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## Announcing!!!

### Israel Trip – Summer '96

Rabbi David will be leading his 4th trip to Israel

June 29 – July 14, 1996

We still have room for a few more families – Please see Rabbi David for more information.

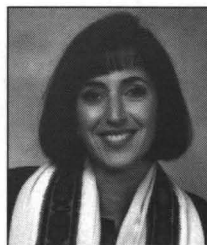
## Rabbi's Message

RABBI RANDI MUSNITSKY

Throughout our history, there have been numerous times when the physical survival of the Jewish people has been threatened either by a vengeful dictator, a cruel regime or terrorist forces. The story of Chanukah, however, is unique. For Antiochus was not out to annihilate the Jews, or to enslave us or to drive us from our Land. His aim was to strip our way of life: our holiness and our spirituality. He demanded that we abandon our covenantal relationship with God. Thus it was specifically our spiritual survival that was at stake.

In the eyes of the Hellenists it was acceptable for Jews to identify as Jews and to enjoy the freedom of cultural expression. We could even study Torah provided that we approach it as a literary work, not as Divine wisdom. Antiochus' decrees were calculated to achieve the secularization of the Jews.

Among the prime targets of this attack were the commandments of



the Shabbat and circumcision. By forbidding the observance of Shabbat, Jews could no longer bear testimony that God created the world in 6 days and rested on the seventh. By outlawing circumcision, we were denied the ability to dedicate our physical life to the affirmation of our belief in one God.

Antiochus failed in his cultural tyranny. For Jews refused to abandon their religious soul. We are their inheritors.

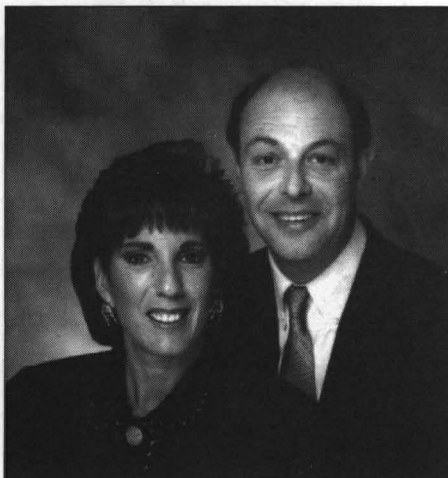
Thus, the Chanukah lights are simply more than a reminder of miracles of days gone by. They provide us the light of inspiration to enrich our lives with Jewish tradition. Our ancestors declared their allegiance to God through their rededication of the Temple with the menorah. Today we rededicate ourselves to making this world a brighter place through the deepening of our commitment to the values and traditions of our Jewish way of life. ■

## Israel Bond Shabbat

Friday, December 15, 1995 – 8:00 p.m.  
Honoring Bess and Jim Soffer

Please join us at Israel Bond Shabbat as we honor **Bess and Jim Soffer** as they receive the **Israel Bond "L'Chaim—Celebration of Life Kiddush Cup Award"** at a special Oneg Shabbat on **Friday Evening, December 15**. Shabbat Evening Services will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bess and Jim are most deserving of this award for their untiring commitment and service to Israel, Judaism, the Reform Movement, Temple Emanuel and to their Jewish and general communities. Bess presently acts as the Facility Rental Coordinator at the Jewish Community Center. She has been a past board member of the Federation of Reform Synagogues of Greater Philadelphia, Jewish Family and Children's Services, founding and co-chairperson of the Carl Auerbach Friends of JFCS. Bess and Jim co-chaired AJA Super Sunday. Bess was Chairperson of the Young Leadership Council of Southern New Jersey, Vice President of Women's Division of AJA and a member of Camp Harlam Alumni Association. Within our Temple, she is a past

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## President's Message

Dr. Mark Sobel



**H**ow would you like your child to receive an extra \$2.00 for every \$1.00 you give her?

This is exactly what will happen when you enroll your child in the Gift of Israel Program! Temple Emanuel has joined forces with the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey in this endeavor of helping you to fund your teenager's trip to Israel. In this program, Temple Emanuel and the Federation will each match up to \$100.00 per year that you deposit in the Gift of Israel Savings Program. You may open accounts (with \$150.00) in the third grade, so that by the time your child reaches Confirmation in 10th grade, you will receive back your original \$750.00 plus accumulated interest, plus \$1,400.00 from Temple Emanuel and the Federation towards your child's trip to Israel.

