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April 7 Passover Eve PARASHAT TZAV - Leviticus 6:1-8:36

There are five "named" shabbatot that precede the holiday of Passover. Although their names refer to their corresponding Torah portions, they also prepare us to celebrate Passover, the holiday that commemorates our exodus from Egypt. This week is the last of the named shabbatot, Shabbat HaGadol or the Great Sabbath. Parashat Tzav (literally "command") reiterates the system of sacrifices used by the Israelites to worship God.

April 14

SHIR HASHIRIM - Song of Songs - This is the portion for the Shabbat during Passover

Shir Hashirim, meaning Song of Songs, is ascribed to King Solomon and reminds us of many of the important themes of Passover. It is love poetry, which is an allegory for God's love of God's people, Israel.

April 21

PARASHAT SHEMINI - Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

This week's parasha begins on the eighth day (hayom ha'Shemini) of the ordination ceremonies of the kohanim. Aaron comes out of the Tent of Meeting and delivers the Birkat Kohanim, the Priestly Benediction, for the first time.

April 28

PARASHAT TAZRIA-METZORA - Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Each year, according to the Jewish calendar, the Torah is read in its entirety. Since there are more Torah portions than Sabbaths, certain Torah portions are combined several times during the year in order to make sure that the entire Torah is completed. This Shabbat is one of those times that we read a double portion. This week's Torah portions are Tazria and Metzora. Tazria relates to the ritual cleanliness of a woman after giving birth. The second parsha Metzora deals with treatment for a type of tzara'at which appeared occasionally on houses. Metzora also mentions ritual immersion for the first time - bathing in water in a certain manner to purify a person, cleansing him or her from a physical impurity.

-From the Rabbi's Study-



by Rabbi Debbie Cohen

"For the sake of our redemption, we say together the ancient words which join us with our own people and with all who are in need, with the wrongly imprisoned and the beggar on the street."

-- The Passover Haggadah

On Passover, we celebrate our freedom from slavery and pledge to fight for the end of all oppression and poverty. Our pledge does not end with words of the Passover seder. Helping the less fortunate is a guiding force in our theology

and should be a key principle in our lives. In March, I attended one of the hidden gems of the Reform Movement of Judaism - the Consultation on Conscience in Washington, DC. The Consultation teaches how to take the words of the Passover seder and put them into action. It brings together congregants and rabbis to learn about the public policy issues that mean the most to us as Jews. This year, Senators Hilary Rodham Clinton, Jon Corzine, Carl Levin, and Russell Feingold, the president of the World Bank and the director of the Human Genome Project were a few of the featured speakers. Only about 500 people attend the Consultation - imagine getting to hear such influential speakers and having the ability to ask them questions about the issues that really matter in our world!

Informative sessions on vitally important issues like Israel, globalization, reproductive rights, church-state separation and human rights fill the Consultation's agenda. The

tragedies of poverty were a central theme of this Consultation.

Did you know that world wide, 20% of the population controls 80% of the wealth? Or, that the three most wealthy individuals in the world could basically purchase the entire continent of Africa? The Consultation is truly an inspiration to get out and work to make a difference in the world. Organized by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the Consultation is an exciting opportunity to meet Jews from around the country and to hear about the creative and meaningful projects that their congregations sponsor. Any member of a Reform congregation can attend the Consultation, which takes place every two years. I have attended several and am always surprised that more people do not attend. (I hope many of you will come with me to the next Consultation.)

Perhaps the most inspiring speaker was Craig Keilburger. Who is Craig Keilburger, you might ask? He certainly does not have the name recognition of the other speakers. Craig is a 17-year-old from middle-class suburban Toronto. At age 12, he went looking in the newspaper for the comics one morning. Instead, he found an article about a Pakastani boy named Iqbal Masih. Iqbal was sold into slavery at age 4 and was murdered at age 12, after he escaped from his servitude. Craig had never heard about child labor and was so shocked by Iqbal's life story that he founded an organization called Free the Children. Five years

later. Free the Children has chapters in 20 countries and has built schools, created alternative sources of income for poor families and led campaigns against sweatshop and child labor. Amazingly, Free the Children is operated almost exclusively by

Craig received several standing ovations at the Consultation. In the words of one Consulation participant to Craig, "Your mother must be so proud." The story of Free the Children shows how anybody, with a determination and drive, can make a difference in the world. If a 12-year old boy can start such a program, think how much good we could accomplish if we put our minds and hearts into it. May your Passover be filled with good deeds and good times.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bess Soffer

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As I write this column, the crocuses and

tulips in my garden are peeking through the almost frozen ground and spring is finally beginning to show itself. The Passover foods are neatly and methodically displayed in the supermarkets and I find myself thinking about my menu for the first seder.

