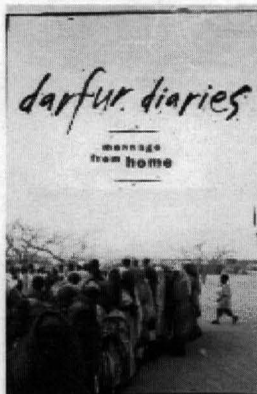


Friday, January 26 at 7:30pm

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR: AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

Filmmaker/Author of "Darfur Diaries: Message from Home"
and "Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival"
and A Darfurian Art Exhibit Presented by the DRP



The Jewish tradition of tikkun olam teaches us that there is a humanitarian obligation to reach out to those in need. Antonio Guterres, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, has described the situation in Darfur and Chad as "the largest and most complex humanitarian problem on the globe."

It has been more than three years since the Arab Janjaweed, a militia backed by the Sudanese government, has been conducting a genocidal campaign against the African villagers in Darfur, Sudan. And the statistics are staggering.

Since the violence began, approximately 450,000 innocent lives have been taken and over 2.5 million people have been displaced. In addition, the violence has spread into eastern Chad where more than 250,000 refugees fear for their lives. In total, over 3.5 million people are left struggling to survive, each day, in the face of starvation, rape, disease and murder. And despite the May 2006 peace accord, the situation is growing more dire every day.

The UN Security Council has authorized a peace-keeping force to protect the innocent civilians and relieve the African Union troops who are understaffed and underfinanced. In theory progress has been made, but

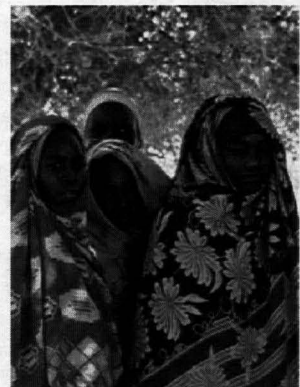
until the peacekeeping forces are deployed it is all simply rhetoric.

In October and November of 2004 Aisha Bain, Jen Marlowe and Adam Shapiro, a three-person team of human rights activists, traveled to Chad and snuck across the border into Darfur. They documented the atrocities being perpetuated there at a time when media coverage was scarce. Their vision was to raise awareness by bringing back the voices of the Darfurians. The project has grown into an acclaimed documentary film called "Darfur Diaries: Message from Home," a book entitled "Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival" and an initiative to reestablish schools in the destroyed villages where they filmed.

"Darfur Diaries: Message from Home" has been screened worldwide. The documentary has even been viewed by the UN Security Council and the Human Rights Caucus of the United States Congress. It won "best of fest" at the Tri-Continental film festival in South Africa. All who see the film, read the book or hear Aisha, Jen or Adam speak cannot help but laud their efforts.

Join us for a powerful eyewitness account of the ongoing genocide, when one of the filmmaker/

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Schedule of Services

Friday, January 5

Veyechi, Genesis 47.28-50.26
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 P.M.
Shabbat Service, 7:30 P.M.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 6

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel
B'nai Mitzvah of Emma Beckerman,
Jake Beckerman and Brian Caterfino
10:15 A.M.

Friday, January 12

Shemot, Exodus 1-6.1
Shabbat Service, 6:00 P.M.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 13

Tot Shabbat, 9:00 A.M.
Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel
B'not Mitzvah of Stephanie Sirotkin,
Jennifer Sirotkin, and Sophie Schneider,
10:15 A.M.

Friday, January 19

Vaera, Exodus 6.2-9.35
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 P.M.
Shabbat Service, 7:30 P.M.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 20

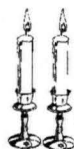
Shabbat Storytime, 9:00 A.M.
Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M., Gross Chapel
B'nai Mitzvah of Caroline Dreyfuss, Nicole
Ruderman, Jordan Young, 10:15 A.M.

Friday, January 26

Bo, Exodus 10-13.16
Shabbat Service and Guest Speaker on
Darfur, 7:30 P.M.
Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, January 27

Minyan Service, 9:15 A.M. Gross Chapel
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Teleposky, 10:15 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Tepper, 10:30 A.M.



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

JANUARY 5	4:24 P.M.
JANUARY 12	4:31 P.M.
JANUARY 19	4:39 P.M.
JANUARY 26	4:48 P.M.

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel

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authors speaks about the current situation and how it relates to their experience in Chad and Darfur. And learn what we, as concerned citizens,

Honoring Dr. King's Vision

Monday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M.



What Would be Dr. King's View of Peace Today — From the Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives, a program sponsored by The African American Jewish Coalition and hosted by TSTI, will take place on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. in the Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building. **Rabbi**

Emeritus of TSTI, Harvey S. Goldman will speak on behalf of the Jewish point of view. He will be joined by an imam and a pastor.

TSTI's chairperson of this evening's program, **Marcia Weinstein**, invites all Temple members and friends to participate in the AAJC's 17th annual MLK Community Memorial Program. It is our mission to help fulfill Dr. King's vision for peace.

can do to advocate for the people of this devastated region. In addition, you will have an opportunity to view a Darfurian art exhibit presented by the Darfur Rehabilitation Project.

Genocide is a Jewish issue. We have vowed "Never Again" and for the people of Darfur, Sudan it has become "Once Again." Log on to savedarfur.org, ajws.org and rac.org to keep informed of current advocacy initiatives.

