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel. It is no secret that the Temple president must work closely with the senior rabbi. Rabbi Cohen has always been available to guide me through my own personal challenges during my time in office despite his own brutal schedule.

As we approach the successful completion of our capital campaign for renovations to our building and endowment for education, I ask all of you to support the campaign to the best of your ability. The success of the

capital campaign will ensure that we can continue to provide creative and meaningful religious services, education and programming for our entire congregation.

I retire as president with our house in order. We are fiscally strong, having returned balanced budgets for the last three years without incurring any debt. Our membership remains stable with approximately 1,000 families. Our Slucker Religious School and Iris Preschool continue to implement exciting and innovative curricula. We have over 25 active committees involving hundreds of our congregants from Conversations to Renaissance to the Green Team to Adult Education to Mitzvah Projects and many more. Brotherhood and Sisterhood have been revitalized, providing scholarships for our children in need.

I thank you for the privilege and honor to serve as your president. Both Wendy and I cherish your friendship and together may we go from strength to strength.

*Arnie Budin*



## Reading Ruth for Shavuot

Just in time for Shavuot—celebrated this year on Monday, June 13—the URJ Press has released *Ruth: A Modern Commentary*, by Leonard S. Kravitz and Kerry M. Olitzky. Featuring new insight into the Biblical tale that's traditionally read on Shavuot, *Ruth: A Modern Commentary* follows in the tradition of Kravitz and Olitzky's popular commentaries on *Ecclesiastes*, *Proverbs*, and *Song of Songs*. To order, visit the URJ Press Web site at [www.urjpress.com](http://www.urjpress.com), or contact the Press toll-free at 888.489.8242, [press@urj.org](mailto:press@urj.org).

## Calling All Singers

If you're a fan of Jewish choral music - whether you like to sing, or simply listen - why not check out the 16th Annual **North American Jewish Choral Festival**, scheduled for July 10-14, 2005 in Kerhonkson, NY? This festival draws hundreds of Jewish music lovers together for five days of singing with top conductors in small ensembles and large groups, workshops, and daily concert performances by some of North America's finest Jewish choirs. For more information, contact Cantor Alane Katzew at 212.650.4226, [worship@urj.org](mailto:worship@urj.org).



## TSTI BROTHERHOOD



Brotherhood wishes to thank everyone who supported their recent raffle. Drum roll for the winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: **Jacqueline and Gideon Frydman**, a digital camera  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: **Beth and Howard Stein**, a DVD deck player  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: **Sue and Philip Hoch**, a CD stereo radio player

The money raised from this raffle benefits our Temple youth groups, so in reality, everyone is a winner.

## TSTI BROTHERHOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

### TSTI Family Outing with the Newark Bears

**Date: Sunday June 26, 2005**

**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium - Broad Street, Newark.**

Take the train or drive your car, but don't miss this chance to see the always exciting 2002 Atlantic League Champions. Here's your chance to take your kids, spouse, parents or your favorite cousin or nephew to watch high quality pro baseball without paying major league prices.

### Why should I go see baseball in Newark?

- 1) A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your family
- 2) To get any closer to the action, you would have to be a groundskeeper
- 3) Yankees Fans - Four words: No Major Deegan Expressway
- 4) Mets Fans - Two Words: Winning Baseball
- 5) Non-baseball Fans - Three words: Padded Sumo Wrestling
- 6) Rip'N Ruppert - The Bears' mascot is worth the price of admission alone

Tickets are \$8.00 each for group discounted Box Seats. Reserve your seats by returning this form with your payment no later than **June 19th**. Please make your check payable to Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel and send it to:

Todd Lurie  
 20 Harvard Avenue  
 Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

Any questions, please call Todd Lurie at (973) 275-1420.

TSTI Brotherhood and the Newark Bears

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets @ \$8.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Linda and Rudy Slucker Religious School

Over sixteen hundred years ago, Rabbi Hillel II, president of the Sanhedrin set down the current definition of the Jewish calendar. But as in all great Jewish historic moments, the original details of his calendar are uncertain. This leaves us with a dilemma that still surrounds the understanding and use of the lunar calendar.

