

one congregation... one family

DECEMBER 2 - TOLEDOT Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 In this Torah portion, Toledot, meaning generations, we learn about the generations which begin with Isaac. Isaac's wife, Rebecca is pregnant with twins, Jacob and Esau. Even before the twins are born, they fight in their mother's womb, a struggle that will continue throughout most of their lives.

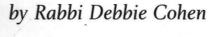
DECEMBER 9 - VAYETZE Genesis 28:10 - 32:3 This week's portion, Vayetze (meaning And he went out), tells the story of Jacob leaving his home and traveling to the place where his mother Rebecca was born. Jacob stops for the night and falls asleep and has a dream. In the dream, angels are going up and down a stairway that reaches from the earth to the sky. God stands beside Jacob and tells him that the ground he is lying on will one day belong to him and his descendants and that God will bless them.

DECEMBER 16 - VAYISHLACH Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 In this week's Torah portion, Vayislach, we read about the reunion between Jacob and his twin brother Esau. Twenty years earlier, Jacob fled their home in Canaan after cheating Esau, the first-born of the twins, out of his blessing and inheritance. Jacob left because he believed Esau wanted to kill him for what he had done.

DECEMBER 23 - VAYESHEV Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 This week's portion, Vayeshev (meaning he settled), tells the story of Joseph's growth from adolescence to adulthood. Jacob is living in Canaan with his twelve sons and one daughter. Born when Jacob is elderly, Joseph is a favored child. Jacob demonstrates his preference by making Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors. The other brothers are jealous of Joseph and what his new coat seems to represent. Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to traveling merchants.

DECEMBER 30 - MIKETZ Genesis 41:1 - 44:17 The story of Joseph in Egypt continues in this week's portion, Miketz, meaning "at the end of." One night, Pharaoh has two dreams, the first about seven healthy cows being devoured by seven sickly cows and the second about seven healthy ears of corn being devoured by seven sickly ears of corn. No one in Pharaoh's court can interpret the dreams. Pharaoh sends for Joseph and asks him to interpret the dreams. Joseph first explains that interpretations come from God and then tells Pharaoh that the two dreams are actually one because they carry the same message - there will be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

From the Rabbi's Study





ccording to a medieval Jewish legend, the angel Gabriel visits every Jewish child before he or she is born. In the warmth and silence of the womb, Gabriel teaches the baby all of Jewish learning - our Torah, our holidays, our prayers, our customs. The baby absorbs it all. But just as the baby is about to be born, Gabriel visits once again and presents a challenge. Gabriel strikes the child on the upper lip (hence, the

indentation above the lip) and all of the teaching are instantly forgotten. In the words of author Ari Goldman, Jewish learning is a process of rediscovering what

is "inherently" ours rather than "learning anew."

As the legend of Gabriel teaches, each of us has the lessons and truths of Jewish living deep inside of us. We just need to take the time and have the inclination to rediscover them and learn to apply them to our lives. Jewish learning can take place at any time in our lives. The great Rabbi Akiba only began learning as a midaged adult! Perhaps, the legend of Gabriel explains why so many adult Jewish learners say that the teachings seem so familiar, like finding a long-lost favorite sweater or glove.

Jewish is also a family oriented process. Family is perhaps the most influential force behind rediscovering the truths of Jewish life deep inside each of us. Throughout our history, young Jews have primarily learned how to live a Jewish life from their parents. And, adult Jews have strengthened their Jewish knowledge by passing it on to their children. Often, though, families need a little help bringing Judaism into their lives. Families, shall we say, want a "Gabriel" to help them learn

about their heritage and incorporate it into their lives.

At Temple Emanuel, the new Family Education Department, headed by Bonnie Slobodien, is such a "Gabriel." Jewish family education means families exploring Jewish customs, wisdom and traditions together. It means Jewish celebration and growing at home. Family education is the oldest and probably the most effective method of Jewish learning. Sometimes, though, it can be the most neglected. Bonnie Slobodien, education director Helene Cohen, Rabbi David and I are committed to strengthening Jewish learning among the family at Temple Emanuel.

Family education at Temple Emanuel takes many forms. It's potential is truly

exciting. In October, many families ordered sukkot and etrog and lulav sets for the first time through the Family Education Department. This month, Bonnie Slobodien is planning a wonderful Mitzvah Mall for families to learn together about Jewish tradition of giving tzedakah during Channukah. family retreat is in the works for the spring and the B'nai Mitzvah families are learning together through a series of workshops. Bonnie, though, is also available for one-on-one appointments to help families seeking to enhance their Jewish life at home. Take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to Bonnie. Use this exciting new department to help bring Jewish learning into your home!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bess Soffer

At this very precari-



history, I'd like to reprint an email which I received regarding a Crash Course in Mid-East History. I hope you find it as informative as I did.