Carla Boden

TSTI Save Darfur Committee

"Second Connection Is Moving!"

It's time to get up off the couch, or out of the gym, and experience the wonder of ballroom dancing! Please join us on **Saturday, January 27** for lots of fun.

We will have two hours of dancing as well as drinks, desserts and snacks. Cost: \$20 per person or \$40 per couple. Location TBA. Hope to see you. For more details contact **Arlene Brafman**, a_brafman@msn.com



From the Rabbi's Study

Dear friends,

Last week I had the opportunity to hear a lecture given by Dr. Eboo Patel. The talk was co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and Interweave (an interfaith, interdisciplinary community learning center, based in Summit, New Jersey.) TSTI was privileged to serve as the host congregation for the evening.

Dr. Patel is the director of Chicago's Interfaith Youth Corps, an organization that seeks "to build a movement that encourages religious young people to strengthen their religious identities, foster inter-religious understanding and cooperate to serve the common good." A devout Moslem, Dr. Patel works to create bridges of understanding between people of all faiths. He is brilliant and is one of the up-and-coming religious leaders for all of us to watch.

During his talk Dr. Patel pointed out that the "faith line," that is the religious division that matters in the world, is not between Christian, Jew, and Moslem, or any other faith for that matter. Rather it is between fundamentalist and pluralist—those who believe that they have the one true faith and those who understand that there are many different paths toward the same truth. The latter is a position that I have long held. But to hear the same words coming from a religious leader of another faith was truly inspiring. Too often the religious voices that we hear in the media are ones of fundamentalist Christians, Jews, and Moslems, not the more moderate liberal majority. Dr. Patel's talk gave me hope that the tide is now beginning to turn as we are more open to hearing the voices of other religious traditions. In addition, we are ready and

willing to speak up ourselves. I believe that religion can be a powerful force for good in the world. I believe that religious communities can work to bring a vision of holiness and goodness into the world in ways that are truly meaningful. Too often, however, the face of religion that we see is the face of anger. It is the face of exclusion, in the face of something that is anything but holy.

The evening inspired me to want to work as an individual, but also as a leader within our congregation, to foster bridges of understanding between people of faiths. The voices of religious pluralism have never been as important as they are today.

At the beginning of the evening there was a clip showing of a number of teenagers — Jews, Christians, and Moslems meeting as part of Dr. Patel's work. Two high school students, one Jewish and one Moslem, explained their traditions' approaches to good works (what we call *tikkun olam*). Both were articulate and had a clear understanding of their religions' values and traditions. I was reminded that we can only create bridges of understanding between religions if we take the time to understand our own religion first. As one of my teachers in rabbinic school once remarked, "one can only be a universalist from a particularistic vantage point." We can only reach out to others when we first know where we stand.

Rabbi Daniel Cohen

A Blueprint for Living Lightly on the Fossil Fuel Economy, Part 2

1. **Re-lamp** as much of your home as possible with today's solid state, instant start, low-mercury coiled **compact fluorescent lamps**. A moderate size room can often be well-lit for a total wattage expenditure of 50 watts or less. The better brands will, in fact, operate for 10 or more years before replacement is needed. The purchase cost of these lamps is about 1/8 what it was 15 years ago. Replace low level lighting, such as incandescent night lights (normally using 7-15 watts) with LED lamps using as little as 1/10 of a watt. LED standard base lamps that can illuminate a room for 5-10 watts are on their way from Phillips-Lumitron.

2. **Revise** your relationship with your energy supplier. New Jersey's Atlantic City Electric has wind power for sale. For a few dollars a month more, you can convert your electric consumption to up to 100% wind power. You can specify what fraction of your consumed energy will come from each of the alternative sources available in your area, which can include wind, nuclear, and hydro power. Consult one of the many on-line energy choice websites to see how you can remove yourself from the local utility generating system — partially or completely — while **remaining** within its distribution system.

3. **Replace** wasteful outdated appliances with current Energy Star appliances. Home space heating and water heating systems are currently available that operate over 90% efficiency. PSE&G regularly offers **significant rebates** on the cost of purchasing such systems. The energy saving on a new refrigerator that complies with 2007 federal energy requirements will actually pay for its purchase in a few years if you are currently using refrigeration from the 1980s or earlier. Your refrigerator can morph from the principal energy user in your home to an insignificant one. The same is true of ultra-low energy washing machines and dish washers (both save water heating **and** operating power).

4. **Recycle** voraciously. Except for a few types (#4, #5) of plastic which our municipalities should accept for recycling but don't, all paper fiber, steel, aluminum, glass and #1 and 2 plastic can be recycled locally, along with used motor oil, lead batteries, mercury-containing batteries, and tires. Recycle clean and serviceable clothing to charity. Re-cycled materials save up to 90% of the energy used to mine, refine, mill, and grow virgin product. Support legalization of hemp, kenaf, and other plant fiber as a replacement to tree fiber. Support the new Pacific rim initiative to introduce bamboo

grass fiber as a source of materials replacing tree fiber.