You can't lose! There is no risk.

This program is only available to synagogue affiliated students who complete religious school through their Confirmation year. If you decide to withdraw from the program, only your personal contribution will be returned, with interest.

Since this program is just starting up, enrollment is open to 4th, 5th and 6th graders, with a more limited program available to 7th and 8th graders.

Families may contribute more than the minimum. In fact, depositing birthday, Chanukah and Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift money is an easy way to accumulate enough to cover the total cost of the trip.

This program will eventually replace our current policy of subsidizing the Confirmation class with a lump sum of money, because it is a better deal for you. However, it requires you to actively participate while the children are young. The synagogue is committing a lot of time, and setting aside the financial resources, for the benefit of our children.

In addition to receiving the benefit of a quality education here at Temple Emanuel, there is the enticement of a trip to Israel awaiting a Jewish student who continues study through Confirmation year.

Jewish continuity is the reason that Temple Emanuel and the Federation are being so generous funding this program. Not only does ongoing Jewish education strengthen our Jewish community, but it has been demonstrated that an organized trip to Israel as a teenager is highly correlated with later Jewish identity as an adult.

I strongly encourage 100% participation. This year's matching funds are only available until mid-December. Thus it is critical for all parents to sign their children up NOW!

For additional information about this exciting venture, or to sign up your child, please contact the Religious School office (489-0035), Temple Emanuel program coordinator Betsy Karpf (795-2183), or Judy Kahn of Federation's Department of Jewish Education (665-6100 Ext. 236). This is an opportunity of a lifetime! ■

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## Gift of Israel Program

By Betsy Karpf

We hope all of our members with children in grades 2nd through 8th took the opportunity to attend the Gift of Israel presentation given last month by Judy Kahn from the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey. Temple Emanuel's Board of Trustees strongly endorses this program. The Israel experience reinforces your child's Jewish education. As Temple members, you need to pay for only part of the program, the other part will be paid by our Temple and by Jewish Federation.

Gift of Israel program is open to all children of our Temple and beginning in the 3rd grade parents may enroll their child. Federation will provide \$100.00 a year for a maximum of seven years to families who also contribute matching funds and whose children continue their Jewish education through confirmation. The family is required to contribute a minimum of \$150.00 the first year and then our Temple and the family are to contribute \$200.00 combined every year thereafter. Children who enroll in 4th-6th grade receive Federation and Temple funding only for the years they are enrolled.

This year only 7th-8th grade students can participate in a "catch-up" program. Federation will contribute \$36.00 a year per child until confirmation with the family and our Temple contributing the balance.

It is IMPERATIVE that anyone interested in having a child participate in this program sign the child up immediately. Failure to do so by the middle of this month will jeopardize your child's receipt of Federation funds for this year.

To obtain further information about the Gift of Israel Program and/or to have questions answered, please contact me at 795-2183. Brochures about the program are also available at the Religious School office. ■

## New Members

We warmly welcome you into our congregation.

Jonathan Zimmer  
Michael and Pamela LeVine  
Suzanne and Brad Abrams



# For a Happy Chanukah

**First Chanukah Candle  
Sunday, December 17, 1995  
Chanukah, the Festival of Lights**

Chanukah, is technically a minor festival, but throughout history we have made it a joyous family celebration. The word Chanukah means Dedication, and it commemorates the reconsecration of the Temple in Jerusalem following its recapture from the Syrians by the Maccabees in the year 165 B.C.E. The historical events are described in the two books of the Maccabees, part of a collection of writings known as the Apocrypha, writings which were considered for inclusion in the Bible but rejected. The heroes and heroines of Chanukah—Mattathias and his sons, particularly Judah the Maccabee, Hannah and her seven martyred sons, Eleazer—have always been enrolled and honored.