NATIONHOOD AND JERUSALEM

Israel became a nation in 1312 B.C.E., two thousand years before the rise of Islam. Arab refugees in Israel began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1967, two decades after the establishment of the modern State of Israel. Since the Jewish conquest in 1272 B.C.E. the Jews have had dominion over the land for one thousand years with a continuous presence in the land for the past 3,300 years. The only Arab dominion since the conquest in 635 C.E. lasted no more than 22 years. For over 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even when the Jordanians occupied Jerusalem, they never sought to make it their capital, and Arab leaders did not come to visit. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in the Torah. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran. Kind David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem. Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray with their backs toward Jerusalem.

ARAB AND JEWISH REFUGEES

In 1948 the Arab refugees were encouraged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge land of Jews. Sixty-eight percent left without ever seeing an Israeli soldier. The Jewish refugees were forced to flee from Arab lands due to Arab brutality, persecution and pogroms. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is estimated to be around 630,000. The number of lewish refugees from Arab lands is estimated to be the same. Of the refugees since World War II, theirs in the only refugee group in the world that has never been absorbed or integrated into their own peoples' lands. Jewish refugees were completely absorbed into Israel, a country no larger than the state of New Jersey.

THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

The Arabs are represented by eight separate nations, not including the Palestinians. There is only one Jewish nation. The Arab nations initiated all five wars and lost. Israel defended itself each time and won. The P.L.O.'s charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel. Israel has given the

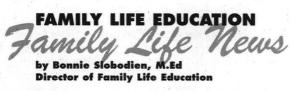
Palestinians most of the West Bank land, autonomy under the Palestinian Authority, and has supplied them with weapons. Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated and the Jews were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths

THE U.N. RECORD ON ISRAEL AND THE ARABS

Of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel. Of the 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel. The U.N. was silent while 58 Jerusalem Synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

These are the facts! Don't let media distortion and bias dissuade you from supporting the land of our people.

Bess



CHANUKAH ISN'T JUST FOR CHILDREN

Chanukah, the second most observed holiday for American Jews (can you guess what the first is?), comes this year on December 21 (24th Cof Kislev). The last night is December 28 (2nd of Tevet). This holiday celebrates the freedom from assimilation forced on the Jews by the Syrians. The rededication of the Second Temple in 165 B.C.E. was made possible by the bravery and courage of Mattathias and his son Judah Maccabbee and their small band of Jewish warriors. It is important to remember that the Syrian/Greek attempts to destroy Jewish peoplehood and culture did not happen overnight, but were preceded by a long period of enticement of the upper classes of Jews toward Greek culture, dress, and religion. It was not until much later that the Syrian ruler, Antiochus, decided that all Jews, even those who had clung loyally to their own faith, would be forced to see things the Greek way - Zeus and the rest of the pantheon instead of Torah.

By the way, the oil lasting eight days was probably only a myth started many years after the actual historical action to remind the people that the victory was a miracle helped by the hand of God. Another explanation for Chanukah being celebrated 8 days: since Sukkot could not be celebrated because of the war, they decided to postpone the celebration of Sukkot to this period. It says in the Book of the Maccabees (II:10): "They kept 8 days with gladness, as in the feast of the tabernacles...They bore branches, and fair boughs, and palms also, and sang psalms unto Him."

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH:

- 1. Let each night stand for something (not just gifts) For example, Tzedakah night, Song Night, Sufganyot Baking night (sefardic custom of eating jelly doughnuts), Make gifts or buy and take gifts to the less fortunate, Book Night.
- 2. MITZVAH MALL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL: December 17

You will be able to visit several booths of charities to benefit organizations in the United States and Israel. Upon giving a donation you will receive a beautiful gift card to give to a friend or family member that says you have made a donation in their honor to the particular charity. You may leave this MALL with many cards and the feeling that you have rededicated yourself and your family to a more meaningful celebration of Chanukah.

3. LIBRARY REDEDICATION: As we replenish and reinvigorate the Soslow Library at Temple Emanuel, be a part of the action. Volunteer your time and dedicate books as a gift to Temple Emanuel and your fellow congregants.

HAPPY CHANUKAH FROM THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION!