5. **Refuse** un-necessary packaging. Don't be afraid to say "No bag, please." Take your own re-usable, non-disposable bags with you when you go shopping. Many different types are available. Write to or call customer service at chain stores such as COSTCO, Home Depot, and many others that utilize un-necessary blister display packaging made from, and companies that package products in, #3 (polyvinyl chloride) plastic, an extremely energy-intensive, **health threatening**, and environmentally damaging plastic packaging, for which completely recyclable #1 (PETE) plastic is a substitute.

6. **Re-examine** your family transportation alternatives and approaches. Consider a Toyota Prius, Honda Civic, or other hybrid car that gets better than 40 mpg to the extent your need to move people and objects allows. Plan weekend and non-business travel with a view to integrating family members' plans in a strategy that will minimize or eliminate trips, mileage, and redundancy in personally-owned vehicles and maximize reliance upon available public transportation alternatives (for most of us, NJT rail services). **Teens can also car pool, even if they have access to a family car!**

7. **Restructure** your dietary habits to the a healthful diet that returns to beans, bean curd, and grains, as a larger contributor to your overall diet. The life-cycle climate cost (energy consumption cost) of producing 110 grams of red meat protein (what a pound might ideally provide) is **extraordinary** when compared to similarly calculated costs of available alternative agricultural sources, and unacceptable on a planet tottering near the brink of climate de-stabilization.

8. **Refrain** from allowing home heating and cooling energy losses from continuing a minute longer. Do by yourself or with contractor assistance the **insulation of attics, exposed piping, and water heaters** that you have been talking about doing (but have been putting off) year after year. **Replace** old double hung windows with replacement sash (Marvin Windows - a superb, zero maintenance product which a handy homeowner can replace in a short amount of time) or replacement windows (usually requires professional assistance). Replace old casement windows made prior to the 1970s, usually a major source of thermal energy loss, with today's insulated aluminum casements. Install quality gasketed (air tight) storm windows if you cannot afford to replace leaky wooden windows with



insulated sash or new windows. High efficiency glass and other features that were once extras are now standard on most brands of window replacements.

9. **Restrict** your home's use of cold and hot water. Install today's 0.5-1.5 gallon per minute (gpm) high pressure water restrictors on **each** faucet in your home. Several patented designs are now on the market. A man **can** take a comfortable **shower and shampoo** using only 1-2 gallons of water, a woman using only 3-4 gallons, with today's technology! You are saving not only the energy to pump, purify, store, distribute, and treat water, **both before and after it is used** (after all, sewage has to be handled and treated in a manner similar to potable water), but the energy to heat water. Turn your hot water heater down to **no more than 120°**, a temperature at which today's dish and clothing detergents work well. **Re-use** "grey water" for other purposes. Grey water includes water you run to get the temperature right in the morning, water in which you bathe, automatic and hand wash rinse water, vegetable washing water, etc. It can be used to flush toilets, soak pots and pans, and even water indoor and outdoor plants. If you re-model, investigate installing an automatic **grey water diversion, storage and re-use system** and/or **passive solar hot water heating** for your property's particular insolation (amount of exposure to productive rays of the sun throughout the year). You can read about both types of systems on line. There **are** homes in our area that successfully employ solar water heating.

10. **Re-assess** your family members' roles as consumers of goods to a point beyond the "re-use, reduce, re-cycle" credo of the 1980s. **Re-invigorate** your family discussions by making energy reduction in all aspects of living an ongoing family enterprise. **Read** from the sources below or others information on energy use that is **reliable** so that you will avoid making false energy choices. Because manufacturers and distributors of items we purchase rarely tell consumers what all the energy costs add up to, often energy life cycle costs of a product are difficult to evaluate against alternatives without the assistance of those who have carefully investigated, and possibly better understand, the issues. Perhaps we should all lobby for something similar to the EER (Energy Efficiency Rating) system by which HVAC systems are rated to be devised as a common denominator of the **apparent and hidden** (non-obvious) energy costs of each product sold to consumers. It could be specified in Watts, BTUs, or some other unit, but certainly the Watt is a unit that most persons can relate to. Until that happens, make energy consumption a major factor in your purchases.

Henry Gluckstern

February Fevah!

Hot, hot, hot night of
Music and Comedy

February 24, 2007
7:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Enjoy music by the Moodswings (www.myspace.com/themoodswingsnj if you'd like to check them out.) In addition, we will have comedy acts performing in a nightclub setting. The evening will include food, fun and some spirits. Look for an invitation coming soon.

News from the Board of Trustees

■ A number of our members used brute strength and removed the fence that has stood between Temple and the new property. When you drive down the roadway, you can see the huge expanse of green lawn and mature trees, and how it opens up our site.

■ We plan to rebuild the Mansion's terrace and renovate our Ballroom before the end of the summer. More details will follow.

■ An analysis of our membership demographics was presented. Results show that the number of family units has continued to remain stable over the past three years. We draw our membership from a wide geographic area. The towns with the greatest concentration of our members is South Orange, followed by Short Hills, Maplewood, West Orange and Millburn.

■ Membership remains constant as the number of families and individuals who move away, die or no longer choose to affiliate with us is offset by an equal number of families and individuals who join our Temple. This year's new members include young couples with and without children, preschool families, and older couples and individuals who have found our worship services, our educational programs, and cultural and religious events attractive to them.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH

The Interfaith Outreach Committee is committed to welcoming all persons regardless of religious upbringing, engaging our community in an open dialogue regarding the issues of interfaith families, and through social, educational and cultural programming, empowering families and encouraging Jewish choices.