As an adult, I marvel at the way my mother was able to create these culinary masterpieces with so little effort and how marvelous the house would smell during holiday times. Holiday dinners and seders "from scratch" for twenty-five or thirty people were not uncommon in my home and I am grateful to my parents for giving me such wonderful memories.

As Jim and I raised our sons, we created memories of our own for them to cherish. I am certain that they have their own special "Kodak moments" in their hearts. Every year, we look forward to the things that make every Passover a little bit different than the one before - new foods to try, new

guests at the table and new conversations. This will be the first time in twenty years that Matthew will not be joining us at the seder table, as he is doing his junior semester in London. I do not look forward to this change, but know that he is well and having a wonderful experience.

As has become our family tradition. we will be celebrating the second night of Passover at the Temple seder. We look forward to celebrating with our Rabbis and their families, along with Robin and Murray. An added bonus, for me is not having to set and decorate the table, cook, serve, supervise the kitchen, and clean up the matzah mess! It is a relief for Jim to have someone else lead the seder. We look forward to the singing, the Passover "contests," the giant matzah ball and the traditional Passover foods that are always delicious. I hope your family traditions have made Passover special and look forward to seeing those of you who can join us at the Congregational Seder.

Bess

SHABBAT STUDY FOR ADULTS



Shabbat verv Lmorning from 9:15 to 10:15, adults in the Temple Emanuel community gather for study and prayer in the library. Most weeks, we study the weekly Parsha, Torah portion. Once a month, we have a study service, where we delve into the meaning of our prayers. Our meetings relaxed and the conversation is lively and interesting. Both novices at Torah study and more advanced students of Torah and the prayer service participate. Come be part of our study community. Coffee is served - what could be better?

Study dates are:

April 7- No meeting, Passover

April 14 - Alternative Service

with Rabbi Cohen and

Cantor Sherman

April 21 - Torah Study led by

Dennis Karpf

April 28 - Torah Study led by

Rabbi David

Family Life Poucation Jamily Life News

by Bonnie Slobodien, M.Ed Director of Family Life Education

Do you have a SUPPER or a SEDER?

Chances are very good that you will sit down at a table with many people of different ages this Passover. Family and friends may have driven from far and wide to be together on this occasion. You will be celebrating an ancient historical drama from some 3500 years ago. How amazing that our rituals and sense of peoplehood have lasted all of these years when so many other ancient cultures have long since disappeared. "It is an unparalleled sociological phenomenon: Our survival." (Jewish Family Celebrations, Cordozo)

The power and majesty of this opportunity to tell our story depends on a meaningful and participatory retelling and not just a monotonous reading of words. How well can we communicate our amazing story to the variety of people likely to be seated at our table?

Consider these ideas:

1. Assign a job to each guest. Example:

Passover: the Quintessential Family Holiday

Explain the meaning of the seder plate, the plagues, the 4 children, in a picture, skit, song, etc.

2. Discuss what is meant by "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground." Was it in the midst of the sea? Or on the dry ground?

3. have the children write a story about what it must have been like to leave Egypt with all those people. What would they take with them?

4. have one adult dress up as Eliahu for the second part of the seder.

Other guests have come prepared to ask Eliahu a little about himself.

5. Place cards made with a Passover theme by a member of the family

6. You have heard of the 4 children. What about conceptualizing the 4 parents? Or the 4 Lifestyles, etc.

7. Go on the internet! Search for PASSOVER. You will find more than you can use for this year!

8. Try this song (there are lots more like it) to the tune of "Do You Hear The People Sing?" from Les Miserables:

Do you hear the doorbell ring, And it's a little after ten? It can only be Elijah Come to take a sip again. He is feeling pretty fine But in his head a screw is loose So perhaps instead of wine We should just give him juice.

Take ownership of your heritage. Teach each other and enjoy the fun and learning that can accompany the Passover meal. Create memories for your family that will last a lifetime and be passed onto the next generation.... As has been done for five millenium of our people.