A Real Temple Emanuel "Gem" To Be Honored Pearl Braunstein

to be lauded at Israel Bonds Shabbat Friday, December 15, 2000 - 8:00 P.M.

here are many Jewish principles that could describe Pearl Braunstien's philosophy of life. One that seems to be most applicable is "v'ahavta l'rayahch," which means, "love thy neighbor." Martin Buber, the great Jewish religious philosopher, believed that "love they neighbor" is more than just a command from God that we must fulfill. Rather, by living one's life according to "v' ahavta l'rayahch," one attains "kedushin," or, holiness.

Pearl does not seek public recognition for her extensive volunteer work. Her reward is the innter pleasure she derives from giving of herself, and from knowing in her heart that she is making a difference.

Pearl joined Temple Emanuel in 1968 and has been involved in the Israel Bonds program since the mid-70s. At Temple Emanuel she served on the school board and was the Sisterhood liaison to the Religious School for thirteen years. Pearl was Sisterhood co-president from 1987 to 1989, and served on the Temple Emanue board of Trustees for a number of years. She was the first recipient of the Sisterhood's Woman of Valor Award.

Within the Jewish community Pearl ahs been a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Relatins Council since the mid-1980s. She is presently an honorary member of the JCRC Board and is the chair of the JCRC Food Project. Pearl was the recipient of an award from JCRC in 1992. She has also been a volunteer within the Women's Divisin of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, and in 1999 received their Woman of Valor Award.

Of all the causes Pearl supports, the one closest to her is to educate the community at large about the plight of the hungry and homeless. Pearl has served on the Board of Directors of the Food Bank of South Jersey for six years, and was recently elected to another three-year term.

Throughout her lifetime, Pearl has been supportive of the State of Israel. Her strongest motivation for accepting this honor was the knowledge tht Israel would be the primary focus. Pearl has expresed that "this Israel Bonds Shabbat compels us to focus on the human aspect of life in Israel. In the United States, we are privileged to enjoy many freedoms and opportunities. We do not have to deal with being on extra alert and having to defend our country on a moment's notice. Now is the time for all of us to reach out and be helpful to the people of Israel."

Anne Frank wrote in her diary, "Give of yourself as much as you can, if only kindness. Give and you shall receive much more than you ever imagined. Give again and again, don't lose courage, and go on giving." Pearl's tradition of unselfish servie to others breathes new life into Anne Frank's words. The good that Pearl has done will live beyond her years and be her legacy to her children, Nadine, Beth, Steven and Susan, Joanne and Duane, and to her grandchildren, Zoe and Noah.

Pearl has taught us by example that living life to the fullest means, in Martin Buber's words, "penetrating it with an active love." It is with love and deep respect that we present Pearl Braunstein with the L'Chaim - Celebration of Life Award.

MAZEL TOV

Judy and Marshall Gerson on the marriage of their son, Greg to Sheri Podietz

Mazel Tov to Judie and Harry Morrow on the engagement of their daughter, Iris to Benjamin Snyder



RITUAL EDUCATION by BARBARA J. SILVERMAN

Bringing you up to date and encouraging your participation in ritual activities that are going on here at Temple Emanuel is probably the single most important thing that I can do for you as your Ritual Educator.

It used to seem that the pace slowed down a little bit after the fall holidays had taken place. That is no longer the case. We at Temple Emanuel are so fortunate that there are so many activities going on that there is never a lull of any kind. I can only strongly encourage you to come over to the temple and try things on for size. See how many temple activities are a perfect fit for you!

SHABBAT SERVICES

- Tot Shabbat in the Chapel at 7PM on the first Friday of each month.
- Family Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30PM on the first Friday of each month.
- Regular Friday night Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary at 8:00PM (all weeks other than the first Friday of the month).
- Saturday morning Adult Torah Study are held in the Library from 9:15AM to 10:15AM. Dates that this is taking place can be found on the calendar in the Light.
- Saturday morning Shabbat Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary.
- Saturday morning Alternative Shabbat Service in the Library from 9:15AM to 10:15AM on selected Saturdays. December 2nd and January 13th are the next dates of this service. Check your calendar in the Light for other dates. This service is led by Rabbi Cohen and Cantor Sherman.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Our Adult Choir will participate in the Friday evening service on December 15, 2000.
- Our Children's Choirs, Shirei HaYeladim and Sababah will participated in the New Jersey State observance of Kristallnacht at the State House in Trenton on Wednesday, November 1st. They will participate at the Family Service on Friday, December 1st and at the Hanukkah Shabbat on Friday, December 22nd.
- Our third grade students will be "crowned with achievement" on Friday night, December 1st.
- Our first B'nai Mitzvah Family Education program will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 AM. All families that are involved with this program have been notified through the mail.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at 856-489-0035 extension 45 or by e-mail at bsilverman@templeemanuel.org.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS By Pearl Braunstein and Karen Borish

Ongoing Projects

Casserole Cooking dates:

December 12, January 9, in the kitchen of the Temple. Bring a knife to cut vegetables.