Thank you to all who joined us in December for Shabbat for Everyone – A Shabbat Dinner & Learner's Service. We all truly learned something from Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Aronson and Joan Finn that evening.

The Interfaith Couple's Discussion Group begins this month, on Tuesday, January 9th. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Jennifer Larson at jrltsti@comcast.net or call 973-762-6636.

We have rescheduled our Sharing Shabbat program for Sunday, March 18th from 3-5 pm. Please make a note on your calendar. This event is for Jewish children and their non-Jewish grandparents and family members. The members of an interfaith family include our extended family members, grandparents, cousins, uncles and aunts. They too are part of our interfaith family, and may need help in understanding the rituals and traditions our new family has started.

The following excerpt about "Living Well" with the extended members of an interfaith family is taken from an article by Karen Kushner, the director of the Jewish Choice Initiative, a grant-supported program under the auspices of the Union for Reform Judaism in the San Francisco area. Karen is also a URJ Outreach Fellow, and I was privileged to meet and work with her in the summer of 2004. (The entire article, "Living Well in the Extended Interfaith Family" can be found at: www.interfaithfamily.com)

1. Accept the non-Jewish partners for who they are. Pushing people to be different creates resistance to change. People change most when they feel respected and accepted.

2. Give explanations if they want them. Give them opportunities to display their Jewish knowledge if they want to. Find out just what they do want and do your best to make them comfortable. Their comfort will make you comfortable.

3. Get rid of your assumptions about Christianity, or Islam or Buddhism, and ask lots of questions. Avoid thinking and speaking in stereotypes. This means you have to explore the meaning and purpose of religion. Create a climate where they can be equally curious about Judaism.

Talking to them will make you clearer on your own connections to Judaism.

4. Be truthful about your doubts and complaints about Judaism. It is okay to say, "I wish some of this sexist stuff wasn't there," or "For long periods of my life, I found this all boring." Judaism is not a religion of belief, and we have a long history of sages and rabbis who were doubters at some time in their lives. Let them know that doubting is acceptable in Judaism.

5. Have fun being Jewish. Find ways to really celebrate with friends as well as family. Let them see that being Jewish is more than liturgy and synagogue attendance. It is a way of life with beautiful music, delicious recipes, and jokes and silliness, too.

6. Notice any and all similarities between their non-Jewish values and yours, and speak of them. If they quote Bible passages, you can say, "We both think reading the Bible is important." If they say grace, you can say, "We both think thanking God for the food we eat is important." Criticizing and emphasizing differences creates DISTANCE. What you want to do is reduce the distance. Perhaps one day they will see themselves within Judaism. Even if they never do, you both will have acknowledged all those similarities, and you will have reduced your own fears of your values not being carried forward into the next generation.

7. Never compete with the non-Jewish extended family. As much as possible integrate the Jewish and non-Jewish members into one family. Invite them to your holiday celebrations and go to their celebrations when you are invited. This keeps the children from having to feel they need to choose one side over the other.

8. Show respect for all other religions in front of your relatives' children. Never belittle or make fun of any practice or belief of the non-Jewish parent or non-Jewish relatives. Many children learn to avoid any religion because they sense it is a topic of conflict in their family. By discarding all religions they attempt to avoid making anyone sad or angry.

9. Encourage the adoption of one religion for children. Having a religion is healthier than not having a religion, even if it is not Judaism. Following two traditions is an enormous undertaking and most families cannot do it evenhandedly.

Thank you and Happy New Year,

Jennifer Larson
Outreach Chair



Mitzvah Magnetism

The first life you change is always yours.
Dr. Keith Taylor, Mitzvah Hero

In November, my husband Robb and I attended the Ziv Tzedakah Fund's Mitzvah Heroes Conference at Temple Anshe Emeth in New Brunswick. This was my third time attending, and what inspires me each time is the variety and breadth in how people approach social action work. Leaders who speak about their work of *Tikkun Olam* do so with a spirit that is positively magnetic (pun intended)! I urge you to go to Ziv's website (www.ziv.org) to read their latest annual report. It is unlike any annual report you will ever read. Here are a few excerpts:

Trevor Ferrell ... started a program to help feed homeless people when he was 11 years old:

More than 20 years ago... he convinced his parents to take him from their comfortable suburban Philadelphia home to help "the homeless person" he had seen on TV... Trevor and his parents headed to Center City, and when he saw a homeless person — he thought it was *the* homeless person — they stopped, and he gave the man the blanket and pillow he had brought with him.

But there were more of them, and yet more, and the next night, inspired by Trevor's caring, he and his parents went back. And the next night again, for 10 years, never missing a night. Along the way they added a shelter, a thrift shop, social workers and advisors to help Trevor's friends find jobs.

While aspects of his original work continue independently, Trevor has established his own non-profit organization, Trevor's Distribution Center, an additional aspect of Trevor's Thrift Shop. Donations are welcome, and for those in the Northeast corridor, Trevor will supply a wish list of items most needed in the thrift shop.

Trevor's Distribution Center, Trevor Ferrell, 6208 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151, 215-879-5707, trevthrft@yahoo.com.