We all get that the Jewish calendar is different from the solar calendar. But how many times when planning your fall schedule does the ultimate question among friends and family get asked, "Does anyone know when the High Holy Days are this year?" knowing full well that Rosh Hashanah could take place anywhere from sometime in August to sometime in October.

This is the time of year when the Religious School sets up its calendar for the next academic year. As I perused September, then moved to October, the impact of the Jewish calendar became all too clear to me. I discovered that the days of Rosh Hashanah fall on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Erev Yom Kippur falls on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The first days of Sukkot are Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and finally Simchat Torah falls on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our dilemma becomes clear. How can we have mid-week sessions of Religious School in the month of October, when the holidays are all falling on Tuesdays and Wednesdays? The answer is of course that we cannot. The good news is that all of the required number of mid-week religious school days will take place; they are just spread differently throughout the year.

Every now and then a calendar situation such as this does arise, but it is rather rare. This year is one of those occasions when the holidays "conspire" against a more sensible school calendar. Sunday sessions, however, are still scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to learn more about the Jewish calendar, I would recommend the following website: <http://webexhibits.org/calendars/calendar-jewish.html>.

The June bulletin allows me to take the opportunity to thank all the good people who have worked so hard to

maintain and enrich the quality of our Religious School. My fondest regards and respect go to **Debbie Bernstein** for another year of outstanding leadership in her role as Religious School Chair. Also, to **Hope Pomerantz**, VP of Education, our continued thanks for her guidance and support. Thank you to the Religious School Board who, never satisfied with the status quo, are currently building new goals for their future and the future of the school.

A special thanks once again to **Laurie Landau** for presenting to the Religious School Board last year the concept of the **Parent Connection** which allows our parents to come into the school and actually teach classes to our children on relevant topics. Last year, the first year of this program, we had six parents participating. This year participation grew to eighteen. We are all so grateful to Laurie and the other coordinators of this program, **Shari Stein**, **Cyndi Wyatt** and **Jamie Merold**. We are sure that participation will grow even more next year.

How to say thank you to Allison Newfeld, our Religious School Administrator becomes a more difficult task with each year. Her work ethic, her humor, her amazing talents enrich us all.

A special thanks to Rabbi Ellie Miller who as rabbinic consultant to the Religious School shares herself and her gifts with us on a daily basis. We are truly blessed to have her involved with the children and faculty of the Religious School.

The faculty of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel is one of the best. Their creativity, their commitment to Jewish learning and to our children never fails. They take the objectives and goals of our Temple and Religious School and "teach them to our children." What more could we want or expect. Thank you.

You will be hearing from us during the summer. Take care and stay safe.

*Elizabeth Best, RJE*  
Religious School Director



Please join us for our

## Confirmation Service

Friday, June 10 at 7:30 P.M.

A special oneg will follow services

### The Confirmation Class of 5765/2005

Alyssa Anzalone Newman  
Abigail Cohen  
Jordyn Cohen  
Emma Dessau  
Henry Felsman  
Rachael Fogel  
Elias Frydman  
Robert Goldsmith  
Gabriel Gordon

Alexander Green  
Max Hahlbeck  
Elizabeth Harris  
Alex Hirschberg  
Daniel Imberman  
Alexander A. Jacobs  
Eitan Kohan  
Arielle Lindberg  
Sara Lipkind

Erica Mandel  
Lainie Nissim  
Jordan Ozer  
Merrill Rudd  
David Solomon  
Molly Stoller  
Eli Levy Utterback  
Matthew Wiesenthal  
Todd Wolfson



# Mitzvah Mindfulness

Mark Twain is reputed to have said something like this: *"Everyone complains about the weather, but no one does anything about it."*

How about you— Are you fed up with the way things (don't) work in New Jersey? Here is a way to do something about it.

