

## תורה

### PORCION OF THE WEEK

**November 3 - VAYERA, GENESIS 18:1 - 22:24**

Adonai appears, "vayera," to Abraham. Abraham is sitting at the entrance to his tent when three men approach. He greets them and offers them a place to rest and food to eat. One of the men then informs Abraham that Sarah will give birth to a son. The three men then set off for Sodom. God questions whether or not Abraham should be informed about the impending destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Because God has chosen Abraham to be a great nation, to be a source of blessing to the other nations of the world, and to be a role model of justice and righteousness, God decides to tell him. Abraham then begins bargaining with God in hopes of saving the inhabitants of those cities. When it is clear that no one in the city is innocent, God's decree remains in effect. As was promised, Sarah becomes pregnant. Abraham and Sarah have a son whom they name Isaac and on the eighth day of his life he is circumcised. God decides to test Abraham and commands him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham prepares to do this and as his hand is raised to carry out the sacrifice an angel of Adonai calls out for him to stop. Because of Abraham's willingness to obey God's command, the promise of a great nation described as numerous as the stars in heaven and the sands of the seashore is repeated.

**November 10 - CHAYE SARAH  
GENESIS 23:1 - 25:18**

In this week's Torah portion, Chaye Sarah, we have another opportunity to read and learn about the original Jewish family. Sarah, Abraham's wife, dies and Abraham, now alone, seeks to insure that the next generation will continue the Jewish tradi-

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## From the Rabbi's Study

by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen



Thanksgiving is an American holiday that also truly satisfies the Jewish soul. Thanksgiving's themes of family and giving thanks run deeply within the Jewish tradition. In fact, our American Thanksgiving is modeled after our Sukkot celebration. Let me suggest a few ways to incorporate our identity as Jewish Americans into our Thanksgiving celebrations:

1. Tzedakah: As Jews, one of our most important ways of giving thanks is helping the less fortunate. Participate in a mitzvah project as a family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Temple Emanuel Social Action Committee sponsors a turkey drive and food collection program at Thanksgiving. Get involved and give back to our greater community.

2. Hachnasat Orchim: Inviting guests into our homes is another important Jewish value. Consider inviting a new family to your neighborhood or a person who may not have a place to celebrate Thanksgiving to your holiday dinner.

3. Avodah and Kehillah: Prayer and community are central to our life as Jews. On the Shabbat evening of Thanksgiving weekend, come as a family to Shabbat services and bring your out-of-town guests. This Shabbat service always has a very special feel, as extended families attend together and the community unites in Thanksgiving.

4. Simcha: In Judaism, celebration is a very important part of our lives. To celebrate our unique Jewish American identities, consider having one or two foods at your Thanksgiving meal that are particularly Jewish in origin. Perhaps, choose challah as your bread for the evening and include a kugel or tzimmes as one of your side-dishes.

5. Bracha: We bless God to show our thanks. There are several ways to incorporate blessings into our Thanksgiving meal. You might start your meal with an opportunity for each member of your family to express their thanks for something that happened over the past year. Perhaps, also include a traditional kiddush and the following Jewish prayer, written within the Reform Movement, for Thanksgiving:

*Creative Source of all being, from You come our blessings from day to day and from year to year. The towering mountains and the shadowed forests, the abundant streams and the fruitful earth are Your gift to us. May we preserve this gift for our children, that they, too, may give thanks for the blessings that will be theirs.*

*For this land so richly blessed, we raise our voice in thanks. For our country, for its freedoms, for the richness of its natural blessing and for a growing harmony that we pray will ever increase among its citizens, we give thanks.*

*God of justice and peace, inspire all who dwell in our land with loyalty to the ideals of its founders. Give us wisdom and strength to labor for its well-being, on the firm foundation of justice and truth. Fill us with the spirit of kindness, generosity and peace that this land may be a beacon-light to many people.*

*Baruch ata Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu mehleh ha-olam, hamotzi lehchem min ha'artez.*

*We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for You cause bread to come forth from the earth.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ken Korach



As some of you may be aware, the timeframe for submitting articles to our Temple Light is about a month ahead of the publication date, so this is my first chance to write about the tragic events of September 11. I would imagine that most of you, like me, are still trying to fathom the enormity of this act of terrorism against our country. While on a purely intellectual level I can grasp the number of deaths and the calculated cost of the physical destruction, I am still having difficulty understanding all of the implications of this cowardly attack. In addition to the terrible grief and anguish experienced by the survivors and loved ones of those killed, which will never fully disappear, there is the psychological impact on the rest of us. America as a nation has been changed and our vaunted sense of invulnerability swept aside.

While we will likely, over time, return to our normal routines and the details of our everyday existence, I believe that a part of us will be lost forever. Many changes, such as long lines to pass through security checkpoints in airports and barricades around public buildings will be clearly visible, while others, such as our own diminished sense of personal security are much

more subtle. How we, as a nation, adapt to our altered environment will determine the true long-term impact of September 11. It is the goal of terrorists to terrorize. Our brothers and sisters in Israel have long recognized this fact and while they have restructured their lives in order to deal with the daily acts of terrorism committed against them, their spirit and resolve has not been diminished. It is my hope that we as individuals, along with our government, will be able to demonstrate this same fortitude as we move forward from the tragedy.

As my friends and family have long recognized, it is my nature to be both realistic and optimistic. My defense mechanism is to look for some positive attribute in even the most trying times. I also believe that this is an inherent trait of the Jewish people, which has sustained us in our darkest periods. As such, I have been struggling with the events of September 11, and looking for a life affirming message, which this tragedy might leave in its wake. Fortunately, I have not had to look hard. The stories of courage and selflessness, which have emanated from September 11 and its aftermath, have only served to reinforce my view of the inherent goodness of our fellow citizens. The thousands of individual acts of bravery and heroism, whether it be the hundreds of firefighters who with-

out hesitation gave their lives to save others, the office workers who refused to leave the buildings until all their co-workers were safe, often resulting in their own deaths, or the brave passengers of United Airlines Flight 93, is a living testament to the human spirit.