Broad Meadows Middle School :

Dedicated to ending child labor and slavery, this group of young people works under the guidance of Ron Adams, a teacher at the Quincy, MA, middle school. The first school for which they raised funding - ASchool for Iqbal - was built to honor the life of a Pakistani child who visited their school in Massachusetts. Forced into bonded labor, Iqbal spoke out

against child slavery and promoted children's education. He was killed in 1995 in his country.

Since that time, the group of young people changes, but the mission doesn't. They conduct penny drives and "child-labor-free" hot cocoa sales. They perform community service and encourage shopping for goods that are "guaranteed child-labor-free." As Ron Adams says, they are "raising thousands of dollars for school building projects [that the students vote on each year] and TONS of awareness raised by kids who find ways big and small to raise their voices for those children who are voiceless." They are a model for kids who want to DO something!

A School for Iqbal, c/o Ron Adams, Broad Meadows Middle School, 50 Calvin Rd., Quincy, MA 02169, 617-984-8723, endchlabor@aol.com, www.mirrorimage.com/iqbal/index.html

Modest Needs:

Dr. Keith Taylor, Modest Needs' founder, knew that often someone's willingness to step in and offer *modest* support to pay a bill, could keep a person from falling into the spiral of economic collapse. Modest Needs is dedicated to preventing that collapse by helping otherwise stable people, even those who are permanently disadvantaged, as a result of an unexpected modest expense.

Three types of grants are offered: Self-Sufficiency Grants which are made for an emergency expense to otherwise self-sufficient people; Back-to-Work Grants are awarded for modest expenses related to allowing a temporarily unemployed individual to return to work; and finally, Independent Living Grants are awarded to people who, though unemployed, are living independently on limited incomes and are faced with an unexpected expense that cannot be covered by other means.

A very fine example of micro-philanthropy.

Modest Needs, Dr. Keith Taylor, 115 E 30th St, FL 1, New York, NY 10016, 212-463-7042,

Jill Kushner
Social Action Chair
jillmkushner@gmail.com



We shared a wonderful day of learning at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, a living memorial to those who

perished during the Holocaust. The Museum is a must do for everyone and many of us look forward to going back to the Museum in the near future to view all the exhibits that time didn't permit us to see. A special thank you to **Debbie Taffet** who arranged and orchestrated a truly unforgettable day. The entire group greatly appreciated the extra little touches that helped to make the day so memorable.

Also, a big thank you to **Wendy Kay, Ann Merin** and **Marcia Weinstein** for sending out the wonderful Chanukah packages to our college students. As our college students prepared for final exams, we are sure that the goodies were greatly appreciated.

It is time to mark your calendars and join us for another great night of Israeli Dancing. This will be our third annual evening of Israeli dancing led by **Andrea Baum, Arlene Gordon** and **Laurie Landau**. Regardless of your dancing ability, we promise a fun-filled evening with lots of dancing, chatter and laughter.

Israeli Dancing at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel
Thursday, January 18th from 7-9 pm
RSVP to Arlene Gordon at JECASAGO@aol.com

We are also busy putting together our fourth annual Shabbat B'Bayit (Shabbat in the Home.) This is always a wonderful evening for our congregation as we reach out to one another, open our homes and make new friendships. We are looking for families that are interested in hosting Shabbat as well as families that are interested in participating. Please contact **Emily Friend** (emjog@aol.com), **Jane Kagan** (jane@campbrynmawr.com) or **Pam Paro** (prodmanparo@aol.com) with any questions.

We hope that those of you who are not yet members of the Women's Connection will consider joining. To join the TSTI Women's Connection, please send your name, address, phone number and email address along with a check for \$36 (made out to TSTI Women's Connection: to: Andrea Baum, 60 Woodcrest Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078

Andrea Baum and Helene Sorin
The Women's Connection Co-Chairs



Women's Connection members take time for a photo as they visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC.

Calendar of Events

ISRAELI DANCING at TSTI, Thursday, January 18, 7-9 pm, RSVP to Arlene Gordon at JECASAGO@aol.com.

SHABBAT B'BAYIT (Shabbat in the Home), Friday, February 9, 6-10 pm. More information to follow.

The WOMEN'S SEDER at TSTI, Thursday, March 22, 6-9 pm. More information to follow.

BOOK DISCUSSION (*Sotah* by Naomi Ragen) and **DESSERT with RABBI COHEN**, Wednesday, May 9, 7-9pm, RSVP to Larkin Cohan at CohanFamily@comcast.net.



New Member Dinner Hosts Greet their Guests



Membership Vice President Monique de la Cour, second from right, is joined by members of her committee as they prepare to begin the a very well attended New Members Dinner on December 3.

Shabbat in the Home

Shabbat B'Bayit שבת בבית
Friday, February 9, 2007



A delightful way to share Shabbat dinner with your Temple friends and neighbors.

Join your Temple family in celebrating a special Shabbat on Friday, February 9, 2007. We will gather together at Temple to worship with our families at 6:00 P.M. and then travel to a member family's home to share a special Shabbat dinner.

Each previous Shabbat B'bayit was a great success. Both hosts and guests raved about having a beautiful and meaningful Shabbat experience. We look forward to another wonderful event.

Join TSTI for this special evening of warmth and hospitality as we kindle the Sabbath lights together. Watch the bulletin and your mailbox for more details!