## On a personal note:

I recently attended a regional social action committee meeting. As anyone who knows me will attest, I don't like meetings! But I went to this one to hear about how Reform Jews can advocate in NJ for political action about issues that we care about. (I also found out about an interesting national opportunity—see below.) In case you are not aware, there is *very little* Jewish presence among NJ lobbyists. There is also *no* professional organization that lobbies on behalf of victims of society such as the poor.

Key things to remember if you're interested:

- Training is provided for all participants. If more than 5 people from TSTI are interested, I can arrange a training session locally for your convenience.
- You would *NOT* be acting as a representative of TSTI. You would be acting as an interested congregant from the regional New Jersey – West Hudson Valley Council of the URJ.
- If there are positions taken by the URJ that you are not comfortable lobbying for, you do not have to speak to legislators about those issues.

## Details About NJ Advocacy:

The New Jersey – West Hudson Valley Council of the Union for Reform Judaism is recruiting members of each of its 42 congregations to coordinate political activities and lobbying efforts on state issues. Delegations will meet with their state legislators at their home offices on a quarterly basis.

While the URJ's Religious Action Center in Washington, DC engages in the legislative process nationally, many social justice issues are resolved at the state level. The issues that we will lobby for or against must be compatible with the positions taken by the URJ Commission for Social Action or resolutions adopted by at URJ Biennials or resolutions passed by the URJ Board of Trustees.

To join the effort and for more information on the above issues please contact Jeff Willard, Regional Social Action Committee Co-chair at [hr.expertise@att.net](mailto:hr.expertise@att.net) or at (732) 583-2256, Liz Cohen at [lizarch5@eticomm.net](mailto:lizarch5@eticomm.net) or at (609) 683-5766, or Paul Kaufman, Assistant Regional Director at (201) 722-9090 or at [pkaufman@urj.org](mailto:pkaufman@urj.org)

## Current New Jersey Legislative Issues

**State Rental Assistance bill: S2067 / A3677** The bill has passed the senate unanimously and has been passed out of both the Housing & Local Government and Appropriations Committees of the Assembly. It still needs to pass a floor vote in the Assembly before the additional \$15 million and the education & training requirements will be in effect. (This issue has been addressed but will be coming up again.) **(Support)**

**Welfare Office Hours: A2273/S2158** Requires county welfare agencies to adjust office hours to provide the working poor access to services for which they are eligible (e.g., food stamps) **(Support)**

**"Overcrowding bill": S1990 / A2432** This is a punitive bill that would levy exorbitant fines on tenants that are living in overcrowded conditions (in addition to the eviction penalties that are already in law) and provide loopholes to landlords who foster overcrowding. There is a very strong likelihood that this bill will pass. The bill has been reported out of the Senate Community & Urban Affairs committee for a second reading. **(Oppose)**

**Constitutional Amendment to Define Marriage / ACR212** This bill would change the NJ Constitution to define marriage between a man and a woman. This amendment could set back the civil rights progress for the GLBT community by undoing the NJ legislation against discrimination and the domestic partnership law. **(Oppose)**

**Stem Cell Research** The bill would fund Stem Cell research in NJ. A bill is expected to be introduced by Assemblyman Neil Cohen (District 20). Acting Governor Cody expected to try to put bond issue on the November ballot. **(Support)**

## Mitzvah Mindfulness

**Voting Reform: A33/S2400** The bill would require a verifiable paper trail for all elections in New Jersey by 2008. **(Support)**

**Voluntary Contributions to Food Pantry Fund: (A1086/S704)** Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on income tax returns to contribute to Community Food Pantry Fund. **(Support)**

**School Breakfast Program: (A3032)** Expands school breakfast program mandate to all schools with 5% or more of the students eligible for free or reduced price meals. **(Support)**

**Family Health Care bill: S2236 / A3724** The bill has been reported out of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. In the Assembly it has been reported out of the Health and Human Services committee with amendments and referred to the Appropriations Committee. **(Support)**

I encourage you and your friends to explore both of these opportunities. Feel free to contact me if you want to talk about either of them.