When grocery shopping, please remember to tear off a "Check out Hunger" slip. Every dollar added to your purchase allows the Food Bank to distribut \$15 worth of food.

Bring non-perishables (canned foods, boxes of cereal, tins of tuna, jars of peanut butter, etc.) to be donated to the Food Bank.

It is amazing to think the year 2000 is almost gone. Last year many people were afraid of the looming Y2K glitch and how it would affect their lives. Luckily, the "glitch" didn't steal New Year, and 2001 arrived with much festivity.

However, as we approach the year 2001 many of our old problems are still with us. Hunger, homelessness, lack of literacy in many areas, low-quality education and gaps in healthcare are still present. We must face these challenges with new optimism, hope and caring.

Karen and I would like to thank our congregation for their donation of approximately 1,700 pounds of food for the Yom Kippur Food Drive. The food was donated to Jewish Family and Childrens Service, the Positively Nutritious Program of the AIDS Coalition and the Food Bank of South Jersey.

For this month we have many options to choose from to "make a difference." Fighting hunger is a daily challenge. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to the Temple on a regular basis. Canned vegetables and soups, pasta, sauce, cereal, peanut butter and tuna are just a few of the items needed. In addition, if you "earn" an extra turkey this holiday season, please consider donating it (through the Temple) to a needy family.

And, speaking of the Food Bank... The organization will be moving to Pennsauken soon, and lots of volunteers are needed to help with the move. Keep reading The Light for more information next month. I was recently elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors for the Food Bank and would appreciate any information that might be helpful to the bank.

Sisterhood would like to thank everyone at the Membership Brunch for donations of personal care items to be donated to Solace, the shelter for battered women and children. We collect these items on a regular basis. Remember, women and children come to shelters with what they are wearing - and often nothing else. Packages of new underwear and socks, winter coats in good condition, hats, gloves, scarves and gently used children's clothing are needed.

We are in the process of getting our Christmas Day Volunteer efforts together. Your effort to help will enable others to spend holiday time with their families. We'll send more information via the Temple e-mail.

Karen and I would like to thank you for your caring and support. Remember, when ou reach out to do a mitzvah, do it from the heart!

May 2001 be filled with an abundance of good health, personal peace and Peace in Israel!!! And Happy Chanukah to all.

BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
Bat Mitzvah of
AMY MELISSA EHRLICH
Daughter of Andrea B. and
Stephen M. Ehrlich

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
Bar Mitzvah of
JOSHUA DAVID SEMLESS
Son of Phyllis and David Semless

Bar Mitzvah of
JUSTIN SCHLACHTERMAN
Son of Beth and
Philip Schlachterman

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Bar Mitzvah of
MAX BRIAN FRATER
Son of Craig Frater



MEN'S CLUB by Alan Schorr

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make our Men's Club Auction a success on November 19th. Thanks to the hard work of our committee and Board, and thanks to the generosity of the donors and participants, we were able to raise approximately \$7,000.00, which will be used to help our synagogue, and others in the community that are in need. It will also help us to continue to provide outstanding speakers, such as Julie Morgenstern, who gave a wonderful presentation on time management at our monthly November meeting. I would also like to thank Sisterhood for their assistance with the Julie Morgenstern program. I look forward to more joint presentations with the Sisterhood.

Please join us for our next breakfast meeting on December 10, 2000, when we will welcome Rabbi Cohen and David Cohen as our guest speakers. This will give everyone a chance to get to interact with Rabbi Cohen as we will discuss a broad range of interesting issues. David Cohen is the Sports editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer, so we'll be to talk some sports together. As always a sumptuous lox and bagels brunch will be served. All Men's Club meetings are open to the entire congregation - men, women and children. The Men's Club meetings will be free to all members of Men's Club. There is an admission charge of \$5.00 for non-members and \$2.00 for children.

If you have children, please plan on joining us for the Father/Child Bowling event on Sunday, December 17, 2000 from 4:00 to 6:00PM at La Martinique Lanes in Stratford, NJ. The event features two hours of bowling, free shoes, pizza and soda and trophies for the low price of \$6.00 per bowler. We have intentionally scheduled this event during the Eagles byeweek, so there are no excuses for coming with the kids and having a fun afternoon! For more information, Call Brad Ryer at 751-6316.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL by Helene Cohen

There are now over 50 teachers entrusted with your childrens' Judaic education. I have always been very proud of our Temple Emanuel teaching staff, yet it might look like boasting if I had trumpeted their talents and commitment too loudly. But now I can share with you confirming evidence that makes me even prouder of them all. I asked our teachers to tell me why they teach at Temple Emanuel. Here is a compilation of their responses, illuminating and inspirational in their own right.