Celebration of the festival centers around the lighting of candles in the menorah or Chanukiah, the nine-branch candelabrum. The custom derives from the legend that when the Temple was retaken, there was sufficient oil for the perpetual lamp for only one day, and yet it miraculously lasted for eight days. Today we light eight candles in commemoration. The candles are placed in the menorah, customarily from right to left, but are lit from left to right. The shamas or servant candle is lit and is then used to light the other candles, an additional one each night until on the eighth night all are brightly burning. On the first night three blessings are recited; on all other nights two blessings are said. Any member or members of the family together may recite the blessings, as one person holds the lighted-shamas. It is the custom today to place the lighted menorah in the window for all to see. On Shabbat during Chanukah, the Chanukah candles are lighted before the Shabbat candles. The hymn Maoz Tzur, Rock of Ages, is sung following the candle lighting.

Customs of Chanukah include the giving of gifts, the eating of latkes (potato pancakes), and playing the dreidel game. Chanukah, traditionally, was a time when games of chance were permitted and the dreidel was used, with its four letters—nun, gimel, hay, shin—standing for the words NES GADOL HAYAH SHAM, a great miracle happened there. In the gambling game the letters also stand for the words NICHTS (nothing), GRANZ

(all), HALB (half), SHTELL (put), and the winner would receive money — Chanukah gelt. ■

## In Memorium

KATHERINE WAGONFOHR  
Mother-in-Law of Sol Niconienko



## Mazel Tov

Ceil and Sandy Keim on engagement of son Andrew to Alison Bell

Merle and Herbert Spellman on the engagement of their daughter, Frances to Stephen Thomas

Roy and Shirley Frankel on the birth of their grandson, Alexander Cyrus Beberman

Robie and Bob Bloom on the engagement of their daughter, Robin to Steven Kahn

## Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

### December

SARA ELISE WHITSON  
Daughter of Larry and Stephanie Whitson

SCOTT KLEIN  
Son of Ellen and David Klein

LEWIS EDELMAN  
Son of Marie and Ira Edelman

SCOTT FARREL BERMAN  
Son of Eric and Joan Berman

## Israel Bond Shabbat (cont.)

Vice President of Community Affairs and currently she serves as Vice President of Membership. Jim, a dentist, whose office is located in Haddonfield, has been involved with the Jewish Community Center of Southern New Jersey and was its President from 1990-92. He is a recipient of the JWB Young Leadership Award and serves on the J.C.C. Board of Managers, the boards of the Jewish Federation, Camp Harlam, The Federation of Reform Synagogues of Greater Philadelphia and the Southern New Jersey Dental Society. He is currently Vice President of "The Voice".

Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Barry Farber, popular New York Radio personality. Watch for your personal invitation in the mail and please join us to honor the Soffer's at this special Temple Emanuel Shabbat. ■



## SHABBAT DECEMBER 2nd

Vayetze

Torah: Genesis 28:10-32:3  
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

This portion contains the description of Jacob's dream concerning the ladder with ascending and descending angels. We also read of the birth of Jacob's children together with his wives Leah and Rachel.

## SHABBAT DECEMBER 9th

Vayishlach

Torah: Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Haftarah: Book of Obadiah

As Jacob approaches his homeland, the fear of his brother Esau is revived. They are reunited after 20 years. Included is the story of Jacob and Leah's daughter Dinah. It is a tale of dishonor, revenge and slaughter. The portion concluded with Isaac's death.

## SHABBAT DECEMBER 16th

Vayeshev

Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23  
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

This begins the tale of Joseph and his jealous brothers. We read of Joseph's dreams, his sale into slavery and his arrival in Egypt. In addition, we read the tale of Judah and Tamar.

## SHABBAT DECEMBER 23rd

Meekaitz

Torah: Genesis 41:1-44:17  
Haftarah: There are three special portions in commemoration of Chanukah and Rosh Hodesh

Joseph becomes second in command to Pharaoh and is reunited with his family when they travel to Egypt in search of food during the famine.

## SHABBAT DECEMBER 30th

Vayeegash

Torah: Genesis 44:18-47:27  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Joseph reveals himself to his family. This sets the stage for the concluding chapters of Genesis next week and the death of Jacob.