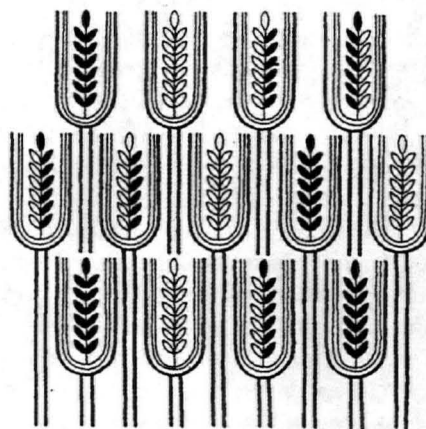
*Jill Kushner*  
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## Conversations...



*"The Ethicist,"  
Randy Cohen,  
gives the  
Conversations  
audience  
something to  
think about*

# Shavuot



**Study with Rabbi Cohen on Erev Shavuot  
Sunday, June 12 from 6:00-10:00p.m.  
A light supper will be served.**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot is the custom of staying up the entire night (leil) of Shavuot studying Torah with the community. Kabbalists believed that the giving of the Ten Commandments symbolized the marriage between God and Israel and that by studying the evening before Shavuot, they were symbolically preparing Israel to enter into a sacred relationship with God. Today the Tikkun helps intensify and personalize the experience of revelation for contemporary Jews by studying Torah, as well as talmudic, mystical and modern texts, and adding our own interpretations. We remind ourselves that revelation continues throughout Jewish history to this day.

**Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Sunny Seglin at sseglin@tsti.org by June 8.**

## Thank You, Volunteers

As the paper flow in the Temple office begins to subside for a week or two at this time of year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank:

**Donald Kaufman  
Bob Berkin  
Sylvia Baron  
Evelyn Sambur  
Marcia Weinstein  
Marian and Reggie Baldini  
and Ann Merin**

for the many, many hours they've spent helping to fold mailings and stuff and label envelopes. Toda Rabbah.

## Project SHIN Nurse

A New York Times article, "Under One Roof, Aging Together Yet Alone" (January 30, 2005), explores the experiences of many older adults whose home is an assisted living community. Most poignant was that of the 84 year old man who says "there's everything anybody could want here....the only thing wrong is that we're all old." There are many reasons to at least take the time to assess the situation.

Maybe we can actually gain independence and control by looking at how to keep ourselves happy and safe. Even if staying in your home is more comfortable and easier you owe it to yourself to make a real assessment. Maybe hiring more help and installing safety mechanisms (voice emergency buttons, shower and toilet safety bars, emergency information, etc.) in your own home will help you to feel safe. But, do look at other housing options so that "when you are ready" the research and hard decision work has been completed. There are so many options.

There are continuing care communities, condominiums for over 55, independent apartments with a large percentage of senior residents, independent senior housing, assisted living communities, communal living arrangements, and of course, nursing homes and sub-acute care. Some housing is more reasonable than others and some housing is government subsidized. Each provides different levels of amenities. If the choices are not overwhelming enough, the thought of cleaning, selling and moving is sometimes and honestly the greatest deterrent to making a move. There are a host of helpers who are in the business of making the transition as easy as possible. By the time you see and compare three communities, you will be a lot smarter. Consider future access to transportation, self care and safety, housekeeping, meals and socialization to suit changing needs and abilities. Use these "healthy" years to make new friends, and find comfortable surroundings, appreciating what will become more familiar and comfortable. Assisted living may offer new kinds of independence, many acts of loving kindness, opportunities to cultivate new interests and skills, and the relief of feelings of isolation and fear of "what if ...". Keep an open mind.