Chairpersons: Emily Friend (emjoy@aol.com)
Jane Kagan (jane@campbrynmawr.com)
Pam Paro (prodmanparo@aol.com)

Committee: Laurie Hitzig, Robin Kahn, Alicia Kohn,
Wendy Krasnoff, Janice Lippman,
Rochelle Schaevit

Israeli Dancing!!!!

Learn New Dances
Remember Old Favorites

The Women's Connection
Invites All Temple
Women to Join Us

Thursday, January 18

Meet, greet and nosh at 7:00 pm
Dancing from 7:30-9:00 pm in the
ballroom

What a Time We had Last Year!

Everyone who whirled and twirled and kicked their feet to the dancin' beat clamored for more Israeli dancing, taught by the fabulous **Andrea Baum, Laurie Landau and Arlene Gordon**. So, as we head into the really chilly months of winter, we've planned a warm, friendly evening of Israeli Dancing.

It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy your Temple friends, get some exercise, prepare for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs...or just have fun! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You're welcome to bring your teenage daughter. Please RSVP to Arlene Gordon at jecasago@aol.com or call Sunny at Temple, 973-763-4116 to let us know you'll be there.



Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Brian Caterfino, son of **Elissa Caterfino Mandel** and the late **Douglas Caterfino**, and step-son of **Hal Mandel**, looks forward to his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 6. Joining him are his brother, Andrew, step-brothers, Aron and Abe Mandel, and grandparents Gail and Norman Shaw and Mary and Sam Caterfino. Brian enjoys language arts and history at Millburn Middle School, and loves football, tennis and basketball. His "Mitzvah Project" involves weekly visits to a boy who has special needs, arranged by The Friendship Circle.

Brian says of this milestone, "I become a man in the Jewish religion. I look forward to participating more fully in the Jewish community through my Mitzvah Project and other activities."



Emma Rachel Beckerman will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 6. With her will be her parents, **Wendy** and **Jeffrey Beckerman**, grandparents Susan and Richard Brown and Lenore and David Beckerman, and siblings Jake, Matthew and Annie. Emma attends Millburn Middle School and especially enjoys math, soccer, and skiing. She is participating in The Friendship Circle and will be donating 10" of hair to Locks of Love to complete her "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means understanding my new obligations as a young Jewish adult," says Emma.



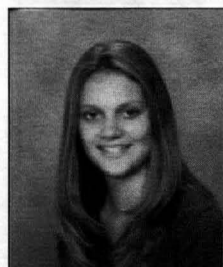
Jake Samuel Beckerman, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 6. With him will be his parents, **Wendy** and **Jeffrey Beckerman**, grandparents Susan and Richard Brown and Lenore and David Beckerman, and siblings Emma, Matthew and Annie. Jake attends Millburn Middle School and especially enjoys math, and writing. Extracurricular activities include snow boarding, baseball, basketball, and soccer. He is participating in The Friendship Circle and also preparing meals for Bridges to complete his "Mitzvah Project."

Jake says, "This will mean I'll be taking on more responsibilities."



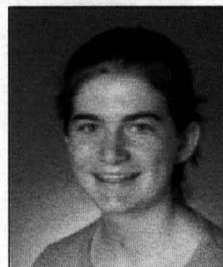
Sophie Amy Schneider, daughter of **Cheryl Schneider** and the late **Ian Schneider**, looks forward to Saturday, January 13 when she will become a Bat Mitzvah. Her siblings, Rachel and Jake, and grandparents Terry Schneider and Reggie and Bob Fisher, share her pride in her achievements. Sophie, a seventh grader at Millburn Middle School, loves math, soccer, skiing and basketball. Her "Mitzvah Project" is creating artwork that is sent to homebound and ill seniors.

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means I am viewed as an adult member of my community and will take on more responsibilities. It is an important milestone, yet I look forward to continuing my Jewish education and learning more about Jewish traditions," says Sophie.



Stephanie Kyle Sirotkin will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 13. Joining her in the celebration will be her parents, **Lori** and **Alex Sirotkin**, siblings Jenny and Jake, and grandparents, Celia and Paul Sirotkin and Leatrice and William Abrams. Stephanie attends Morristown Beard School where she excels at science and tennis. She is raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation for her "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means I will take on more responsibilities and privileges. I am joining in the Jewish culture," says Stephanie.



Jennifer Anne Sirotkin will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 13. Joining her in the celebration will be her parents, **Lori** and **Alex Sirotkin**, siblings Stephanie and Jake, and grandparents, Celia and Paul Sirotkin and Leatrice and William Abrams. Jenny enjoys English at Millburn Middle School and plays many sports whenever she can. She is caring for animals at the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum for her "Mitzvah Project."

"I think you need responsibilities, and with that comes respect and privileges. As I get older I would want more of all these things. That's what becoming a Bat Mitzvah means to me," says Jenny.



Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Jordan Hunter Young, son of **Ilene** and **Marshall Young**, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 20. Grandparents Roz and Harold Axelrad, and sister Lauren, look forward to celebrating with him. Jordan enjoys French and math at Millburn Middle School, and finds spare time for travel soccer, roller hockey, basketball and other sports. Because of his love for soccer, he will work with special needs children through The Friendship Circle's Soccer Circle for his "Mitzvah Project".

