

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TEMPLE LIFE

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SUMMER SERVICES

Summer Services are held each and every Friday evening throughout the summer months at 8:00 p.m. The first Friday of each month will be our Family Service, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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From the Rabbi's Study-



by Rabbi Debbie Cohen

Dear Members of Temple Emanuel,

It is my husband David's and my pleasure to join the Temple Emanuel community. Much dedication, caring and thought has gone into making Temple Emanuel a Kehillat Kodesh, or "Holy congregation". I am so very impressed by Temple Emanuel's programs and the enthusi-

asm of the members who I have met. I consider it a privilege to become a rabbi within this special community. It is an honor to follow Rabbi Musnitsky and to work with Rabbi David and the rest of the staff and lay-leadership. I consider the relationship between a rabbi and congregation to be based on a brit or covenant. I envision our relationship as being based on trust and respect, on a love of Judaism and on a mutual desire to grow spiritually and to give back to the greater community.

Getting to know members of the congregation on an individual level is very important to me. It is through personal bonds that community is formed. I come from serving a congregation with just 160 member families. I know that getting to know 1100 families will be much more difficult, but hopefully not impossible. I know it will take time to truly become part of the community. In the upcoming months, I urge you to introduce yourself. Stop by my office or let's talk after services. I look forward to getting to know your families and learning about what you like the most about Temple Emanuel. Respecting the Minhag HaMakom, or the customs of Temple Emanuel, is important to me. Please help me to learn what makes Temple Emanuel a special synagogue to you.

To begin the process of getting to know one another, let me tell you a little about David and me. I grew up in Columbia, MD. My parents still live in Columbia, whereas my sister lives in Arizona. I graduated from University of Michigan and, after working in a public interest group in Washington, DC, went to rabbinical school in 1992. For the past three years, I have served Beth Shalom - a wonderful small congregation in the Research Triangle of North Carolina. Jewish education, community building and social action are especially important part of the rabbinate to me. Unlike me, David is a local. He grew up in Cherry Hill and had his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel! He is working at the Philadelphia Inquirer as a sports editor. We will be living in Haddonfield with our sheltie named ToeWho (meaning: "chaos" in Biblical Hebrew).

Before beginning a journey, it is traditional to recite Tifillat HaDerech or the "Travelers prayer" to ask for God's blessing in making the endeavor fruitful. May we be blessed as we begin our journey together - a journey of living Judaism, of learning about one another and of celebrating life's joys and sharing life's trials. A journey of growing as congregants and rabbi.

B'Shalom,

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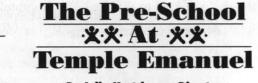
Rabbi Debbie Cohen

RITUAL EDUCATION AT TEMPLE EMANUEL By Barbara Silverman

Shalom! As many of you already know, I am now the Ritual Educator at Temple Emanuel. This exciting new position will afford me the opportunity to work more closely with you to ensure that we optimize your family's association with Temple Emanuel. My goal is to help forge a stronger bond between and amongst the Bar/Bat Mitzvah children and their families.

The transition to this new position has been a very natural one since I have been doing many of the duties that come under this job description for the past several years. I am working on some exciting family programming with our Family Life Educator, Bonnie Slobodien. Modifications are also being planned for the "mitzvah project" component of our B'nai Mitzvah program. I am always looking for ways to fine tune and polish the existing programs. Please feel free to contact me (856-489-0035, ext. 45) or Bsilverman@templeemanuel.org if you have any questions or would even like to offer a suggestion.

> Barbara Silverman Ritual Educator



By Julie Kratchman, Director

The past few months have been fun-filled as I have enjoyed being a part of Kamp Kayeetz. Our young campers have enjoyed all the pleasures summertime brings, from waterplay to song. In addition to camp, I have been busy planning and preparing for our 9th year at the Pre-School at Temple Emanuel. I look forward to welcoming all our families with young children. Whether you have a newborn, toddler or pre-schooler, we have a program for you.

Our PACT (Parents and Children Together) Program is designed for parents and children to come together each week to meet other families and participate in developmentally appropriate activities. These programs will focus through song, games and other media, on each level of development.