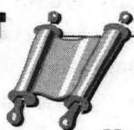
While September 11 was undoubtedly one of America's darkest days, the actions of ordinary men and women will also mark this date as one where even the most evil and determined terrorists could not defeat righteousness.

Finally, the events of September 11 have underscored for me the true fragility of human life. While it has been many years since I thought of myself as being the invincible young man I once was, the sudden death of 6,000 or more innocent victims reinforces how susceptible we all are. The thought of all these men and women leaving for work to start another day and never returning home should make us all value our lives that much more. After September 11, kissing my wife and children goodbye in the morning is no longer part of a routine; it is my opportunity to show them how much I love them and how much they mean to me.

B'Shalom

Kenneth A. Korach

## BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS



### NOVEMBER 3

Bat Mitzvah of  
**JENNIFER ASHLEY COLE**  
and **BRITTANY ALEXIS COLE**  
Children of Michelle and  
Michael Cole

Havdalah Service  
Bat Mitzvah of  
**Stacy Lauren Gever**  
Daughter of Marcy and  
Larry Gever

### NOVEMBER 17

Bar Mitzvah of  
**MATTHEW JUSTIN COHEN**  
Son of Beverly and Andrew Cohen

Havdalah Service  
Bar Mitzvah of  
**DAVID GEORGE HOHWALD**  
Son of Laurie and  
Robert Hohwald

### NOVEMBER 24

Bar Mitzvah of  
**JONATHAN MONAHAN**  
Son of Jackie and  
Stephen Monahan

Havdalah Service  
Bat Mitzvah of  
**MARIELLE REBECCA SCHAFFER**  
Daughter of Sydria Klein Schaffer  
and Scott R. Schaffer

*A Memorial on  
Shabbat (9/14) in  
our Courtyard*





# Adult Education

## SHABBAT STUDY FOR ADULTS

Every Shabbat morning from 9:15 to 10:15, adults in the Temple Emanuel



community gather for study and prayer in the library. We study the weekly Parsha, Torah portion. Our meetings are relaxed and the conversation is lively and interesting. Both novices at Torah study and more advanced students of Torah participate. Come be part of our study community. Coffee is served - what could better?

### NOVEMBER

- 3 - Rabbi Cohen
- 10 - Judy Lubetkin & Sheila Stern
- 17 - Rabbi David
- 24 - Thanksgiving Break - No Meeting

The **Evening Adult Academy** is offering a series of adult Judaica classes offered 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The topics and dates are as follows:

**November 13, 20, 27 & December 4 — God Talk: Four Modern Theologies With Rabbi Debbie Cohen**

Remarkable changes and triumphs and unimaginable horrors have changed our world over the past century and a half. Jews, as in every age, have looked toward our heritage to understand and adjust to these changes. New approaches to Jewish thought have been developed. We will consider how four modern Jewish the-

ologians looked at the challenges of our world and searched for Jewish responses to them. Topics like God after the Holocaust, Feminist Judaism and Judaism in a Scientific World will be considered.

**December 11 & 18 -Grocho Marx to Woody Allen and Beyond: Jews in Hollywood with Gail Selznick** (Note: This class will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the Hebrew classes will not be offered on these evenings.)

### TUESDAYS WITH THE RABBIS

Join our rabbis on November 13 and 27, and December 4 and 11 for interesting and informational afternoons.

**At noon, there will be a Post B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Jerome P. David.**

All previous Adult B'nai Mitzvah students are invited to join in this exciting and interesting class with Rabbi David. Each week, a new topic is introduced and explored. The conversations and learning are fantastic! The class helps set the curriculum with Rabbi David. There is no need to pre-register for this class.

**At 1 p.m., there will be Bible Study with Rabbi Debbie Cohen.** The fall semester will feature Women of the Bible. Join in on our explorations into the Bible. We will begin the year by studying lesser-known women in the Bible, learning about their lives and their contributions to our religion. Revisit, or meet for the first time, these personalities. We will thematically

move through the text, connecting stories to one another and finding meaning in these ancient texts for our own lives.

There is no need to pre-register for this class.

### GREAT JEWS WHO NEVER MARRIED

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. Judy will be teaching two series at Temple Emanuel. This course consists of four sessions dealing with "Great Jews Who Never Married."

The classes will be held Thursdays, November 1 and 8 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Judy will speak about Levi Strauss, Judge Benjamin Cardozo, Rebecca Gratz, Harry Wolfson and Nechama Lebovitz.

Note: This class met twice in September, but new-comers are always welcomed.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rabbi David and Rabbi Cohen offer a twice-monthly adult Sunday school program. In this class, we study a variety of Jewish topics ranging from Jewish customs to theology to contemporary Jewish issues. On **November 4**, the topic will be Women in Judaism with Rabbi Debbie Cohen.

On **November 18**, the topic will be Do Jews Believe in Life after Death? With Rabbi Jerome P. David. The classes are held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

## PLEASE JOIN US AT ISRAEL BOND SHABBAT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001**

Now more than ever before, Israel needs our help. Please join us on Shabbat, Friday, November 30th at 8:00 p.m. to show your support for the State of Israel. We will honor Stella Schaevitz with the Israel Bond "Heritage Award" for her tireless devotion to the traditions and values of Judaism, her service to the Jewish people and Israel. A guest speaker will talk to us about the current situations in Israel and a special Oneg Shabbat will be held following the program. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO BE WITH US.**

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

By Pearl Braunstein

### Ongoing Projects

#### Casserole Cooking dates:

Bring knives for cutting veggies to the kitchen of the Temple at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 13  
Tuesday, December 11  
Tuesday, January 8, 2002

#### Baby and Childrens Items Collection

We are collecting baby formula (Carnation), baby food, disposable diapers and wipes for Caring Hearts.