There are many things to ponder as we age. If you and or your family would like to talk with me, or would like information or a visit, please call me at (973) 530-3494. Leave your name, telephone number, and a short message and I will be happy to call you back. Best wishes for happy thoughts and productive discussions.

Take care,

Claire A.G. Akselrad, Project SHIN Nurse

Project SHIN is funded through generous grants from Grotta Fund for Sr. Care of the Jewish Community Foundation, Health Care Foundation of New Jersey, United Jewish Communities Strategic Initiatives, Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel.

## Room to GROW



*Pictured here are E. Otner, L. Otner, Lauren - a volunteer at Room To Grow, M. Larson and H. Larson bringing our preschool's donation to the Room To Grow facility in Manhattan.*

The Iris Family Preschool has begun working with Room To Grow, a non-profit organization that assists children ages birth- 3 years living in poverty. At the spring concert featuring Rebecca Frezza and her band Big Truck, donations were made to Room To Grow. The Iris Family Preschool will be organizing ongoing Mitzvah opportunities in the coming year to help Room To Grow as it works to fulfill its mission.

If you would like more information about Room To Grow and donation information, please check their website: [www.roomtogrow.org](http://www.roomtogrow.org) Room To Grow is a non-profit organization that provides new or nearly new clothing, books, toys, and other essential items to children born into poverty during their first three years of life.

*Jon Larson*

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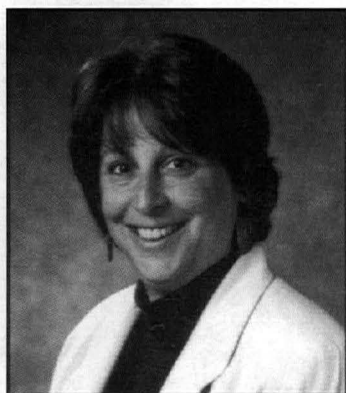
### *All in the Family*

*Mazel Tov to*

**Jill and David Williams** on the birth of a son, Russell.

**Mandy and Josh Rosen** on the birth of a daughter, Leah Brooke





The Iris Family



I learned to cook by watching my parents. My mom was a very good cook, and with all her experience in the role as a matriarch of a large family, she could have been a small time caterer. There were always parties at our home with lots of food, lots of laughter and lots of love. Before an upcoming party my mom would practice making tart shells for weeks on end until they were light, flaky and tender. My father was no slouch in the kitchen either. He loved making weekend breakfasts with pancakes shaped as animals or the initials of my name. I learned early on that it wasn't just the food that was served, but that there was love and care that went into my lunches that were made into faces, or the homemade carousel birthday cakes.

In turn my husband, (also a good cook), and I have encouraged our children at an early age to be comfortable around the stove. I've passed on my own versions of food faces and started my own tradition of hot dog people and 'hooctopusses'. When my parents were no longer able to manage a big crowd for family gatherings, I easily transitioned into the role. My son and daughter are now self-sufficient in the kitchen and I have no doubt that they will carry on the legacy of being the home that relatives enjoy coming to for the holidays and family life-cycle events.

Teachers in the preschool begin teaching cooking skills to children as young as 16 months old. They know that there is much learning that goes on while children

are pouring, sifting, measuring and tasting. Children learn to predict, take turns, share and be patient. They learn to cooperate and join together as one community when they sit down to break bread.

At a time when family schedules make it difficult to sit down to a meal together, let alone cook with each other, I encourage all parents to teach their children how to open a home to family and friends, to be comfortable entertaining others and to enjoy eating a variety of healthful, nutritious foods. To that end, I am proud to announce the publication of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel's Iris Family Preschool cookbook. Thank you to all the people who have taken the time to submit their favorite recipes; the clergy, parents, teachers, support staff, and of course, the children.

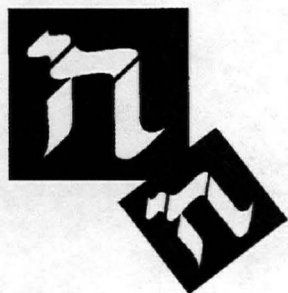
To purchase copies of the Preschool cookbook, please contact the Preschool office at 973-763-4600.