By Sandy Umansky

It seems impossible that Hanukkah is already upon us, but the calendar says it's true, and yet it seems that our year has just begun. I guess that's a good thing, for it keeps everything new and exciting all year long.

To give you an insight into all that is new and exciting with our Youth Groups, let me recap and preview at the same time.

TWEEN CANTEEN is composed of the most terrific 5th and 6th graders ever. They are energetic and enthusiastic about all of our events. We're looking forward to our Hanukkah Party. On Sunday, December 3 from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. all members will gather for make-your-own sundaes and watch a movie party. What enhances this event is the fee - a wrapped gift for a needy child. Performing mitzvot such as this makes everyone feel good. Watch your mail for flyers regarding our upcoming Skating Party in January.

SHOMRIM, our 7th and 8th graders will be headed to the Franklin Institute in December to see the Laser Light Show. It's important to encourage all of your friends to join you at SHOMRIM. You are the future leaders of Youth Group and your Temple.

TEFTY, our Senior High School Youth Group knows no limits when it comes to enthusiasm and ideas. Twenty-seven TEFTYites (the largest representation in our entire region) went to Camp Harlam for an incredible NFTY/PAR Fall Kallah (convention). Over 110 high schoolers learned more about themselves, their religion, their peers, their advisors (yes, I attended, too!). Immediately following this TEFTY had a Fun Night at Discovery Zone. TEFTY will also be volunteering at the Hanukkah Bazaar, gift wrapping for the Hebrew School children and selling gifts to help raise monies for TEFTY's Scholarship Fund. Please support TEFTY's Scholarship fundraising effort by purchasing Bagels on Sunday mornings. All money goes to helping ensure that everyone can attend our local and regional events. We thank all of our Temple members for their support of this important project.

These were just some of this things that our Youth Groups have been involved with this year. As always, you can join at any time. Simply call the Temple Office at

489-0035 or me at 429-6227. May your Hanukkah be filled with health, happiness and beauty always. ■

## The Henry Raich Senior Group

The Henry Raich Senior Group will be holding a Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion on Wednesday, December 13, at 12 Noon. An interesting afternoon is planned as Guest Speaker and Temple Emanuel member, Robert Strauss, a journalist and T.V. critic gives his insights on the Mass Media. Please R.S.V.P. to the Temple Office at 489-0029 so we can plan for refreshments.

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, April 17, for The Group's Trip to New York to visit the Jewish Museum and other places of Jewish interest. ■

## Hanukkah Festival Dinner & Shabbat Service

**Friday Evening, December 22**  
**Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**  
**Service: 8:00 p.m.**

Please join us at our **Hanukkah Festival Dinner on Friday evening, December 22, at 6:30 p.m.** This holiday dinner is being hosted by The Henry Raich Senior Group. A delicious dinner and holiday surprises are being planned and Hanukkah Menorahs will be lit. Send back your reservations early so that you can be included in this happy occasion. Our Hanukkah Festival will continue at Shabbat Evening Services at 8:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$13 per adult and \$6 per child (12 and under).

## Tzedakah

By Pearl Braunstein

Please join us for our Casserole Cooking Project on Tuesday, December 12th and Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Our casseroles provide a hot lunch meal for approximately 200 persons each month.

Please note that the "Can-Can" sale at one of our supermarkets (in January) is the perfect time to stretch any allocated dollars for tzedakah. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishable food items to the Temple.

A thank you to congregants who so generously donated to our Yom Kipur Food Drive. Total poundage was approximately 1,500 pounds. We fell short from our 1994 total of 2,300 pounds of food. The important fact at Temple Emanuel is we collect food 12 months of the year to share with the community. ■

## A HEBREW MARATHON

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Saturday, January 6, 1996  
8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

and

Sunday, January 7, 1996  
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at Temple Emanuel

This is a program that enables adult beginners to learn to read Hebrew and master basic prayers in just 7 hours. Everyone is eligible: People with no Hebrew background and those who want a refresher course. Advance registration is required. Course Fee \$50. For more information call **Jean Klein** in the Religious School office at **489-0035**