I wish to say thank you to the congregation for their support of our Yom Kippur food drive. We collected A TON of food literally! About 2,000 pounds of food was donated by our Temple Emanuel family.

Food will be donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey, the Positively Nutritious program of the AIDS Coalition, and Jewish Family and Childrens Service. A good assortment of food was collected to provide many meals for the needy.

The Food Bank celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting in September. I have been involved for many years, and to see such progress is very rewarding.

Please check our Ongoing Projects box for information about Casserole Cooking, a program that feeds about 300 people per month. For members that cannot join us in the kitchen, perhaps you would like to make a contribution to offset our expenses.

When going to the grocery store, please remember our Temple supports Caring Hearts an agency that helps Foster Parents care for babies and children with AIDS. Formula, baby food and disposable diapers are always needed.

The Book Mates program, started by the Jewish Community Relations Council, is in need of volunteers to go to schools and work one on one reading to a child. It is a special time for both the volunteers and the child, and is a rewarding way to spend some time and encourage reading.

November is a time for giving thanks, and for Thanksgiving! Lets all remember how lucky we are to have enough food on our tables by providing food for the tables of those less fortunate. We will be collecting for Thanksgiving food baskets. Bring non-perishables (canned sweet potatoes, boxes of instant stuffing, etc.) to the Temple, and call if you would like to donate a turkey.

If anyone has an idea for future projects, please dont hesitate to call me at 429-5354.

Once again, I would like to wish every one a year of good health and personal peace. Let us hope for the end to violence and the beginnings of a harmonious world for all.

## RITUAL EDUCATION

by Barbara J. Silverman

### A Quote from Moses Maimonides

Even though it has been weeks since the tragic day of September 11, 2001, I find myself still looking. Looking just as you are for the answers that aren't going to be found. I also find myself seeing things differently than I did on the days before September 11th. I find myself thinking twice about the things that I say and do. I found a quote from Moses Maimonides that I had seen for many years prior to this year, but this year it spoke to me. I would like to share it with you.

"Awake, ye sleepers from your slumber, and rouse you from your lethargy. Scrutinize your deeds and return in repentance. Remember your Creator, ye who forget eternal truth in the trifles of the hour, who go astray all your years after vain illusions which can neither profit nor deliver. Look well into your souls and mend your ways and your actions; let each one of you forsake his evil path and his unworthy purpose, and return to God, so that God may have mercy upon you."

The quote made me think about how we as Americans, and as Jews, have been sleeping in the past. It is my belief that we are still sometimes sleeping or acting lethargic through our everyday lives. One example that I am guilty of is looking through my mail, e-mail included, opening what I think is the "important" mail and putting the remaining mail aside for "when I have time". It is so easy to miss something that really is important by doing things that way. It might be an invitation from a family member or a friend where you haven't returned the RSVP. It could be mail from the Temple that you have put aside for when you have "more time".

Since September 11, 2001 and since finding and re-reading the passage from Moses Maimonides, I am working hard at not sleeping or acting lethargic and not putting things off for when I have "more time". I am working hard at taking advantage of all that life has to hold for you and for me. I am working hard at making this a meaningful time for you and for me. I encourage you to do the same. Take advantage of the programs and services that Temple Emanuel has to offer you and your family. Please stop in and say "hello" when you are at the Temple. Help me to help you make your ritual experience a more meaningful experience.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by RITA ZOHAV

### HEBREW READING FOR EVERYONE

Now that the holidays are finally over, we have settled down to our normal learning routines. Celebrating and learning about holidays is fun but they come only once a year. We had fun shaking the lulav or eating apples and honey. Learning about the holidays is often participatory, involves most of our senses and is very rewarding.

However, learning to read Hebrew and to recite the prayers are ongoing and are not as exciting. Really mastering reading and fluency takes an almost daily commitment to practice reading again and again. It's not the most exciting of assignments, but we have an obligation to enable our children to feel comfortable and at home in the temple. That means studying Hebrew.

It is also important for our children to know that this learning is important to their parents. We need your help and cooperation. In order to master decoding children must practice Hebrew reading (as they say on KYW) **2 - 3 - 4 times a week!** I realize that everyone's schedule is very busy. However, it is important to make it a priority. It doesn't have to take long. Even 10 minutes of Hebrew reading could be fit into the time of the commercials on television. **Just put on the mute and read Hebrew till the TV show comes back on!** However you choose to do find the time, please ask your children to read what the teacher assigned or what they have been working on it class. It is the best way for them to progress.

If you can't read Hebrew yourself, there are options as well. We have adult beginners Hebrew classes on Tuesdays at noon twice a month, and on Tuesday evening, the same nights the High School meets. Please join our classes! If that doesn't work, please feel free to speak to me about ways in which we can help you take part in your child's education. Also, if you feel your child is having difficulty in their Hebrew studies, please speak to me immediately.



## YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

It is important to acknowledge the power of teens in today's world. Temple Emanuel's teens are an incredible group; each is an individual, standing strong and committed to helping make his/her mark on all that he/she can. As a group, these teens are truly empowered with the ability to move mountains - so to speak!!

The first mountain that was effected was the food donated to help the needy at Yom Kippur, all given as acts of love by our congregation. Countless bags were sorted and separated, organized and categorized by Garen and Zach Eisen, Louis Hoffer, and Chelsea Frankel. The Jewish Federation of South Jersey, the Food Bank, and the families of Aids victims will all benefit from these bags of food, providing over 1,000 meals to each!