Please call me if I can be of any assistance!



TEMPLE EMANUEL YOUNG ADULTS

TEYA provides a friendly and warm community for young adults in their 20's and 30's to socialize, celebrate Judaism and give back to the greater community through social action. Both singles and couples are welcomed. TEYA is open to people with or without children, but all of our events are adult-oriented. We invite you to check out this exciting new group at Temple Emanuel!

A TEYA Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple. Join us for this festive celebration of Shabbat and meet new people at Temple Emanuel. That evening the congregation will be celebrating Yom Haatatzmaut/Israeli Independence Day. It will be a particularly joyful service. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00/person. Please RSVP to Gilda in the Temple Emanuel office by April 20 or look for a sign-up form in the coming weeks.

TEYA will take part in house building with Shalom House/Habitat Humanity on Sunday, May 6 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Put on your overalls and take out your hammer, nails and paint-brush to work on this special project. A house site in Camden is expected to be chosen by May and will be announced. If a house has not been chosen yet for the Jewish community, we will work on another Habitat for Humanity house project in Camden. Instructions and guidance from Habitat for Humanity will be given to the non-carpenters among us. Please RSVP to Gilda in the Temple Emanuel office by May 1. Space is limited.

On Sunday, June 3, TEYA will visit the Marimac Winery in Brighton, N.J. We will meet at the synagogue at 11:00 AM for the one hour drive to the winery. At the winery, we will have a tasting, a tour of the facilities and an explanation of how wine is made by the winery's owner. Bring a salad or other lunch-time dish to share, as we will be stopping at a park in Brighton for a picnic lunch. (In case of rain, we will have our "picnic" at the winery.) Please RSVP to Gilda at the synagogue office, so we can tell the winery how many people to expect. A big thanks to Kendall Berry and her father for organizing the trip and hosting us!

MEN'S CLUB by Alan Schorr

Men's Club still has two more big events before the year is out - the Annual Golf Tournament on June 1, 2001 and the Men's Club "Father's Day Shabbat Dinner and Service" on Friday night, June 15, 2001.

The Golf Tournament will be following the same successful format that we used It will take place at last vear. Ramblewood Country Club with a best ball tournament. That means that all players hit a drive, and then all players take the next shot from where the best drive landed. Even if you are a casual golfer, the format allows teams to score very well. We have also invited all of the other area Jewish Men's Clubs to enter a team, making this a Jewish Athletic Group (JAG) event. More details will be mailed and featured in next month's "Light."

On June 15th we will be having our end of the year dinner and Shabbat service. The theme of this year's program is in honor of Father's Day. We invite all members of the congregation that are fortunate enough to still have fathers to bring them for this special event. We also invite all fathers in the congregation to bring their children as we celebrate fatherhood on Father's Day weekend. The catered dinner will feature a very appropriate speaker, author Gutman, whose sports-based fantasies feature father-son relationships. The service will be a creative service featuring Kol Emanuel, the children's choir, and original compositions by Alan Schorr, including an encore presentation of "We Are Emanuel". This very special evening will also feature the installation of next year's Men's Club Board. We hope to see you all there.

SISTERHOOD by Joanne Rosen

Thanks again to Rabbi Debbie Cohen for leading our wonderful Rosh Chodesh group. We look forward to gathering each month to celebrate the new moon. The Midrash says God gave Rosh Chodesh to women as a reward for not worshipping the golden calf. Please join us again on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 29, Sisterhood invites you to experience Theater Ariel at Temple Emanuel. Now in its 10th season, Theater Ariel gives voice to the rich social, cultural and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people. Come and enjoy an elegant breakfast and experience "Her Story, Our Story," three ten-minute plays that bring to life the stories of our Biblical foremothers. Where the Bible is mysterious and silent, Midrash unravels the mystery. In keeping with this timehonored tradition, Theater Ariel brings contemporary insight to our sacred text. Please feel free to bring all the women in your family! This very special event is free to all Sisterhood members and just \$10 for non-members.

For our Mitzvah project, everyone is asked to bring a personal care item for donation to Solace, the local shelter for women and children. For information, please call Debra Faye at 795-5133.

To our Temple Emanuel Family, I wish you a Zissen Pesach from your Sisterhood!

I DO ... AGAIN

Tell her you'd marry her again, then do it — at the celebration of the Renewal of Wedding Vows.