*Carol Pastor*

Preschool Director

## Preschool Teacher Recipient of Grant

**Melissa Loree**, Preschool's wonderful music teacher, has been awarded a teacher grant by the Jewish Education Association of MetroWest NJ. Melissa will use the grant toward her project creating the TSTI Jewish Holiday CD.



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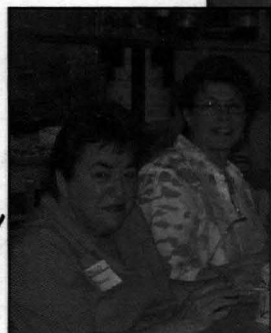
## Sisterhood



Debbie Otter, Linda Gelfand,  
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Every one of us was an "artiste" as we designed and decorated bowls and dishes, platters and pitchers at "Paintin' the Plates" in Maplewood last month. Enormous thanks to **Jen Larson** for chairing this event and making sure that we were well-fed with wine and cheese as we created out masterpieces.

**Marcia Weinstein** and **Sylvia Baron** who manage our Gift Shop so beautifully, want to make sure you know that there is stunning sterling silver Judaic jewelry to see, new to their display of wares this season.

Please come to our last Sisterhood meeting of the month, June 8 at 7:30 P.M. in the Mansion. You do not need a written invitation. If you are a woman and a Temple member, we urge you to come and join us as we plan our fundraising and social programs for next year.

From Sisterhood to all of you, a restful and refreshing summer.

*Sunny Seglin*

Sisterhood President

*Paintin'  
the  
Plates*



# Renaissance Group

We are back from our wonderful "Capitol Connection" weekend in Washington, D.C. But, before we tell you about our experiences, we want to suggest that you mark your calendar for September 11, a most memorable date to be sure, for our first Renaissance meeting for our new year. At 1:30 p.m. we will have a Membership luncheon. If you are a paid-up member for the 2005/2006 year (dues notices will be in the mail) or if you wish to join our group, please be in touch with Dan Goldberg at 973-324-1750.

Our Washington trip started at 7:30 a.m. from Temple parking lot. Our first stop was Baltimore Harbor for lunch, a real treat, allowing us to enjoy a delicious lunch on a pleasant day at the harborside. We were delayed for our first scheduled museum visit due to a three hour traffic jam, but our docents and the museum were very gracious and waited for us and extended the time. The Kreeger Museum is housed in the former home of Carmen and David Kreeger, which had been designed by renowned architect, Philip Johnson, who created the building to combine comfortable living space for the Kreegers and to exhibit their magnificent collection of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century paintings and sculpture. The building in itself is a work of art almost beyond description and together with the collection amassed by the Kreegers, afford the public a very special opportunity. From there we proceeded to our hotel, then off to dinner at a charming restaurant in Georgetown where Friday night is a happening all on its own.

At dinner, we were joined by Judy Marcus, a friend of Linda and Jack Kirsch who has been a "D.C." native for more than seven years. Doris accompanied us on our bus for a nighttime tour of Washington with comments and personal insights. This was a wonderful opportunity to add color to our sightseeing. Saturday morning we were off to the Hillwood

Museum and Gardens (of course, after a great breakfast), the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. In addition to being a very special person in her own right, many of us know her as the mother of the actress, Dina Merrill. Mrs. Post was a "collector" par excellence. Her objet d'arts include all manner of items from exquisite jewels, appointments for the home and probably the most extensive collection of Faberge creations. Here, too, were some wonderful examples of art from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. One of Mrs. Post's husbands was an ambassador to the Soviet Union and many of her acquisitions reflect her time in the Soviet Union. The gardens of Hillwood are extensive and beyond description. The hothouse of orchids is breathtaking. Of course, we had a delicious lunch at Hillwood to refresh us after the garden tour and before we proceeded to the mansion and some of the adjoining buildings.