Our teens are also involved in the synagogues adult Mitzvah network, with representatives sharing their ideas and organizing others to participate whenever needed.

Tefty is proud of our involvement in our regional Reform Youth Groups NFTY/PAR, with three seniors elected to Executive Board. Megan Sobel, Matt Berns, and Dave Schwerin proudly represent their own temple at all regional events, such as Machone, the leadership week-end that just occurred. It was at Machone that Teftys leaders learned in-depth approaches to mentoring and directing other Jewish teens toward a committed Jewish life. Not only that, but all who attended had an incredible week-end socially as well.

Tefty Junior is off to a great start this year. There are countless seventh and eighth graders who have the energy and the enthusiasm, the interest and the desire to make our junior youth group reach its potential. We need the encouragement and motivation of all of the parents of middle school students to make Tefty Junior even more significant to all of our younger teens.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, comments or projects that you think our Youth Groups should tackle, please contact me ASAP at the Temple.

## THE PRE-SCHOOL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

By Julie Kratchman

October was a very busy month at the Pre-School. The month began with our classes visiting the beautiful sukkah in our courtyard. Rabbi David told us all about the lulav and the etrog, shaking it all around to signify that God is everywhere. After our visit to the sukkah, we marched into the sanctuary to learn about Simchat Torah and to see the torahs in the ark. We counted them, saw their beautiful covers and crowns and talked about the stories inside.

A fun time was had by all at our Fall Pre-School family dinner at the beginning of October. The dinner was followed by a beautiful Simchat Torah and consecration service in our sanctuary.

Our pre-school library program began for the 3- and 4-year olds. It is so special for our children to visit our Temple Emanuel library to hear a story read by our guest readers and to check out a book to share at home with mom and dad. November is Jewish Book month and the Pre-School will be having a Jewish Book Fair fundraising event. Call the Pre-School office at 489-0034 for more information.



Our Kindergarten Enrichment Jettsetters' Class enjoys a visit to the Sukkah with Rabbi David

Back to School Night, Shalom Horim, provided our pre-school parents with an opportunity to see and hear all about their child's world here at the Pre-School. Our morot were so excited to share their goals, plans snapshots of the children and excitement about the year with all our parents. A special thank you to all the parents who were such good

sports, making crafts and participating in circle time activities during the evening.

Imagine an empty room filled with boxes and cartons! Our pre-schoolers didn't have to imagine because on Carton Days they got to explore cartons and boxes of all shapes and sizes as they were inside, outside, and even upside down! Imaginations soared with the boxes becoming trains, jack-in-the-boxes, towers and even caves.

October concluded with our 3's and 4's enjoying a special visit from the Philadelphia Zoo, Little Zoo on Wheels. "Ears, Eyes, Nose and Toes" gave our children an opportunity to touch and see lots of furry, feathery and scaly things, as they understood how animals survive by using their senses.

These are only a few of the wonderful things that make up our days at the Pre-School. If you or someone you know would be interested in finding out more about our Pre-School program for the 2002-2003 school year, please call the Pre-School office at 489-0034 for more information or to set up a time to come observe our classes in action. Every day at the Pre-School is filled with fun, learning and love.

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Did you know that Temple Emanuel has youth groups beginning in Kindergarten?

If not, your child or grandchild is missing out on fun opportunities to meet other youngsters in the congregation and to celebrate Judaism in an informal way. Below are the names of the advisor for these groups and the dates of their first events of the New Year. Look out for more information in the mail and through school fliers. You can contact the advisors through the synagogue office.

Consider enrolling your youngster in the following groups:

### Shabbat Shalom Club

Grades: K-2

Advisor: Robin Miller

November 17, 9:30-11:00 AM

December 15, 9:30-11:00 AM

### Shalosh-Arbah Club

Grades: 3 & 4 Advisor:

Laura Hoffman

November 18, 12:15 PM

December 16, 12:15 PM

### Yedidim Club

Grades 5&6

Advisors: Barry & Melissa Pisetznar

November 18, Bowling, 2:00 PM

December 8, Chanukah Party, 5:00 PM



## THE SENIOR SCENE

by Lucille Orland

The Henry Raich Senior Group is more active than ever.

Our opening meeting on September 12 was

a bittersweet amalgam of

sadness and hope. Rabbi David and our featured speaker, Rabbi Richard Address spoke to us about their personal concerns for their sons who were attending school and work near the epicenter of the World Trade Center attack.

Rabbi Address discussed a UAHC-sponsored topic of "New Rituals for the Third Age." He solicited our views on this thought-provoking approach to our own evolving lifestyles and relationships.

During the High Holidays, senior group members participated in a Temple-sponsored project - personal delivery of challas to families who suffered a loss in the past year. Distributors included Midge Raich, Adele Oberlander, Sandy Gordon, Stan Herron and Eliane and Joe Strip.

In October, our members were well represented at two Temple activities - the inspirational Simchat Torah service and our annual Shabbat Dinner and service. We shared a pride in our communality with so many of us up on the bima and reading from the Torah in both Hebrew and English.

Congratulations to Joe Strip for showing us how one person can make a difference. He is our "leader of the pack!" His personal mitzvot provided

the stimulus needed to activate Temple participation in the UAHC Caring Community program. Hoe had been a friend and frequent visitor to Helen and Harry Pinsky, long-time members of our Temple. Harry's health had weakened, but his spirits and intellect remained intact. He thrived on Joe's visits ("Tuesdays With Harry"). This experience triggered a simple, yet profound idea - to offer support to members facing illness, bereavement, loneliness, and the struggle to cope.