"...I am helping to imbue each life with a lasting love of Judaism... It is important for kids to have a Jewish identity and to love being a Jew... Our students return every investment of energy and attention many times over... It is cliched but true - our Jewish future is with our kids... My goal is that when they are young adults, they will independently make Judaism an essential part of their lives... Judaism is all about learning, period..."

Are we not fortunate to have assembled under one roof a cadre of committed Jews who exemplify the best of their profession? If you believe as I do that full-time teachers are undervalued, what can you say about our Hebrew and Religious School teachers - teachers who take the responsibility for the spiritual education of the next generation. The next time you see a teacher in the Temple, why not stop to say hello!

HENRY RAICH SENIOR GROUP by Bryna Thaler

The Henry Raich Senior Group will meet a noon on December 13 for a delightful afternoon of club music performed by Georgia Kingan.

For reservations, call the Temple office.

An Apology

We would like to apologize for omitting the following names on the Bar and Bat Mitzvah list in our 2000-2001 Temple brochure. We wish both SHARON BERNIE SEGAL and KIMBERLEA DAWN KARPER and their families a very warm and special Mazel Tov on their Bat Mitzvah's which occured on July 1, 2000

THE PRE-SCHOOL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL By Julie Kratchman

Pre-Schoolers Embrace Opportunities To Give to Others

The value of giving is a virtue we as parents wish to instill in our children. This time of year we are particularly sensitive to the effect the media and

manufacturers have on our children and their desire to be on the receiving end of gift giving.

In an effort to focus on others and the value of giving, the children and families at the Pre-School have undertaken a number of tzedakah projects throughout the past few months. Each month in conjunction with the Sisterhood's Casserole Cooking Project, classes at the Pre-School have been making yummy desserts. Tzedakah monies, collected each week in the classroom, are used to purchase the supplies to make these treats. These desserts are then sent along



Parents and Tots enjoy Torah Tales with Rabbi Cohen

with a casserole to the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, where the families that are staying there enjoy them. Our children experience the fun of baking while knowing that they are doing a mitzvah, too.

Throughout the month of November, the children brought in food items for Thanksgiving baskets. The baskets were then assembled by Temple Emanuel's Social Action Committee and were distributed to families in need. In addition to bringing in the canned goods, the children in our 2- and 3-year-old classes made Thanksgiving cards that were attached to the baskets. The children truly understood the meaning of being thankful, as they shared in this wonderful act of kindness.

During the month of November, we also began collecting outgrown coats, hats, mittens and toys to be distributed to those in need. Our toy drive asked that each child in the Pre-School bring in a new or slightly "loved" toy to donate to children

who are less fortunate than they. By sharing with others, our children learn the valuable lesson of giving. A large dreidel outside the Pre-School office was set up to collect these toys. This effort will continue into the beginning of December, please feel free to have your

family join in doing this wonderful mitzvah by bringing in a toy for the dreidel.

It is never too early to instill the values of kindness and caring for others. In these times of commercialism, it is so heartwarming to see the joy on the faces of our young children as they perform these mitzvot.



Mark your calendar:

Pre-School and Kamp Kayeetz registration for the 2001 - 2002 year will begin on the following dates:

- Temple Emanuel Memebers Monday, January 22nd, 2001
- Past and present Pre-School & PACT families (non-Temple Members) Monday, January 29th, 2001
- Current Kreative Kids Families Wednesday, January 31st, 2001
- General Public Monday, February 5th, 2001

If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with Julie Kratchman, Pre-School Director and a time to observe classes at The Pre-School, please contact the Pre-School office at 489-0034.

MEMO FROM MAYDA

hanukah - the festival of Lights. At Temple Emanuel we join you and your family in celebrating this most beloved tale of Jewish might. Who does not smile with pride as they



recount the miraculous outcomes of Judah the Maccabee and his brave brothers? Yet, what is our real cause

for celebration?

The Chanukah story tells of a small group of brave Jewish soldiers defeating a larger enemy. This miraculous feat, more than any other event, serves as a symbol of Jewish history, and the secret of our success as a people. When faced with adversaries. we unite.

So, what were the Maccabees fighting against? Assimilation. During the time of the Chanukah story, Greece was the cultural center of the world. Many Jews became interested in their culture. Prior to the Greeks, our adversaries had attempted to eliminate the Jews through war. The Greeks employed a new strategy. They invited the Jews to mingle in every facet of life. In time, the Greeks convinced the Jews that they were in fact no different from any other people. And that was exactly the danger in the Greek threat. The Jews began to forget that they are different than everyone else. The Greeks sought to remove the distinction, not by fighting the Jews in war, but by accepting them as their own.