Members celebrating anniversaries of five year intervals will be called to the Bima to stand under the Huppah for Renewal of Vows at the Friday, April 13 Shabbat.

For more information, please call the Temple office.

BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
Bar Mitzvah of
JOSHUA LEVY
Son of Dever and Simon Levy

Bat Mitzvah of SHAYNA BRITTANY SMITH Daughter of Robin and Gary Smith

Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of ALYSSA CASEY KARPF Daughter of Rosemarie and Bruce Karpf SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Bar Mitzvah of
MICHAEL L. WEISS
Son of Norman Weiss and the late
Carol Weiss

Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ANDREW APPLE Son of Janice and Jerry Apple



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS By Pearl Braunstein and Karen Borish

Ongoing Projects

Casserole Cooking dates:

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- Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Temple kitchen
- Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Temple kitchen Bring a knife to cut veggies.

Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items to the Temple.

Dassover will be here to greet us $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ soon, and I hope you have made some extra effort to purchase holiday food items (other than matzoh) to share with those in need in our Jewish community. You can also donate scrip to the Rabbis to share with needy families. At this time of year, we would all do well to mentally "walk a mile" in the shoes of those in need. It helps to put a new perspective on how we treat others, and why we should take the time and effort to purchase extra food or scrip to donate. It even helps us to choose which foods to donate. Also, Passover foods aside, please don't forget to donate baby food, formula and diapers - it can be a big help to a new mother.

Our Temple family is helping others in all areas of necessity - from food to shelter. We are helping Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a home in Camden called the "Shalom House." Volunteers will meet at the JCC and carpool to Camden. Dates are May 20th and June 24 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Food Bank offices are in a new location - 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken - but the food is still at the old warehouse in Camden. After refrigerators and freezers are installed at the new facility, volunteers will be needed to help with the transition. Please watch for dates for the move.

Our Casserole Cooking squad is dwindling and we need more volunteers. In this case, too many cooks will NOT spoil the broth!

Please set these dates aside: April 3; May 8, and June 12. We meet at 7 p.m. in the kitchen to assemble the casseroles that feed the hungry. Remember, many hands make light work.

Have a bountiful Passover!

RITUAL EDUCATION by BARBARA J. SILVERMAN

So, "why is this night different from all other nights?" By asking this question, families discover the story and the meaning of Passover, or Pesach.

The story of Passover is a story of freedom and hope. It is a holiday of spring and rebirth. Spring follows the bleakness of winter. Freedom follows the life of slavery for the people of Israel. Just as the earth brings green life each spring, the Israelites began a new life as they journeyed into the land of milk and honey. When I think of Passover, I think of my family, spring - and I think of what is different. I even look at how I can make things different, or make a difference. It is really a time of "spring reflection" for me.

Now that the bleakness of the winter is over, please consider allowing Temple Emanuel to take you and your family through a journey. This journey could be different from all of your other journeys. Join us for our Shabbat services whenever possible (Service times are always listed on the calendar in the Light); make a reservation to join us at Congregational Seder on Sunday, April 8, at 6 p.m. (call the Temple office at 489-0029 for additional information); be a volunteer Torah reader or a participant in a service (you can start by taking part in a congregaional Shabbat morning service on Saturday, April 14), and begin attending Torah Study and Bible Study (dates and times are listed on the calendar in the Light).

Make Temple Emanuel a stop as you travel on your journey.

I want to wish you and your family a Zissen Pesach (a sweet Passover) and a Happy Spring!

MAZEL TOV aid vie

Kim Fendrick on the marriage of her daughter, Rabbi Susan Fendrick to Dr. Ben Kruskal

Jane and Mel Kaye on the birth of their granddaughter, Bari Hannah Weiss, daughter of Sondra and Neil Weiss

Ruth and Bob Feldman on the birth of their grandson Maxwell Ross Feldman, son of Danny and Nicole Feldman



CHODESH

Rosh Chodesh, or the "head of the month," is a special time for Jewish women to get together to study, pray and share. It is our time to laugh, talk and support one another while exploring what it means to be Jewish and female. Come be part of this relaxing,

refreshing and enlightening group.

A Rosh Chodesh Iyar Celebration will be held April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Emanuel Library.