With direction from Rabbis David and Cohen, Jane Vortreflich, and Temple staff, organizing meetings took place in May and June. Volunteers attended training sessions in July. Amy Blackstone, Shirley Chess, Mayda Clarke, Stan Herron and Joe Strip are among the committee members. Everyone is ready and waiting for YOU! Keep your eyes, ears and hearts open, and inform the rabbis and the staff of friends in need of acts of loving kindness. Those acts can be as simple as a phone call or card in the mail, or as special as a shopping trip or a visit. One person can, indeed, make a difference.

Mark the November 14 meeting on your calendar. The guest speaker will be Ron Pilchik, a popular teacher/lecturer and musicologist. His topic will be "Jewish Women in Music."

I leave you this month with a Little Gem from Winston Churchill.

— "You make a living by what you get.

You make a life by what you give.

## Welcome to the Family

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

Raquel Austin

Gloria Burns

Michael Burns and Sybil Cohen

Lyle and Jodi Campbell

Marc and Willa DeSouza

Bill and Heather Goldberg

Lee and Gretchen Goldstein

Martin Godel

Simon Joseph

Robert and Myra Lipson

Norman and Sheryl London

Cole and Martha Mills

Randy Mintz and

Irene Kirkland Mintz

James and Carol Resnick

Bert and Pearl Rosenbloom

Stuart and Cindy Schiffman

Jack Schwait and Helene Ludwin

Jonathan and Bonnie Sobel

Drew and Jennifer Staffenberg

Ted and Ellen Swirsky

David and Elizabeth Weinstein

Lee and Deborah Yogel

## מזל טוב MAZEL TOV

Debbie and Tony DiCesare on the marriage of their son, Tony to Sandra Dissin

Ian and Julie Weitzman on the birth of their son, Elijah Matthew Weitzman

Dr. Kurt and Nadline Bomze on the birth of their granddaughter, Jessica Rylee Morisette

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Burnstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Caitlain Arianna Burnstein

David and Lucy Schwarz on the marriage of their son Jeff to Dyan Krajnikovich

Dr. and Mrs. David Silverstein on the birth of their grandson, Maxwell Simon Silverstein

John and Shelley Adler on the birth of their son, Oliver Maxwell Adler

Richard and Judy March on the engagement of Erika March to Mark Sinofsky

## PARENTS PROGRAM ON DEALING WITH DIFFICULT TIMES

Join Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Jill Teitelbaum, an educational psychologist, for an interactive and educational program on Talking to Your Children During These Difficult Times on Sunday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Temple Library.

We will address how to respond to your elementary school age child's questions and concerns during these difficult times. Topics will include: explaining the current crisis to your child, responding to your child's fears, setting boundaries for conversations and viewing news reports, and recognizing anxiety in your child about the crisis. Pre-registration is not required.



## TORAH

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tions which he and Sarah have established. To that end Abraham sends his servant Eliezer to find a wife for his son Isaac from among his kin. Eliezer travels to the land of Abraham's birth and returns with Rebecca, kin to Abraham and considered an appropriate wife. At the close of this portion, Abraham dies. We read: And Abraham breathed his last, dying at a good ripe age, old and contented; and he was gathered to his kin. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah..." (Genesis 25:8-9)

### November 17 - TOLEDOT, GENESIS 25:19 - 28:9

In Toledot, meaning generations, we learn about the generations which begin with Isaac. Isaac's wife, Rebecca, is pregnant with twins. Even before the twins are born, they fight in their mother's womb. Esau, red and hairy, is the firstborn. As the oldest of the twins, Esau will inherit all of his father's property and possessions. In Torah, this is known as a birthright.

Esau's younger brother, Jacob, emerges minutes behind, holding onto his brother's heel. Esau develops into an outdoorsman and hunter, while Jacob prefers the quiet and security of home. Isaac favors the oldest twin Esau while Rebecca loves the younger and milder Jacob. Arriving home one day from the fields, Esau, starving and exhausted, sells his birthright to Jacob for a pot of lentil stew. Isaac, who was sick and old, asks his son Esau to prepare him at meal during which Isaac will give Esau the blessing of the firstborn. This blessing, separate from the birthright, is the formal ritual of transition. It is the way Isaac will pass on the leadership of his family and Judaism to the next generation. This blessing still belongs to Esau although he has sold his right to his father's material property. Upon hearing of Isaac's plan, Rebecca tells Jacob to prepare his father a meal, disguise himself as Esau, and get the blessing himself. Jacob does all that his mother suggests and succeeds in stealing the blessing. The Torah tells us that Esau plans to kill Jacob once Isaac has died and the required days of mourning are over.

### November 24 - VAYETZE, GENESIS 28:10 - 32:3

Vayetze (meaning And he went out), tells the story of Jacob leaving his home in Beersheva and traveling to Haran, the place where his mother Rebecca was born. On the way, Jacob stops for the night and, using a stone for a pillow, 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. Jacob meets and falls in love with his cousin Rachel, daughter of his Uncle Laban. Jacob agrees to work for his Uncle for seven years so that he can marry Rachel. When the seven years pass, the wedding feast is prepared. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying his oldest daughter Leah instead. Laban tells Jacob he will allow Jacob to marry Rachel if he'll work for another seven years. Jacob agrees. Seven years later the wedding of Jacob and Rachel finally takes place. Laban and Jacob make peace.

## SISTERHOOD

by Debra Faye

October was a busy month for Sisterhood as we helped our religious school students fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah by supplying cookies and juice for all of our religious school classes. We also supplied candy and flags for everyone attending the Temples Simchat Torah celebrations on October 8th and 9th. Sisterhood was also busy with Casserole cooking and celebrating Rosh Chodesh. In addition, Sisterhood's Annual Paid-Up Membership Brunch was held on October 21st. I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special thank you to Linda Levitsky and her committee for a truly wonderful morning full of great food and wonderful conversation.