We left this fairy-land ambience and proceeded to the restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the National Archives Building. The dinner was sumptuous, but not the weather. A typhoon-like series of storms prevented us from our evening activity, which was to visit the Franklin Delano Roosevelt and World War II Memorials, which we postponed to Sunday morning.

Our thanks, to our chairpersons, **Gerry Gould, Linda Kirsch** and **Frankie Weiss** for a well-planned and delightful weekend. It was a wonderful weekend, until it wasn't! Our dear friend, Jack Kirsch, husband of Linda, died suddenly at the restaurant Saturday night. Our condolences to Linda and son, Harris and his family from their family, the members of the Renaissance Group.

Until our September meeting, best wishes for a refreshing and healthful summer.

*Florence Saglin*

## NEW!!!! LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS PLANNED

What is a synagogue and to whom does it belong? The synagogue belongs to the congregants who comprise its membership; that's us! When you volunteer, you not only give, you also get something in return.

As volunteers we act as partners with the professional staff. Why do you volunteer for temple activities and committees? Do you have a special talent or interest? Do you like welcoming new members to temple? Do you feel a sense of satisfaction that you've done a mitzvah? Do you build friendships that will last a lifetime?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions you have a strengthened sense of community. Beginning on September

11, 2005, we will begin a program to support and encourage new and developing leaders in the TSTI community. Whether you are a new member or have been involved in a variety of committees, this Leadership Development Series on four Sunday mornings, will educate people in various aspects of Temple governance and leadership so that we have a pipeline of people ready to go to the nominating committee when it is time to fill board positions.

If you are interested in participating, you can call the Temple office for more information, or email Marge Solomon at [Marge3solo@aol.com](mailto:Marge3solo@aol.com). Watch for more information throughout the summer and take this opportunity to learn from our own Temple mentors and leadership seminars.



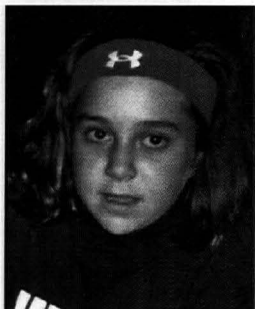


# Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



**Grace Nicole Teller**, daughter of **Jodey** and **Charles Teller**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 4. Her grandparents, Ruth Bader and Louis and Elena Teller, and brother Max, look forward to celebrating with her. Grace is enjoying 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Roosevelt Middle School and likes science and social studies. She is collecting toys for children who were displaced by the tsunami disaster last year for her "Mitzvah Project."

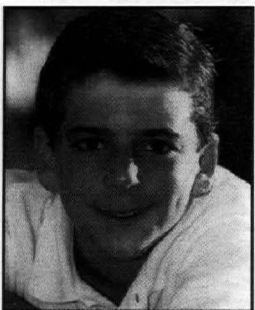
"I look forward to leaving my childhood and entering adulthood," says Grace.



**Nettie Gering Feinberg** will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 4, in the company of her parents, **Margie** and **Peter Feinberg** and brother, Louis and Nathan. Grandparents Sandy and George Gering and Betty Feinberg look forward to sharing the celebration. Nettie enjoys social studies at The Winston School, as well as basketball, skateboarding and soccer. She co-chairs an annual "Tea Party" for the Children's Tumor Foundation and volunteers for various research studies for her "Mitzvah Project." Nettie notes, "Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is very meaningful to me. I hope to use the knowledge I have learned in Hebrew School throughout my lifetime and be a good member of our Jewish community."