Rejoice with Israel! During the month Iyar, we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Our Rosh Chodesh group will meet on the eve of Yom Ha'Atzmaut to celebrate the unique contributions of women to Israel and to discuss the challenges facing Israeli women today. We will share our own outlooks and opinions through exploring the experiences of our sisters in Israel. Pnina Nahum, from our religious school faculty, will help us celebrate by teaching us a couple of easy Israeli dances. There will be pita, humas and tabouli for every-body!

A Rosh Chodesh Sivan Celebration will be held May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Emanuel Library.

The holiday of Shavuot falls in the month of Sivan. The story of Ruth's dedication to Naomi is central to Shavuot. No other book in the Bible focuses so intensely or beautifully on the friendship and devotion between women. We will look at Ruth and Naomi's relationship. More importantly, though, we will talk about friendship and commitment in our own lives and what it takes to be a good friend in Judaism. Come be part of this wonderful evening of sharing.

HENRY RAICH SENIOR GROUP

by Bryna Thaler

Please join us on April 18 at noon to welcome back Sam Popowser, a local actor, who will delight us with vignettes of Jewish Humor.

For reservations, please call the Temple office at 489-



Jewish Youth - Our Link to the Future

Tewish youth programming, like youth group and camp, is fun and meaningful. The Youth Committee at Temple Emanuel - made up of parents, teachers, vouth group alumni and other concerned adults -- wants to get even more young people at Temple Emanuel involved.

The Youth Committee had two very successful parents meetings at the end of February. Let's build on the momentum for this important committee.

We will be getting together on Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. to help set our programming goals for the next year.

We are a newly-formed committee at Temple Emanuel, under the auspices of the Education Council. We encourage you to join us in our mission of helping to develop and sustain Temple Emanuel's excellent youth programs. information or if you can't make the meeting but want to be involved, please call our chairwoman Randi Eisen, 751-0934.

In addition, we are reaching out to our college students with Kesher, Temple Emanuel's College Outreach program, to help make Judaism part of the College Experience.

Kesher College Outreach is a newly enhanced program at Temple Emanuel. In part through a grant from the Community Foundation and, in part, through the leadership of chair Debbie Jeffreys, we have begun to send monthly packets to our college students and to talk with them over the internet. We would like to increase this programming, possibly including reunions and visits to colleges for our 11th and 12th graders.

We would like to start planning for next school year. If you have ideas or want to get involved, please call Debbie Jeffreys at 751-5119.

If you have a new or updated e-mail address and snail mail address for your college student, please e-mail to kesher@templeemanuel.org or give it to Debbie Jeffreys or Rabbi Cohen.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL by BETH STRUM

Temple Emanuel Religious School's Children's Choir Lifts Voices, Spirits

"These children give 150%", says children's choir director, Donna Friedman. "I love taking a fresh group of kids and teaching them songs full of meaning and having them perform and be conducted in a professional way." This choir has graced the halls of the Governors State House, every year to commemorate Kristalnacht, "the night of broken glass", and shook hands with Christy Whitman. They have warmed several nursing homes including the Jewish Geriatric Home, Brighton Gardens, and Arden Court. They have represented Temple Emanuel at the Community's 50-year jubilee, and several multi-cultural holiday celebrations. They even had the opportunity to make their first recording along with Cantor Robin Sherman in a repertoire of prayer and song. You also find Shirei Hayaladim and Sababa spicing up our family services dressed in a sea of black and white, the choir colors, the younger children in white tops, black bottoms, and Sababa which means "cool", all in black.

How does this ensemble come to be? Practically every week on Sunday from 11:30 -12:15 for Sababa and 12:15-1:00, all 47 children fill the room to learn Jewish music. This consists of Jewish liturgy in Hebrew and English, traditional and contemporary. It involves commitment to attendance and to cooperating at rehearsals and performances with all eyes on the conductor. Donna reports the overwhelming high she gets when these children come together, with voice and eyes to breathe life into these wonderful songs.

The pinnacle for the Children's' Choir this year is when they performed with Doug Cotler, renown contemporary song writer and Cantor from California on March 16, 2001. When you think Donna Freedman has had her hands full you may be surprised by her open invitation for yet more members. We thank Morah Donna Friedman for her dedication to our children in this most culturally Jewish way.

The Children's Choirs are Shirei Hayeladim, grades 1 through 4, and Sababa, grades 5 and up.