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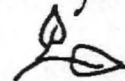
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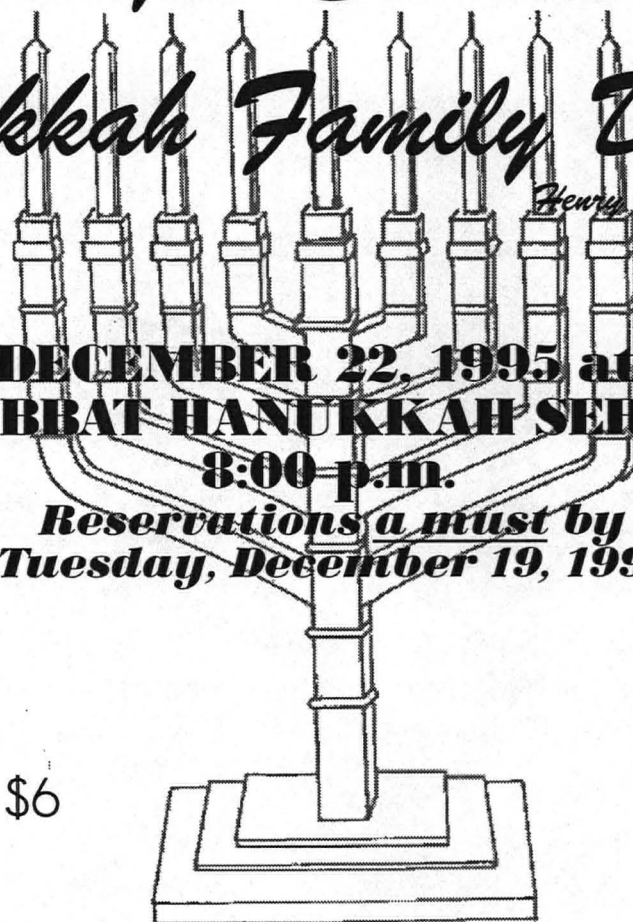
Henry Raich Senior Group

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1995 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**SHABBAT HANUKKAH SERVICE**  
**8:00 p.m.**

***Reservations a must by***  
***Tuesday, December 19, 1995***

Adult - \$13

Child (under 12) - \$6



----- Please send back form below -----

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*Hanukkah Family Dinner*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of Children** \_\_\_\_\_

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

by Robin Cogan, Sisterhood President

As we join with our families to celebrate the festival of Hanukkah, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the blessings of the passing year. It is a gift to be part of a community where we can feel the passage of time through beautiful memories that are built together. I see continuity in our Sisterhood and women reaching out to each other to bring in new and old members to share in the excitement of our group. The talent and support of our Sisterhood members is a blessing to our Temple and to me, because without the enthusiasm and support of our members this time of growth and productivity could not happen. I personally thank all of my Board and Sisterhood members for their labors of love on behalf of our Temple and our Sisterhood. We have grown into a vibrant, strong organization with amazing momentum moving into 1996.

Thankfully we have such good news to share in regard to the success of our activities this year. Our total membership is higher than it has ever been, we have involved many new women in Sisterhood and have benefitted from the talent and creativity of the women of our Temple. I thank Mark Sobel, our Temple President, as well as the Rabbis for their support and encouragement of Sisterhood.

By the time this edition of the Light is released, our Hanukkah Bazaar will be completed. This is truly one of the highlights of our year. The group effort in planning and organizing this day is admirable. The never-ending support of **Karen Borish, Irene Kauffman, Joyce Hoff** and **Joan Grossberg** is heartfelt and appreciated. Hats off to these fine women and their fabulous committee for a spectacular day, filled with fun, friends and great shopping. I know that each woman has taken a newer Sisterhood member under their wing to share in the leadership experience and provide guidance and support for future events. This leadership training is essential to the needs, growth and continuity of our Sisterhood. By the way, anyone who missed our Latkes needs to keep us in mind next year. **Gertrude Pastelnick** is our gifted chef who oversaw the Latke making process. A special thank you to Gert

and Irene and all of the bakers and volunteers who made our Hanukkah Bazaar so successful.