> Programs include: Ima (Mommy) & Me Torah Tales Young Explorers Date With Daddy (Evening Class) Toddler Territory

Birth - 10 months 12 - 24 months Crawlers - 18months 10 - 24 months

18 - 28 Months

If you are interested in additional information regarding these programs and/or our Pre-School or would like to set up an appointment to visit and learn more about our programs, please call me at 489-0034.

SCRIP

Use Scrip Certificates! Weekly grocery shopping for your family at Shop Rite Labor Day weekend picnic supplies from Genuardi's "Break the Fast" trays from Short Hills Your favorite market will make a donation to Sisterhood every time! Please call Barbara Berger at 751-4581 Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.



JEWISH FAMILY EDUCATION AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Temple Emanuel has embarked on an exciting new venture. We have added a Jewish Family Life Educator to our staff in order to strengthen the connection between Jewish education and observances that takes place in the TEMPLE and that which takes place in the HOME. The goal of Jewish Family Education is to bridge the gap between school and home, generation to generation, interfaith couples and the Jewish community, newlyweds, new parents, "empty-nesters", grandparents, the "religious" Jew and the "cultural" Jew.

Bonne Slobodien will direct our efforts towards Family Education. She will endeavor to connect the different arms of the Temple and to bridge our various constituencies. She has a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and has been Principal of the Religious School at Temple Sinai in Cinnaminson, Judaic Program Director for the JCC Camps in Medford, and Music Teacher and Director of the Instrumental Music Program at Kellman Academy in Cherry Hill.

Bonnie is teeming with exciting ideas and is anxious to hear from YOU. Her goal is to provide you and your family with the opportunity to LIVE JUDAISM in a way which is meaningful to YOU. She resides in Haddonfield with her husband, Michael and 3 children, Richard, Sarah and Elana. Bonnie says, "Come and visit me in my new office in the Library and call or e-mail me with your ideas, concerns, and willingness to volunteer your time!! I cannot wait to meet all of you!" (e-mail: bonnie@templeemanuel.org)



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS the easy way to get thousands of dollars worth of coupons for local eateries, attractions and services for just \$30 per book! Please call Felice Friedman at 482-9146 or Bonnie Sharps at 985-0415 Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

YOUTH GROUP by Sandy Umansky

As the days of summer fly by, it is important to look ahead to the beginning of our new school year, a new Youth Group agenda for all of our Temple Emanuel teens. Planning and scheduling, arranging and directing have all been going on to make this coming year one of the best ever. We know that there truly is "something for everyone". We hope that each and every teen will come to our opening events and see for themselves how great Youth Group can be.

We invite all to our first event on Sunday, September 17 which will include a car wash, bake sale and garage sale. Mark your calendars now and plan to be there. All junior (SHOMRIM) and senior (TEFTY) youth group members and potential members are invited to share in the fun. Not only will we be having a great day, but we will also be raising funds for scholarship. Look for our yearly calendar in the next issue of "The Light".

B'Shalom,

Sandy Umansky Temple Emanuel Youth Group Director

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Congregants,

I wanted to take the time to thank everyone for all the wonderful baby supplies that have been donated. Because of everyone's generosity, my 6 month old son is a healthy and happy baby. It is a great feeling to know that when I am in need, I can turn to Temple Emanuel. The synagogue has become a second family to me and my son. Without your help, we would not be doing so well. I hope in the future if there is anything the synagogue needs, I could give back the kindness you have shown me.

Thank you for taking the time to think of us.