The miracle of Chanukah is the triumph of the Maccabees and their victory in preserving the Jewish faith. This is why we light the candles on Chanukah - to remind us that we are different and unique, something the Greeks and many nations since have attempted to make us forget. We must remember that the same battles that the Maccabees fought, we must also fight everyday.

At Temple Emanuel, we want to provide you and your family with all of the educational opportunities and memories to strengthen the bonds of our heritage and help you secure these bonds from generation to generation. Our goal is that future generations of your family will tell and retell the Chanukah story. Join us for our Chanukah Family Dinner sponsored by the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood on Friday, December 22 at 6:30 P.M. followed by Shabbat Services at 8 P.M. For reservations call Gilda at the Temple office. Our youth choirs, Shirei HaYeladim and Sababah will be singing.

Light the Chanukah menorah with us and rededicate yourself to the memory of the Temple in Jerusalem of old, and to the vibrancy of our temple, Temple Emanuel. Wishing you and your family a Happy

Chanukah.

Mayda Mayda

Kuisine Korner

love getting unexpected presents, and last month someone left me a surprise package at the Temple Office -- a Sisterhood Cookbook! Over the next few months, I will be sharing with you some of the wonderful recipes in this book entitled, "Hag Sameach - Recipes for a Happier Holiday." To purchase the book, please contact a member of the Sisterhood, or call the office.

Here's a little something I'll be trying for Chanukah!

Sfenji (Orange Doughnut Rings)

2 tsp. dry yeast 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice, warmed 3 Tbsp. sugar 3 1/2 cups flour Grated zest of 1 orange 2 eggs, lightly beaten 4 1/2 Tbsp. peanut or vegetable oil Oil for frying Confectioner's sugar for decoration

Put the yeast in a bowl with 4 tablespoons of orange juice, 1 teaspoon of the sugar and 2 tablespoons of the flour. Beat well and leave for 25 minutes, until it froths. In a large bowl, mix the remaining flour with the orange zest, eggs and 4 tablespoons of oil. Add the yeast mixture and mix well. Now add just enough orange juice to make a soft dought that just holds together in a ball, ading it gradually, and working it in with your hand. Knead for about 15 minutes, until elastic and no longer sticky. Pour 1/2 tablespoon of oil in the bowl and turn the dough to grease the top, cover bowl with plastic wrap and let rise for 1 1/2 hours, until doubled in bulk.

Punch the dough down and roll out to about 1/3 in ch thick. You don't need to flour the surface, the dough is oily and will not stick. Cut into rounds about 3 3/4 inches in diameter. Make a hole in the middle with your finger and pull out the ring, enlarging the hole. Leave the rings on an oiled tray for another 1/2 hour to rise.

Fry in batches in 2 inches of oil over medium-low heat, turning them over once to brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels and serve dusted with Confectioners sugar, or dipped in syrup.

Yield: 20 servings.

SCRIP

Please use SCRIP to buy your groceries! Your favorite market will donate \$5 to Temple Emanuel Sisterhood every time you spend \$100.

Call Barbara Berger at 751-4581 for more information or to get your SCRIP. Thank you!





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TEMPLE EMANUEL SCHOOL CLOSING NUMBERS:

Religious School - 638 6th-12th Grade Eve. -2638

Pre-School - 1255

Events and times listed are subject to change.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					1 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service honoring 1st Grade – Beresheet (Genesis)	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of ANNA ERSHKOWITZ an CHELSEA MAUSNER
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	1	2 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	3	4 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting	5 7:00 p.m. TOT SHABBAT 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service	6 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m.Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of AMY MELISSA EHRLICH
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7	8 7:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	9 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Class Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	10 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	11 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Canteen for Special Needs Adults and Children	8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Welcome Shabbat	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m.Shabbat Morning Service Bnai Mitzvah Family Education
14 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Breakfast	Martin Luther King's Birthday	16 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	17 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	18 6:45 p.m. Temple Tales	8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 2nd Grade – Shemot (Exodus)	20 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA DAVID SEMLESS and JUSTIN SCHLACHTERMAN 11:15 a.m. Hebrew Marathon
21 10:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting	22	23 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Study 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	24 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	25	26 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service AJA Shabbat Guest Speaker: Richard Goldstein AJA Campaign Chairperson Welcome Shabbat	27 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m.Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MAX BRIAN FRATER 11:15 a.m. Hebrew Marathon
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

We are collecting NEW toys, books and stuffed animals, NEW hats, gloves and scarves are also being collected. These items will happily be distributed to children in shelters, JFCS and other area agencies.