On November 16th, we initiated a Rosh Chodesh evening. The enrichment of this night, thanks to **Natalie Hull** and **Rabbi Randi Musnitsky** will have long lasting effects on our members. We are planning 2 more Rosh Chodesh evenings this year. This project symbolizes the strength and beauty of Sisterhood, women coming together, sharing their talents, wisdom, life experiences and opening their minds to share in the beauty of rituals steeped in ancient traditions. Thank you go to **Faith Chonofsky** and **Sheri Kuchin** for the special food that was prepared for this event.

We look forward towards Winter as Sisterhood is planning some extra special activities to help us through the cold months. Some of these include a General Meeting on January 25 with Guest Speaker, Dr. Mark Rosenberg speaking about "Pets", February 20 will be a night of Celebration of Jerusalem 3000 - with our "Jerusalem Cafe" and March 17 welcomes our "Celebration of Kids Expo '96" - a Sunday devoted to the educational and entertainment opportunities that are available to our children in this area.

I describe my job as Sisterhood President as being like the plate spinner on the Ed Sullivan Show, the key to success is to find a comfortable balance. Many programs and projects are available to our members. I am so thankful for this opportunity, and more for the women that I have met and have had the privilege to work with. We are truly Sisters in spirit, you can feel the affection and warmth from our Board meetings to our events to cooking latkes in the kitchen. Each Sisterhood member can find a niche for herself, where she can feel comfortable, productive and involved on whatever level she chooses.

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October 23, 1995

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Jack Goodman and Brian Baratz investigated traffic patterns for Sunday school sessions I and II. Their recommendations were tentatively approved and instituted. All traffic entering Springdale Road must exit Springdale Road. Likewise, those using the Kresson Road entrance will exit on Kresson Road. The committee will monitor the success of the program.

The Board is proud to announce the Israel Bond Shabbat will honor Bess & Jim Soffer for their years of dedicated service to the synagogue and the community on December 15, 1995.

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## con-TEMPLE-ations

by Joan Grossberg

I'm sure I'm not the only congregant to notice something in particular about our rabbis. We've all, at one time or another, been witness to their learning, wisdom, compassion and one hopes, after reading this column, their sense of humor. There is yet one more similarity. They are both thin.

Now, this coincidence could be the result of diet and exercise. A possibility. Maybe it's an inherited trait. Another possibility. Yet, I propose here that their absence of fat is instead a case of benign neglect on the part of the congregation.

Think of one of the added bonuses of attending Friday night services...besides the babysitting room - no doubt quite an incentive for those of us parents of the under-7 set. You may be sitting in the pews quietly praying, reading and singing along. The trials and tribulations of the week are behind you and you can just sit for an hour and soak it all in.

Not so the rabbis. They're opening and closing the heavy ark doors. No aliyahs on a Friday night to help out. They're occasionally lugging those heavy Torahs not only to the lectern, but often all through the sanctuary as well. Sure, we get to sit down again when it's all over. Not so the rabbis. They're right back up at the lectern for yet another round.

Services end. It's "Shabbat Shalom", kiss-kiss all around. Then off to what the more honest among

us will admit is their favorite part - the oneg. Sticky buns, cookies, shnecken and a personal favorite, those little cakes with the bar and bat mitzvah names on them. I even have the kids trained to go on reconnaissance moves to get in to the table and out with a little cake in hand in under three seconds.

Yet, here is where we forget our hardworking spiritual leaders. While we're shmoozing, they're basically closing up shop. Putting away the robes, the tallit and other bimah trappings. They make their way to the oneg where they greet and are greeted by familiar faces and make a point of becoming acquainted with new ones as well. All the while watching these faces partake of that great dessert spread.

By the time the rabbis make their way to the table, there's usually nothing left but a few broken cookies and all the crumbs one can eat. Maybe some flat diet-7 Up to wash it all down. For all we know, our rabbis are heading home to some stale Entenmann's. Not the sweetest way to end a Friday night.

I propose here a small congregation-wide mitzvah project. Next time you find yourself at the Temple on a Friday night, by all means, enjoy the services and partake of the oneg. But, while you're at it, try to save a few cakes for the rabbis. It makes for a nice gesture and, besides, they could use the weight. ■

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