Sincerely,

A Grateful Mother

SHALOM HOUSE

"A Jewish Commitment to Camden"

BACKGROUND

- Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide organization devoted to providing simple, decent housing for families who need it.
- Volunteers build the houses, but a major hallmark of Habitat is the requirement of "sweat equity". All houses are sold for the cost to build them (or less, depending on family's ability to pay).
- Though Habitat is a nominally Christian organization, it has been welcoming to volunteers and homeowners of all faiths and backgrounds. Metropolitan Camden Habitat for Humanity ("MCHH") is the local affiliate for Habitat.
- The Jewish community, through the auspices of Congregation M'kor Shalom, has been fielding volunteer building teams at MCHH one Sunday a month. This relationship with MCHH is over 6 years old.
- MCHH has rehabilitated 19 homes in the last 10 years in Camden. The Jewish Community has been involved with 15 of these homes.
- Last summer, as part of the JCC-sponsored Maccabi Games Day of Caring and Sharing, 40 young athletes from all over the U.S. participated in a Habitat build. The Day of Caring and Sharing received wide press coverage, with the Habitat event getting particular attention.
- Adath Emanu-El and the Federation Young Leadership Council have Habitat build events on a regular basis.

HOW TO HELP

METROPOLITAN CAMDEN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

c/o Congregation M'Kor Shalom, 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 Be sure to mark your check with the words "Shalom House" or it won't get credited to this project.

The summer Habitat for Humanity Sunday build schedule is:

August 20th, which will include a training session for potential supervisors

All work groups meet at Congregation M'Kor Shalom at 8:15 A.M. and return no later than 1:00 P.M. Please call or e-mail Stew at (856) 778-9833 or e-mail at <u>Stewabrams@aol.com</u> or call the M'Kor Shalom office at (856) 424-4220.

SISTERHOOD

by Joanne Rosen

Aaah, summer time and the living is easy. Not so for your Sisterhood! We are working diligently through these lazy, hazy days to plan a year full of programs with you in mind! Casserole cooking for the hungry, Rosh Chodesh group, holiday enrichmentfor Religious School students, Book Club, Chanukah Bazaar, Her Seder, Retreat Weekend are some of our offerings.

Your membership is important to Sisterhood. Please join with us to promote education, spirituality and social justice in our community, in Israel and around the world. Your membership donation helps provide scholarships for Religious School students at Temple Emanuel, Rabbis at Hebrew Union College and young children in Israeli nursery schools.

Your Sisterhood membership is all about belonging to the community of women at your Temple. Together, we extend our open arms to you. Please join us!

Please take the time to call the Temple office and let us know about your good news and simchas. We would love to print them in *The Light* so our entire Temple family can kvell and shep nachas with us.



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So that our Rabbis can communicate with college students and keep them posted on syna-gogue and community news via *The Light*, please fill out this form and return it to the Temple Office.

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Student's name:

College:

College address (if away from home):

E-mail:

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Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Fall into Fashion Show Monday, September 18, 2000 Regency Palace Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

Support Your Temple Family...Support Your Sisterhood Please donate a prize, place an ad, bring a friend!

Dear Fellow Congregant,

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood invites you to take advantage of a unique opportunity. Please join us as a prize donor or advertiser for our *Fall into Fashion Show*. The proceeds of this event will help Sisterhood provide holiday enrichment programs, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation gifts as well as scholarships for Temple Religious School students.

Your Sisterhood is an active group of women who are dedicated to our Temple Emanuel Family. Our ability to enhance the educational experience for the children of our Religious School depends on the success of our fundraising efforts - and we need your help.

> Any contribution will be gratefully welcomed and appreciated. Respectfully thanking you,

Amy Bodofsky and Wendi Cohen Fashion Show CoChairwomen

Value

For tickets or information, please call Amy Bodofsky at 424-1883.

THANK YOU! Please call Amy Bodofsky (424-1883) for pick up or mail this form with your check payable to "Temple Emanuel Sisterhood" to Wendi Cohen, 419 Downs Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 Name Phone Address Phone

Prize Donation

Souvenir Program Ad (Please enclose camera-ready ad or business card.)

Sold Back cover Ad	\$150	5 1/2" X 8 1/2"
Front or Back Inside Cover	\$125	5 1/2" X 8 1/2"
Full Page Ad	\$100	5 1/2" X 8 1/2"
Half Page Ad	\$ 50	5 1/2" X 4 1/4"
Quarter Page Ad	\$ 25	5 1/2" X 2 1/8"

____ New Year's Greetings \$5 per individual or family name (Please print below.)