Please bring these donations to the Social Action Bin near the Religious School entrance by December 18th.

Monetary donations will be accepted for the purchase of toys and gift wrapping. Call the Temple Office for details 489-0029.









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Cordially invites you to celebrate the Festival of Lights

At our

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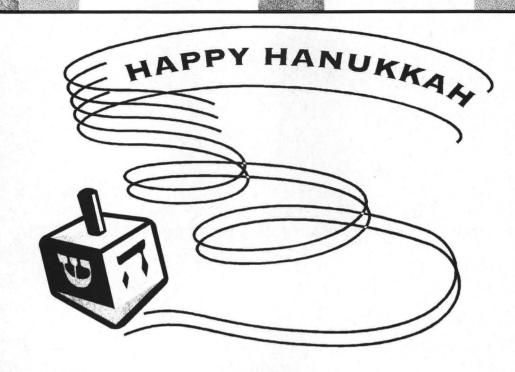


Friday, December 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Followed by Shabbat Services at 8:00 p.m.

R.S.V.H. for the Dinner by December 15, 2000 Adults \$15 Children 4-12 years \$6 Children 3 and under - no charge

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DECEMBER 17 Temple Emanuel Lobby 11:00—1:00

BUY A GIFT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS that will spread the LIGHT of Chanukah.

Rededicate yourself to the values of Chanukah: an appreciation of freedom, family observance, the lights of the candles illuminating the world around us.

Contribute to the charities listed and receive a gift card to give to family and friends. See reverse side for list of charities and response form.



WE'RE SHOPPING AT THE MITZVAH MALL!!! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 FROM 11:00 - 1:00 TEMPLE EMANUEL LOBBY



פי לא – יַחְדַּל Because the land will always have אביון מקרב הארץ

those who are in need--על – כֵּן אָנכי מְצָּוְךְּ לֵאמֹר Because of them, I command you saying: אָת – יַדְּדָּ You must open your hand to your brother/sister, to your poor, and to your needy in the land. באַרצָדָּ

Tzedakah comes from the Hebrew word which means justice or righteousness whereas, charity comes from a Latin word meaning love.

Our purpose in SHOPPING AT THE MITZVAH MALL is to remind our children of the importance of giving rather than receiving. The miracle we commemorate at Chanukah reminds us to rededicate ourselves to the mitzvot of our tradition.

PARENTS ARE INVITED to participate in the Mitzyah Mall and are encouraged to devote one night of Chanukah to Tzedakah. Your example is the MOST IMPORTANT teacher.

The following organizations will make presentations to students in the Religious School and will have a booth at the Mall.

Yad L'Kashish (Lifeline for the Aged) - Jerusalem Prague Jewish Community - Czech Republic Samaritan Hospice - South Jersey Jewish Heritage for the Blind - New York Magen David Adom - Israel's Red Cross

Soup Kitchen in New York operated by Hebrew Union College

A gift card is being designed by Carol Tannenbaum which each donor will receive to give as a gift for Chanukah. Please send in the response form below by December 12, 2000. Your check will be turned into PLAY MONEY for the children to spend at the MITZVAH MALL. They will decide where the money should be spent and receive donor cards. At the end we will calculate how much was donated to each organization and mail a check to them.

This is a project of the FCC and the Office of Family Life Education. If you need more information, please call Bonnie Slobodien at 489-0035 X18 or e-mail at: bonnie@templeemanuel.org

Name of student		grade	phone	
Amount enclosed :	please m	ake check paya	able to Temple Emanue	
(Recommended	amount \$10 - \$	25 any amoun	t will be accepted)	

SISTERHOOD

by Joanne Rosen

A Chanukkah Quiz: Where can you find recipes for seven different kinds of potato latkes, all the Chanukkah Blessings and instructions for creating a menorah of paper towel rolls with your children? In Hag Sameach, of course!

Hag Sameach, or happy holiday, is the name of our Sisterhood holiday cook and craft book. This book was lovingly created by Jessica Manelis, Tracey Rebock and Pearl Braunstein to emphasize the mitzvot of celebrating Jewish holidays with family. You can use Hag Sameach help you start new family traditions for Chanukkah, Pesach, Purim, Shavuot, Shabbat and the High Holidays.

Young people love to help prepare for holidays by cooking and creating holiday art. As many mothers and teachers know, cooking can be a wonderful experience for children. Children love to measure, mix and certainly, taste. Your kitchen may get messy, but you will make memories to last a lifetime and start family traditions for future generations.