Jordan says, "Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means becoming more responsible for my actions and is the next step to becoming a man. I look forward to celebrating this special occasion with my family and friends."



Caroline Pliner Dreyfuss will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 20, with her parents, **Lillian Pliner** and **Stephen Dreyfuss**, sister Kate, and grandparents Mariette and Jacques Pliner and celebrating with her. Caroline likes science, math and French, playing the violin, field hockey and softball. She is a seventh grader at the Pingry School.

She plans to increase awareness about the situation in Darfur for her "Mitzvah Project."

Caroline notes, "Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am taking my place in the Jewish community and joining the centuries' old tradition of the Jewish people."



Nicole Leigh Ruderman will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 20. Her parents, **Lisa** and **Ken Ruderman**, brother Jake, and grandparents Marlene and Joseph Goldenberg and Arlene and Howard Ruderman look forward to sharing the day with her. Nikki attends Millburn Middle School where she likes language arts, and plays basketball and volleyball. She also likes being with friends. She is honoring her uncle by raising money for the Skincare Foundation for Melanoma for her "Mitzvah Project."

"Becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that this is a time in my life when I become more respectful and responsible about things," says Nikki.

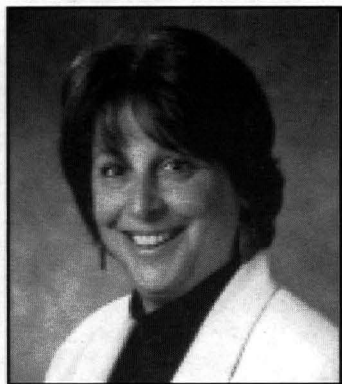


Jordan Hannah Tepper, daughter of **Beth Tepper** and **Ed** and **Sharon Tepper**, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 27. Her grandparents, Gayle and Myron Rubin and Elise and Marvin Tepper, and brother Dean, look forward to sharing the day with her. Jordan's favorite subject at The Winston School is science, and she rides horseback and plays volleyball in her free time. Her "Mitzvah Project" involved raising money to fully fund summer ice cream parties for children hospitalized at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.



Emily Rose Teleposky, daughter of Amy Block and Rob Orent will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 27. Celebrating with her are siblings Noah and Carly and grandparents Nancy Block, Alfred Block and Marie Teleposky. A seventh grader at Millburn Middle School, Emily enjoys social studies and language arts. Her free time finds her reading, jogging, or enjoying tennis and photography. She is collecting books for a struggling school for her "Mitzvah Project."

"I feel I am honored to be the first woman in the history of my family to become a Bat Mitzvah," says Emily.



The Iris Family



I miss lunch hour. Generally I sit at my desk hurriedly eating my lunch amidst a pile of papers. Today, as I tried to eat my reheated leftover piece of roast chicken without dropping it on the newly typed preschool registration forms, I remembered fondly the time when I sat with friends in a teachers' lounge and relaxed with a meal, even having time after I was done eating to do some errands or to close my eyes for a few minutes. I know it's my own fault that I haven't given lunchtime the respect it deserves, but the demise came so slowly over time that I'm not sure when it happened.

I'm more than just a little bit envious as I watch the children sitting around the tables in the preschool having lively conversations and enjoying each other's company. The conversations revolve around favorite TV shows, new toys and upcoming play dates. Their lunch boxes are filled with a variety of options from which to choose. On any given day a child may have yogurt, slices of cheese, fruit AND a sandwich cut in cute shapes. I can smell salami or egg salad wafting down the hall. I hear the children telling their friends what they have to eat and listen as they try to 'trade up.' They are relaxed while they eat and really take lunchtime seriously. They eat slowly, honestly enjoying the process of eating.

I, on the other hand, eat my lunch quickly barely tasting what I've eaten. There are many days that I take my lunch home with me at the end of the day only to pack it up again the next morning. I mean *really*... if it wasn't enticing enough to eat the first time, what makes me think I will enjoy it a day later? Perhaps it's just being in a rut from making lunch for myself for more than two decades. Perhaps it's because I feel a need to be available during the turnover between morning preschool and afternoon KinderRichment. Maybe I just need someone to invent a new food; filet of yak might be nice.

So here I am at the beginning of a new year and as many of you may already have done, I plan to make a resolution. I figure if I put it in writing and make it public

knowledge; maybe I will take it upon myself to put some zip back in my lunchtime.

Perhaps I'll walk away from my desk and eat an interesting meal once in awhile. I don't need to go out for lunch, although that would be nice, but maybe I could use a nice napkin instead of a corner of a piece of paper towel. Maybe using a pretty placemat would help set the mood better than my latest email printout. I think I'll even resolve to bring in a bunch of roses once in awhile just to give me the opportunity to stop and, literally, smell the flowers. While I'm dreaming, wouldn't it be nice to have a chef put this all together for me?

Okay, that last one might be stretching it a bit, but isn't that the beauty of the New Year? Isn't this the time to reassess where, and how, your life is going and to try to aim higher? Isn't this the time to try to accomplish something to make your life, or someone else's, a little better?

Carol Paster

Preschool Director

Registration for Fall 2007 now being accepted

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 13** for a wonderful Shabbat experience!

SHABBAT STORYTIME

A story and crafts project will be presented on
Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m.
in the Bet Tefillah.