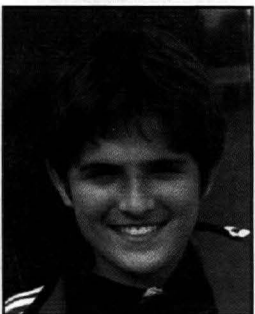


**Michael Garrett Mallon**, son of **Pam** and **Sandy Mallon**, looks forward to his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 4. Joining him will his brother, A.J., and grandparents, Brunette Mallon and Deanie and Fred Johnson. Michael's favorite subjects at Millburn Middle School are language arts and French. He also enjoys whatever sport is in season and being with friends. For his "Mitzvah Project" Michael is volunteering at the Hartshorn Arboretum where he helps teach a weekly nature class to first graders. Michael says of this milestone, "Preparing to become a Bar Mitzvah has helped me to experience a deeper appreciation of Judaism and the traditions that I hope to one day share with my children."



**Benjamin Craig Lieber** will be called to the Torah on Saturday, June 4. His parents, **Peter Lieber** and **Lisa Zapsen** will celebrate with him along with brothers and sister, Rachel, Evan, Jared and Brian, and grandparents Sandra and Irving Zapsen, Joan and Stephen Lieber, Marilyn and Marty Adler and Rezvan and Jayanta Chowdhury. Ben likes math, science, chess and tennis at Millburn Middle School. A home for seniors will benefit from a musical performance from Ben for his "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I am considered a man and that I get many privileges such as being able to read from the Torah. However, I must also take on Jewish responsibilities such as fasting on Yom Kippur," says Ben.

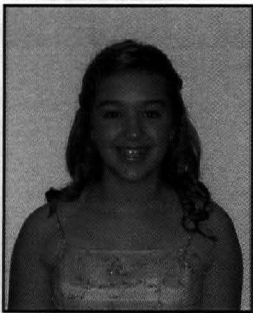


**Alexander Philip Winkler**, son of **Mark Winkler** and **Joyce Baldinucci**, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 11. Grandparents Gloria Baldinucci and Sandy and Dave Winkler and brothers Daniel and Nicholas look forward to sharing the day with him. A 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Farbrook School, Alex enjoys English and art. After school activities include soccer, baseball and skiing. He is writing letters to children with serious illness and took part in the Mitzvah Clown event for his "Mitzvah Project."

"I think that becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I have passed childhood and need to take on new responsibilities," says Alex.



# Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



**Alyssa Claire Leight**, daughter of **Adam** and **Kelly Leight**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 18. Brother Joshua, grandfathers Walter Leight and William Rosso look forward to sharing this simcha with her. Alyssa, who attends Kent Place School, enjoys tennis, softball, volleyball and singing. Alyssa volunteers through the Friendship Circle and works with a special needs child once per week. While is part of her "Mitzvah Project," she hopes to continue this activity next year as she gets so much enjoyment and satisfaction from her interactions with her special friend.

Alyssa says, "Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means assuming adult responsibility in our synagogue and in our community."



**Pierce Taylor Ericson**, son of **Daryl Ericson** and **Steven Ericson** looks forward to his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 18. Joining him will be his brothers, Reed and Bryce, and grandparents Rona and Maurice Briefer and Rose and Richard Ericson. Pierce enjoys language arts and science at Maplewood Middle School and loves playing baseball and video games. His "Mitzvah Project" involves volunteering at the Friendship Circle where he helps special needs children in a sports program.

Pierce says of this milestone, "Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means that I have entered Jewish adulthood. I look forward to celebrating this day with my family and friends."

Although not pictured, **Noah Furman**, son of **Mark Furman** and **Barrie Andrews** will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 11.

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Calling all teenagers! Make sure you and your friends have heard about the NFTY Leadership Track at the Union's Biennial Convention – the event that will bring more than 200 of your peers to Houston, TX this fall. Teens will mix learning and prayer with networking and fun – participating in NFTY workshops, listening to special keynote addresses, joining a special trip to NASA, and schmoozing with friends from summer camp and Israel trips. The NFTY Leadership Track begins on Thursday, November 17; to register, contact NFTY at 212.650.4070, [nfty@urj.org](mailto:nfty@urj.org); for additional information – as well as online registration, visit the Web site at [www.nfty.org](http://www.nfty.org).

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