Sisterhood is starting the month of November (Cheshvan/Kislev) with a wonderful Rosh Chodesh Program designed by Rabbi Cohen. Rabbi Cohen has arranged a program with the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute to help us learn more about the Jewish calendar and the moon cycle. There is no charge for this program and Sisterhood will be supplying bus transportation from the synagogue, but advance registration is required in order to ride the bus.

It is hard to believe that it is Hanukkah time already! Please join Sisterhood for our annual Hanukkah bazaar on November 18th from 9am to 3pm. We have some wonderful vendors lined up, so please stop by and help support Sisterhood.

Remember all that everything we do depends on you! Please let me know of any programs that you would be interested in and we will gladly try and make it happen. You can reach me at 795-5133 or at dmfdsf@yahoo.com.

## ♦♦♦Caring♦♦♦ COMMUNITY

### Do A Mitzvah, Show Your Care: Become Part of the Temple Emanuel Caring Community.

The Caring Community is a new initiative at Temple Emanuel. The goal of the Caring Community is to provide support to those members facing the challenges of life. Our aim is to build a stronger Temple Emanuel community. We hope to accomplish this by having our committee make phone calls and send notes to check on members who have been ill or have lost a loved one, make an occasional visit to a member in need, do an occasional errand, call and visit a new parent and baby, and provide participants for Shiva minyanim. The possibilities for the Caring Community are endless; our programs and services will expand as the Caring Community grows and evolves.

The Caring Community idea begins with the basic assumption that mitzvot are part of who we are as Jews and, as such, are incumbent upon all Jews. It is through this philosophy of congregational in-reach that a powerful and positive message can be sent to the entire congregational family. It is a message as old as our tradition and as current as today:

### THE TEMPLE IS YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME AND THE CONGREGATION IS YOUR SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY.

To make the Caring Community truly work, we need your help. We thank you for thinking about becoming part of this meaningful initiative.

Please contact Jane Vortreflich at (856)489-0029 x15 or Rabbi Debbie Cohen at x16 for more information or to volunteer.

If you know a member in need, remember that at Temple Emanuel, everyone is part of a community and never alone. Our Rabbis and members of the Caring Community are ready to help congregants in need.

If you, a family member or a friend in the congregation is experiencing an illness or a loss, has spent time in the hospital or is recovering at home, or is handling another of life's difficulties, we are here to help. Or, if you are experiencing one of life's joys, like a new baby, we would like to celebrate with you and help you through this new transition.

Please let Jane Vortreflich at (856)489-0029 x15 or one of the rabbis know. Rabbi David and Rabbi Cohen would like to reach out to you, your family member or your friend. And, our Caring Community volunteers are ready to help.

# Kesher

Temple Emanuel's College Outreach

**T**he date has been set for Keshers College Reunion Dinner and Service. On November 23, all college students are invited to join us for dinner and services. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to [kesher@templemanuel.org](mailto:kesher@templemanuel.org). Come and see old friends from Temple Emanuel.

We will be involving our college students in services. If you know that you will be attending services and would like a part, contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen at [dbcohen@templemanuel.org](mailto:dbcohen@templemanuel.org). Look for more information about this special night in an upcoming college mailing.

Kesher College Outreach, through the leadership of chair Debbie Jeffreys, sends monthly packets to our college students and communicates with them over the internet. We would like to only increase this programming, possibly including reunions and visits to colleges for our 11th and 12th graders. 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@templemanuel.org](mailto:kesher@templemanuel.org) or give it to Debbie Jeffreys or Rabbi Cohen.

## 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.

SCRIP is also available in the Temple office during regular business hours. Thank you!



## MEN'S CLUB

by David Faye

### OCTOBER BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM

The Men's Club's 2nd Sunday morning breakfast and program of the year was held on October 14th, following our Board of Directors meeting. In addition to the usual lox, whitefish salad, bagels, O.J., and sweets, the "ethnic-challenged" among us enjoyed the newly added selections of egg salad and cold cereal with milk. During the next hour, local Republican candidates in the upcoming November 6th election addressed the crowd and answered questions. The G.O.P. challengers present were Jane Greenfogel (State Senate), Lou Harvey and Tony Clark (State House), and Lori Greenberg, Les McGrath, Stuart Alderman, and Tom Krolicky (C.H. City Council).

### NEXT BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM

Who is the only Jewish player to ever be on the Philadelphia Flyers? Meet the answer to that trivia question on Sunday, November 4th in the social hall as Larry "The Rock" Zeidel is our special guest speaker from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Larry was an original Flyer at age 40 almost 35 years ago! And he was a member of the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup champions almost half a century ago!! Come hear the unique Larry Zeidel tell some "war stories" in his very humorous and entertaining style—and bring the kids. Find out for yourself why hockey writer Stan Fischler called Larry "among the five most intense players who ever put on a pair of skates, and one of the toughest." Before Larry speaks, join us for breakfast at 10:00 a.m. Cost: free for members; only \$5 for non-members. Members are welcome to attend our Board of Directors meeting at 9:00 a.m. to learn first-hand all that is going on with our active group.

### JAG TOURNAMENTS

We are major participants in the Jewish Athletic Group (JAG)'s various tournaments throughout the year. Our Men's Club provided 3 of the 10 teams in the September 30th tennis tournament. The TE "studs" were Norm Weiss, David Markowitz, Alan Schorr, Rich Seltzer, Ed Chernoff, and Barry Swirsky. The other 2001 tournaments: racquetball (10/21), basketball (10/28), bowling (11/18), and street hockey (12/2). If you are interested in these sports for this year or next, or in joining and/or coaching our softball team in the upcoming season, please call me at 795-5133 or e-mail me at [dfaye1@prodigy.net](mailto:dfaye1@prodigy.net) <<mailto:dfaye1@prodigy.net>>.

## SHALOMHOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If I Had A Hammer...

Pick up a hammer, a paintbrush... and help Temple Emanuel build Shalom House.

Shalom House is a Habitat for Humanity project in Camden sponsored by the Jewish Community of South Jersey. Each of the area synagogues is sponsoring build dates to make this project a reality - a needy family is waiting to move into their new and beautiful home! At Temple Emanuel, we have signed up for three dates - Sundays, October 14, November 11 and December 9.

So, put on your work pants and shoes and come out ready for a good, and meaningful, experience. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jeff Winn, our liaison to Shalom House, or Rabbi Debbie Cohen, 489-0029, [dbcohen@templemanuel.org](mailto:dbcohen@templemanuel.org).



# Calendar

## DECEMBER 2001

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### TEMPLE EMANUEL

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Religious School - 638  
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Events and times listed are subject to change.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
						<b>1</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Religious School  TEFTY Shul-In
<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting-Kiddush Class	<b>4</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Heb. Post Bnai Mitzvah Study Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. JCC Arts Books & Culture Festival Program featuring Dr. Dan Gotlieb at Temple Emanuel 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. TOT SHABBAT 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service honoring 1st Grade - Bereshit  <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>8</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Religious School 6:15 pm. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of JEFFREY ADLER Son of Shelley and John Adler
<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Meeting 1:00 p.m. Stars of David Program	<b>10</b> 7:30 p.m. Exec. Board Meeting R.S. Sub-Committee	<b>11</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Hebrew Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	<b>13</b> 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Hanukkah Dinner 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service in celebration of Hanukkah  <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>15</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 p.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 10:30 a.m. Bnai Mitzvah Learning Shabbat 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of DEREK BRUNO
<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Shalosh Arbah Club 3:00 p.m. TEYA Hanukkah Party	<b>17</b> 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustees	<b>18</b> 12 Noon Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. Adult Academy 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee	<b>20</b> 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. Temple Tales 7:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Service  <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>22</b> 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service   <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>29</b> 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
<b>30</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

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				<b>1</b> 7:30 p.m. Adult Education Mini Series with Judy Kahn	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Around The World Dinner 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service <b>Shabbat Around the World with guest - Rahel Musleah</b> Welcome Shabbat	<b>3</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of JENNIFER ASHLEY COLE and BRITTANY ALEXIS COLE 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of STACY LAUREN GEVER
<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh at FELS PLANA- TERIAN	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting/ Kiddush Class 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Mtg.	<b>6</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	<b>8</b> 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee 7:30 p.m. Adult Education Mini Series with Judy Kahn	<b>9</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <b>KRYSTALLNACHT</b>  <b>NJEA Convention</b> Welcome Shabbat	<b>10</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>NJEA Convention</b>
<b>11</b> TEYA trip to the Jewish Museum	<b>12</b> 7:30 p.m. Exec. Board Mtg.	<b>13</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Bnai Mitzvah Class Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>14</b> 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee	<b>15</b> 6:45 p.m. Temple Tales  Sisterhood Board Mtg.  7:30 p.m. Canteen for Special Needs Children and Adults	<b>16</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Service   Welcome Shabbat	<b>17</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MATTHEW JUSTIN COHEN 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of DAVID GEORGE HOHWALD
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>						
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Shalosh Arbah Club  9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. <b>SISTERHOOD</b> <b>HANUKKAH BAZAAR</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 p.m. Religious School Sub-Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <b>KESHER SHABBAT</b> (College Outreach)  Welcome Shabbat	<b>24</b> 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of JONATHAN MONOHAN 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of MARIELLE REBECCA SCHAFFER  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
			<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustee Mtg.	<b>27</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Bnai Mitzvah Class Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>ISRAEL BOND SHABBAT</b>  Welcome Shabbat	
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>						





## Rosh CHODESH

**R**osh 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.

The Rosh Chodesh group is sponsored by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

And speaking of the calendar and moon cycles, there will be a trip to the Fels Planetarium for the family (children are invited, too) on November 4. We will meet at the Temple at 5:30 p.m., and return around 9 p.m.

As Jews, we follow a lunar, or moon, calendar. We celebrate the new moon on Rosh Chodesh, or the head of the month. The staff at the Fells Planetarium will present an engaging presentation about the cycle of the moon and what it means to our Jewish lunar calendar.

This evening will be appropriate for elementary school age children and up.

We will have the opportunity to go onto the roof of the planetarium and look through the telescopes at the moon and stars. The bus will leave the synagogue at 5:30 PM. A big thanks to Sisterhood for underwriting the cost of this event and to the staff at the Fells Planetarium for designing this special evening for us.

Although there is no cost for the evening, please reserve your space on the bus by calling Gilda in the Temple office - 489-0029.



## SOCIAL ACTION

by Richard Solznick

**S**ince September 11, we have all been searching for ways to respond to the tragedy. One of the effects not talked about very much is the impact on smaller charities. Many of us have made charitable contributions to the funds organized for September 11 relief. Unfortunately, donations to smaller charities have been greatly reduced. This point was made to us by Judi Laskodi, director of Caring Hearts, a local, very small charity helping needy families in Southern New Jersey whose children have AIDS and HIV.

How can we help them? When you go shopping, try and stop in the baby section (if you don't go down that aisle anymore). Pick up a pack of diapers (any kind), formula (Carnation), or wipes. Bring these to the synagogue when you come in and drop them in the playpen that is set up for Caring Hearts.