Please call me at 424-0425 to purchase Hag Sameach! (just \$12 each) for all the families on your gift list.

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with Sisterhood! Don't miss the best ever Sisterhood Chanukkah Bazaar on Sunday, December 3 and the Chanukkah Family Dinner and Shabbat Services on Friday, December 22. And don't forget that Sisterhood is selling the ultimate Chanukkah present - Entertainment Books. At only \$30 each, they are chock full of discounts for all your favorite restaurants and attractions. They are available at the Temple office.

Happy Chanukkah to you and your family!

Welcome to the Family

We warmly welcome the following new members into our congregational family:

James and Linda Santangelo Mitchell and Miriam Plaksen Howard and Marci Weinberg Shari Warowitz

Ira Miler and Michele Figures

LEHIYOT By Richard Selznick

On Yom Kippur Rabbi David poignantly spoke about Sarah Fritsch. Sarah is a 13-year-old girl with a genetic disorder, "Cri-du-Chat," which affects every part of her physical, emotional and mental development. With the assistance of various staff members, educators and doting parents, Sarah became a Bat Mitzvah this past year. All worked together to achieve her highest potential.

For a number of years, Temple Emanuel has been on the forefront of accommodating people with disabilities. Whether the disability is as profound or unusual as Sarah's or of a more common type such as a learning disability, efforts have been made to help congregants to be included. Recent Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of children with Down's Syndrome or severe hearing loss are prime examples of great accomplishments against the odds.

The Lehiyot committee is moving forward with its goal of seeking "Lehiyot Certification" through UAHC. What does that mean? It means many things. Above all, it means that as a congregation we recognize the importance of creating an atmosphere for all congregants, even those who may be difficult to manage at times, or who require extra effort of specialized accommodations. It means that we have taken a self-assessment of our accomplishments to date and the work that still needs to be done. It means taking concrete steps, some small, some large, toward making the synagogue even more pluralistic and welcoming. At this stage the committee is still in the self-assessment phase.

To help us with this process, please let us know if you have a story of how the synagogue accommodated or helped someone in your family with a disability. Conversely, if there's an area where you feel we may be "missing the mark," we need to know that as well. If you have specific questions or areas of concern regarding a disability in your family or the working of the Lehiyot committee, we would like to hear from you. We will also be featuring stories such as Sarah's in greater detail in future issues of the Light in the coming months.

To keep us informed, please contact the committee through Mayda Clarke by either calling her at the Temple or sending her an email throuth Mayda@templeemanuel.org.

YOUTH GROUP by Sandy Umansky

Dear Temple Emanuel teens...

What better,more meaningful way to think about the approaching holiday of celebration of survival and appreciation, Chanukah, than to plan to help others survive? Two mitzvah days, one for both junior and senior youth group, will occur in the coming months: two days of good deeds and planned discussions of how to make our world a safer, kinder, nicer place. Knowing that our teens really are concerned and quite capable of making a difference sheds a great light of appreciation on our congregation...perfect timing for a holiday of lights.

Social activities are a focal point for all of you teens too..and Shomrim and Tefty always offer a spectrum of events to satisfy the tastes of a majority of you guys. Teams of David and Goliath vied for success at Ultrazone's lazer tag; seventh and eighth graders really enjoyed this get-together. Tefty is anticipating a night at the Franklin Institute's light show and a dinner party as well. In between these events, you can find youth group members helping Men's Club at their fund-raising auction and wrapping students' gifts at Sisterhood's Chanukah Bazaar. There are so many ways to keep busy once you have made a commitment to youth group...and there is bound to be one or more things that appeal to each and every one of you.

Why not start the winter season with a promise of the gift of youth group??? This is a gift that you can give to yourself...and in extension, give to others by sharing yourself and your energies and enthusiasm, your dedication to helping and to making a difference in your world.

Look for all youth group fliers and activities and then rsvp asap...as always, you will be glad you did..and so will all the other members of Temple Emanuel's outstanding teen youth groups....and so will I!!

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.

Our Temple Funds provide a beautiful way in which you may remember someone special and, at the same time, help to maintain several worthwhile synagogue projects. Acknowledgement of your contribution is made in our monthly bulletin. The family of the deceased or the individual being honored is notified by the Temple of your generosity.

So many of our families find that in times of joy, as in times of sorrow, this is an appropriate means of sharing

with others.

Deadline for insertion in The Light is the first day of the previous month. Minimum contribution is \$5. \$10.00 for Gates of Prayer for Shabbat Dedication, \$36.00 for Gates of Repentance Dedication (2 Dedications for \$50.00).

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Parent's Name(s):	



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