THE PRE-SCHOOL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

By Julie Kratchman

This week at the Pre-School, we acknowledge "Early Childhood: Where Our Future Begins", as we celebrate The Week of the Young Child. The National Association for the Education of Young Children has designated this week to promote nationwide the value of early learning. A highlight of the week is the annual Pre-School at Temple Emanuel Art The art show will be displayed through Friday, April 6th. We invite you to come visit the show

during the week. Throughout the past month, our preschoolers enjoyed various art experiences as they created their master-pieces to display in the art show. The children in our 4 vear old classes may have gained their inspiration from a



Pre-Schoolers do a mitzvah by bringing in baby items for Caring Hearts Ministry.

recent trip they took to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Through a program called "Museum Looks and Picture Books", the children explored patterns and rhythm in Cubism and African American Art. After they were read the storybook, "Ben's Trumpet," the children had the opportunity to view original works of art that related to the book. Following their tour, the children created their own artwork. This trip is just one of the many trips the 4-year olds

take throughout the year as part of their theme-based curriculum.

Our Pre-Schoolers enjoy the Purim Extravaganza with Rabbi David

In addition to the art show, our pre-schoolers have been busy preparing for Passover, learning the story, songs, blessings and ritu-

als of the holiday. Our

2-year olds had fun creating Elijah cups and afikomen bags for their family's seders. A highlight for our 3and 4-year olds was a trip to a matzah bakery where everyone made their own matzah. On Friday, April 6th, our threes and fours will enjoy a Passover seder with our Rabbis. Following along in our own special Haggadah, the children will retell the

All of us at The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel wish you and your family a Happy

Passover!

Passover story.

And don't forget, registration continues for our Kamp Kayeetz summer program and the Pre-School for the 2001-2002 school year. In addition, our PACT (Parent and Child Together) Programs have limited spaces available for this current spring session. Summer PACT programs are being scheduled. For information regarding any of these programs, or to request a brochure, please call the Pre-School at 489-0034

YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

Ten members of Temple Emanuel's senior youth group -- TEFTY -- attended the national convention of NFTY, the Reform youth movment, in Los Angeles. Participants included Matt Berns, Megan Sobel, Matt Wachstein, Kammy Heffernan, Jennifer DeCesare, Louis Hoffer, Matt Wachstein, David Schwerin and Dan Epstein. If you see one of the participants, ask them about their trip!

Upon her return, participant Danielle Dittrich wrote the following message to

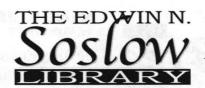
Temple Emanuel:

Dear Temple Emanuel,

Looking back at this year's NFTY convention in Los Angeles, I am completely in awe. The feelings are so difficult to describe. There is something about the NFTY experience that really impacts my life. There is nothing else like it in the world. It is a place to really be proud of who you are as a person, and of your background. It is really an amazing experience of Jewish identity. It is a place where people of all types raise their voices in song; Hebrew and English alike. All these voices unite and make one. One voice that screams out, "I am proud to be a Jew."

All the people associated with NFTY are united by a common bond. This bond is Jewish identity. All the people attending the convention really want to be there and be involved. Through this involvement, and through the Jewish bond, reverberates feelings of happiness and excitement. Nobody is discriminatory, yet everybody has an opinion about everything. Everybody has a different opinion on how they view the world. This can be seen in the many different programs and their intriguing discussions. You can learn so much from other people, whether it is how to help yourself, or how to help the world.

I am inspired by social action ideas such as "Camp SWIFTY" -- a camp hosted by the Southwest region where for 5 days inner city kids are brought to the camp and these underprivileged kids are shown the time of their lives. Ideas such as this have really inspired me this weekend. I have learned about me as a person, and about the community at large. It has really given me a sense of self-worth and of Jewish identity. I just wanted to thank you for helping to sponsor me on this amazing adventure.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Soslow Library of Temple Emanuel is definitely the place to go for the newest publications of Jewish interest.