Renaissance Group

We hope everyone had a happy Chanukah. We did. Our Chanukah party was a great holiday celebration. The food was delicious and our in-house latke chefs did themselves proud. Needless to say the cocktail hour that preceded dinner was very festive. Thank you to Marlene Jacobs and Ellie and Larry Silverstein. Thank you, too, to Matty and Dan Goldberg for keeping our tradition intact. We enjoyed the wonderful music by Fred Miller who took us down memory lane. This year we added another dimension to our holiday celebration. Every person attending was asked to bring an item appropriate for school-age children for the mitzvah project, "Room to Grow." These items will be given to schoolchildren in neighboring Orange.

We are now anticipating our "Day of Games," scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. May the team you favor win. You are invited to join us at 4:00 p.m. in the ballroom where the football game will be on our large-screen television. If you would prefer, you can play Bridge,

canasta, mah jongg, scrabble, or whatever you'd like to bring, or just visit with friends. Matty and Dan Goldberg and Linda and Joel Scharf will provide our fun, and the food and drink will be available all day. The excitement of the Super Bowl, the enjoyment of our table games and the camaraderie of friends is a great way to spend a winter afternoon. Be sure to return your reservation slip and check when you receive the letter with the details.

Mark your calendar for March 13, our trip to New York City to visit the Hispanic Society of America and the New York Historical Society. Bobbe Futterman and Bettye Green are planning this day for us, and they have never disappointed us, so we expect a very interesting experience. More about this in the next Bulletin. We do not have a program for January.

We hope the holidays were pleasant and that the secular New Year, 2007 will be a healthful and happy one.

Florence Seglin

Fresh Look for TSTI's Library

Read any good Jewish books lately? The TSTI Library has been reorganized and updated as part of a recent mitzvah project. Come visit the library, located in the Religious School wing near the administrative offices, and check out a book for yourself or your children.

We've removed outdated books and some volumes in poor condition. More than 100 second and third copies of volumes TSTI owned were sent to Congregation Gates of Prayer in Metairie, Louisiana, a Reform congregation whose own library was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Volumes that didn't really belong in the Temple Library (like Japanese Haiku and French cooking, which somehow found their way onto our shelves over the years) have now found homes in places like our Preschool Library and the South Orange Public Library.

Congregants will now be able to find books of interest under user-friendly categories. Volumes can be found in labeled sections that now include: Judaism 101, Classical Judaica, Adult Fiction, Biography and Memoir, Jewish Observance and Practice, Holidays, Cooking, Art, Music, Yiddish, Life Cycle (including Parenting, Marriage, Intermarriage, Death, Social Issues), Psychology/Self-Help, Spirituality, Israel, Israel-Arab Conflict, History of the Jews, The Holocaust,

Comparative Religion, Children's Fiction, Children's Non-Fiction, Jews in America, Jews in Other Lands, Bible and Bible Studies, Kabbala, and Jewish Thought. A section on Jewish personalities has been created called "Who's a Jew?" tying in with the sixth grade Religious School class taught by Len Lesnever.

As part of this update, more than 60 volumes were added to our Library. They can be found in a "New Books" section. Many of the volumes purchased were recommended by the Union for Reform Judaism under their initiative to encourage every Reform Jew to read significant Jewish books. See <http://urj.org/books>. Copies of the corresponding Reader's Guides the URJ publishes are also available to enhance your enjoyment and understanding of these books. There are new books recommended by Rabbi Cohen and Religious School Director Betsy Best.

Come borrow a book! The Library is generally open when Temple is open, except during Religious School hours (as the Library currently doubles as a classroom.) An honor system prevails for checkout; we ask that you sign-out volumes in the bound book located in the Library, and return borrowed books in a timely manner.

Lisa Ozer

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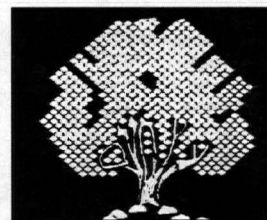
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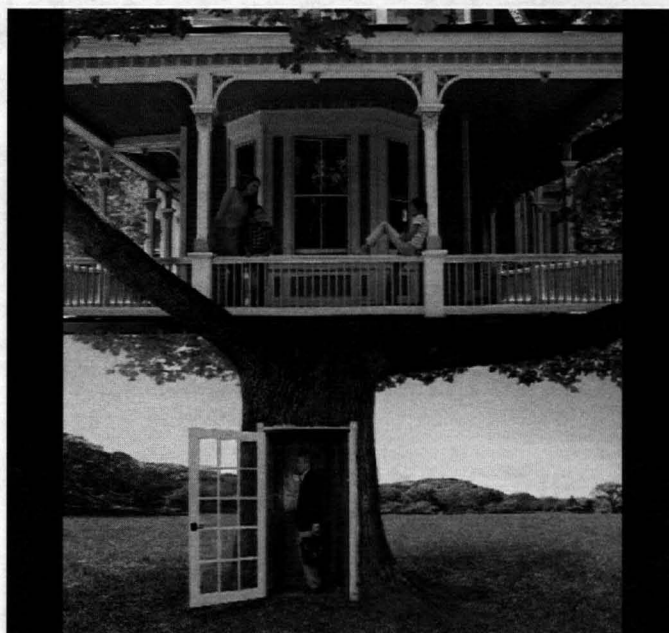
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