Are you beginning to plan your travels for the summer? Check out our TRAVEL COLLECTION. Are you planning a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Be sure to take a look at the expanded collection in this category. If you like Mysteries and Detective stories you will not want to miss the ANTHOLOGY OF JEWISH MYSTERY AND DETECTIVE FICTION. Here are some of the NEW BOOKS in the collection:

* Jewish Time Travel: Jewish Historic Sights in Europe and Israel

* A Travel Guide to Jewish Russia and Ukraine

* Great Jewish Cities of Central and Eastern Europe

* A Time To Mourn A time To Comfort

* One Day in September (The Munich Olympic Massacre) by Simon Reeve

* Kosher Sex By Shmuely Boteach

* Tales For The Seventh Day: A Collection of Sabbath Stories

* Complete Bar/Bat MitzvahBook

* Whose Bar/Bat Mitzvah Is This Anyway? By Judith Davis, Ed.D. Please call or e-mail Bonnie Slobodien, Director Jewish Family

Education, if you would like to be a part of the growth of the Soslow Library. We would very much appreciate your time and expertise. Bonnie can be reached at 856-489-0035 X18 or bonnie@templeemanuel.org

VEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMING

Commit Yourself to Life-long Jewish Learning by taking part in a newly-formed Adult Education Committee.

The committee, which is being formed under the auspices of the Education Council, will have its first meeting on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple. Please come to this meeting and help us set our direction of future programming. Share your opinions and insights on what would be interesting to study at our congregation. It is never too late to start learning in the Judaism tradition nor does Jewish learning ever stop. Be a part of helping to build upon the great adult education opportunities that already exist at Temple Emanuel. For more information about the committee, please call one of its chairs - Irene Kauffman, 428-0057 or Robin Miller, 427-9076.

JOIN US FOR AN ADULT EDUCATION STUDY SERIES

Jewish Creative Geniuses Facilitator: Judy Kahn Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7 7:30 p.m.

Judy Kahn, former Director of the Department of Jewish Education, has a thorough background in Jewish life and Jewish education and has taught for many years. This course consists of six sessions dealing with great Jewish personalities and their impact on our lives as Jews today. Judy will speak about Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, Chang Orloff, Sculptor and Artist, Professor Henry Wolfson, Scholar, Rose Schneiderman, Labor Innovator and Rabbi Aaron Kotler, Religioius Leader.

Please RSVP to Gilda in the Temple Office.

Our Friday Evening Shabbat babysitting will be held in Pre-School room 3.

For your child's safety, when your child attends babysitting, you will be required to fill out and sign an information form. We will also need to know who will be picking up your child, as well as proper identification.

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I Model Seders 7:00 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee	2 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting-Kiddush Class 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee	3 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Hebrew Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	4 6:45 p.m. BNAI Mitzvah Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:00 p.m. Passover Kosher Wine Tasting at Temple Emanuel	5 7:30 p.m. Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Canteen for Special needs children and adults	6 7:00 p.m. TOT SHABBAT 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service honoring 3rd Grade -Vayikra (Leviticus) Welcome Shabbat	7 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service NO SCHOOL FIRST SEDER
8 10:30 a.m.Passover Service 6:00 p.m. Congregational Seder	9 7:30 p.m. Exec. Board Meeting	10	11 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	12 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting	8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service "Renewal of Wedding Vows" Shabbat Simcha	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m.Shabbat Morning Torah Service 7:30 p.m. Yizkor Service
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22	23 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting- Kiddush Class	24 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	25 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	26 7:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting	27 6:30 p.m. T.E.Y.A. Shabbat Dinner 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Yom Haatzmaut Welcome Shabbat	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m.Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MICHAEL L. WEISS 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ANDREW APPLE
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6 TEYA – Habitat for Humanity	7 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting-Kiddush Class 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee	Class Adult Beg. Hebrew	9 n 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	7:30 p.m. Adult Ed Mini Series Jewish Creative Geniuses Judy Kahn, Facilator	11 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Sisterhood Shabbat Welcome Shabbat	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MICHAEL KAPLAN and BRIAN ALEXANDER ENRIGHT 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ANDREW VINCENT JASKOL
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Discussion is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by filling out the form below and sending back to Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 or calling Gilda at 489-0029. This course is offered free of charge.

Temple Emanuel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey I(we) will be attending the Adult Education Series "Jewish Creative Geniuses" with Judy Kahn. Name:______ Phone:_____



MEMO FROM MAYDA

Our greatest challenge as Jewish parents is to share our love and knowledge of



Judaism with our children. Most of us did not have the superb Jewish educational experiences that we are currently giving our children. Others have forgotten much of what was learned in religious school, and for many, our own Jewish education ended after we became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Others in our congregation never experienced any formal Jewish education. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BEGIN THE JOURNEY!!

In 1890, Isaac Leib Peretz said; "The Hebrew language is the glue that holds together our scattered bones. It also holds together the rings in the chain of time. It binds us to those who built pyramids, to those who shed blood on the ramparts of Jerusalem, and to those who, at the burning stakes, cried Sh'ma Yisrael!"

Eric Yoffie, President of the UAHC, speaks to this issue in his recent message in the Journal of Adult Jewish Learning and Programming. The essence of his message is that Hebrew is the language of our people and a great unifier between Jews from different lands and different times. The ability to pray with words we understand and the joy of encountering our sacred texts in the original are not opportunities that many of us can experience.

In 1996, Rabbi Yoffie challenged Reform Jews to learn to read Hebrew by the year 2005. Toward that end, he convened a Task Force on Hebrew Literacy. The Task Force recommended the development of a series of Hebrew study materials for adults. At this time, Rabbi Yoffie is delighted to be able to introduce Aleph Isn't Enough, the first book in this series. Experts in the field of Hebrew language and concepts developed it.

Rabbi Yoffie says," I invite you to be part of this exciting learning process

that will lead to new and significant ways of increasing Reform Jewish literacy and furthering your lifetime of Jewish study. I hope that all of you will accept the challenge to become Hebrew- literate Reform Jews."

We, at Temple Emanuel, offer our congregants many opportunities for Jewish learning. Robin Miller and Irene Kauffman are chairing a newly formed committee focusing on Adult Education under the leadership of Joyce Hoff, Vice President of Education. They would love your input. Contact Helene Cohen, Director of Education; Barbara Silverman, Ritual Educator; or speak to Rabbi David or Rabbi Cohen about our adult learning opportunities.

B'Shalom,

Mayda Clarke

Kuisine Konnen_ By Cindy Lefter

When I married his nephew a dozen years ago, my husband's Uncle Sidney presented me with a cookbook. Not just any cookbook he bought off the shelves, but a looseleaf binder with all his favorite Kosher recipes inside. These are recipes he collected over the years and painstakingly put together just for me and the new home I was making with his favorite nephew. Frequently, over the years I've pushed aside my "Silver Palate" cookbook and reached past "Martha Stewart" in favor of the recipes in "Uncle Sidney's Cookbook." Here is one of the Passover recipes from his section called "Holidays."

OVERNIGHT CARROT APPLE PUDDING

8 carrots, peeled and grated
3 apples, peeled and grated
1 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup diced candied orange peel
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup matzoh cake meal
2/3 cup oil
1 cup bown sugar
1/4 cup brandy

1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon ginger 1/2 teaspoon allspice

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Grease a bundt pan and pour mixture into pan. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 150 degrees and bake overnight (or at least 8 hours)

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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.

Tay-Sachs and Canavan Screenings To Be Offered -

One in 27 Ashkenazi Jews is a Tay-Sachs carrier; one in 35 is a Canavan carrier. A carrier has no symptoms, but has the gene defect, and is at risk for having a child with the disease, or passing the gene defect to the children. A child born with Canavan or Tay-Sachs disease loses mental skills and motor functions and will die in early childhood.

The only way to know you are a carrier is with screening, which consists of a simple blood test.

Free Tay-Sachs and Canavan screening is a tradition for the Delaware Valley Jewish community. Every year, between two hundred and three hundred people come to synagogues and community centers during May to be tested. The testing is sponsored by the National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association of Delaware Valley.

People of Irish, French-Canadian and Cajun roots have the same high risk for Tay-Sachs as the Jewish community. Interfaith couples and Jews by choice with links to these population groups must be tested. Jews must be tested for both diseases; if you have been tested for Tay-Sachs, it has no bearing on your carrier status for Canavan, and vice versa.

Children with Tay-Sachs or Canavan are most often born into families with no known history of the disease. Without screening, families are unaware that the deadly gene can get passed along for generations, until one day a baby is born with the disease.

When both parents test positive for the same gene defect, there is a one-in-four, or 25 percent, chance with each pregnancy that their child will be born with that disease.

If you are a carrier couple, you have many options for a healthy family - but only if you get tested.

For more information and the complete May testing schedule, contact NTSAD-DV at (215) 887-0877 or ntsad@aol.com, or www.tay-sachs.org.

The testing will be performed in the area on the following dates:

- *Monday, May 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Betty and Milton Katz JCC in Cherry Hill
- *Sunday, May 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Israel Independence Day celebration at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia
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