Our Social Action/Community Affairs Committee will be meeting with other local groups in the near future to explore ways that we can help them. New projects are in the development stage. As you hear about these around the synagogue, please lend a hand. This is a way that you can directly help during these troubled times.

## A Teacher Remembered

**S**ybil Sigman was a teacher in the best sense of the word. We will remember her warm smile, love of Judaism and dedication. For over twenty years, she never missed her weekly classes or tutoring sessions; she always came prepared and ready to share her passion with others.

Sybil was the most proud of her own children, reveling in their accomplishments and their love of Judaism. Sybil will be dearly missed; her never ceasing devotion to Judaism and to this synagogue made her a true part of Temple Emanuel's heart.

## SAVE MONEY AND SUPPORT THE SISTERHOOD

**Temple Emanuel Sisterhood** is pleased to announce that the 2002 Entertainment Books are in! These regional books offer great savings on fine and family dining, fast food, movies, sporting events, family activities, hotels, and more. The South Jersey edition costs \$30 each, and the Philadelphia West or Philadelphia North editions cost \$25 each. A portion of the proceeds from every book helps to support the Temple Sisterhood.

These books are available for purchase in the Temple Office, at Sisterhood events, or by contacting Jessica Chasen at 719-1755 or email [Jesschasen@aol.com](mailto:Jesschasen@aol.com) <mailto:Jesschasen@aol.com>.

You can also buy any regional book online at [www.entertainment.com](http://www.entertainment.com) <http://www.entertainment.com/> where you can enter our account number 197914 when prompted.

A list of more than 150 other major cities/regions for Entertainment books to purchase (prices vary) is available through Jessica.

The Temple Sisterhood thanks you for your support.

## MEMO FROM MAYDA



John F. Kennedy wrote: "The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain." Our world has changed, driven by the tragedies brought on by the recent terrorism. What hasn't changed is Temple Emanuel's commitment to be One Congregation... One Family.

Ken Korach, our Temple president, and our Board of Trustees are committed to finding and creating something for everyone. Many committees and auxiliary groups are hard at work finding that one thing that will grab YOU and make YOU more involved with the Temple. We need each other. Each and every one of you is an important part of this family. We need to be there for one another in good times and bad, for together we have greater strength than apart.

As we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving, I found this poem,

author unknown, that I wanted to share with you. It reads:

*In these difficult times, let us give thanks...*

*For generous friends with hearts as big as hubbards and smiles as bright as their blossoms;*

*For feisty friends as tart as apples;*

*For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us we had them;*

*For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;*

*For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn - and the others - as plain as potatoes, and so good for you.*

*For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes, and serious friends as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;*

*For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who-like parsnips-can be counted on to see*

*you through the long winter;*

*For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;*

*For loving friends, who wind around like tendrils, and hold us despite our blights, wilts and witherings;*

*And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past, that have been harvested - but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;*

*For all these we have thanks. Amen.*

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have ideas or concerns to share. Wishing you and your family a bountiful and peaceful Thanksgiving season.

*Mayda*

## Kuisine Korner

By Cindy Lefler

Cicero once said, "A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues." This Thanksgiving, many of us will be counting blessings that we have taken for granted for so long. Our hearts will be thankful, our homes will be filled with beloved family and friends, and our tables will bear the sweet and savory foods from our country's harvest. Thanksgiving is always a sweet time for our family, and that is reflected in the food I serve. I glaze my turkey with maple syrup before roasting it, steam my carrots with honey, and serve the following side dish:

### SWEET POTATO CRUNCH

1 large (40 oz) can sweet potatoes, drained and mashed

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla

### Topping:

1/3 cup flour

1 c. brown sugar

1/3 cup butter

1 cup pecans, finely chopped

Mix sweet potatoes, sugar, butter eggs and vanilla well. Place in a greased 2-quart baking dish.

In separate dish, combine flour and brown sugar. Use pastry blender or two knives to cut butter into mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle over top of sweet potato mixture. Sprinkle pecans on top.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.



by Phil Miller

Kol Emanuel's participation in services for the Days of Awe and performing at the Academy of Music in Schoenberg's "The Survivor From Warsaw" is now history. We look forward to our winter schedule of singing at Friday night services and other special events.

Our family of volunteers, which makes up Kol Emanuel, are truly dedicated to getting to rehearsals despite having many other conflicting commitments. Our rehearsals are set up for once a week year round. There are a few special events for which we may practice twice a week. Some of our members come directly from work to practice with coffee cup in hand. Some arrive as we are doing our warm up exercises and start singing even before they take off their coats.

They make it to practice even when there is a special family event or even their own birthday. They come knowing they have a stack of papers to correct before morning, or a load of work they brought home from the office. They juggle their children's activities and occasionally the children are sitting with us, patiently waiting while we practice.

Our choir members arrive although they may be suffering with allergy attacks, bad backs, or just plain tiredness from having an exhausting day at work or at home. Some members participate in other Temple Emanuel programs and at times have to leave a rehearsal to attend another activity.

Inclement weather doesn't keep anyone home.

Even vacation schedules are sometimes planned around our rehearsals, particularly if we are going to sing something new at services or at a special event. Others rearrange nighttime business meetings etc. so they don't miss practice.

Any one of the above scenarios could provide a legitimate excuse for a choir member not to be at a rehearsal. But - they do come.

Practice time is not limited to scheduled rehearsals. Some choir members have instruments at home, which are used for accompaniment. Others have purchased small tape recorders so they can record their parts and practice at home or in their car.

All this perseverance and weeks of practice under Julia Zavatsky's direction really pays off. Finally when we get a new song together with up to six part harmony and sing it in our practice hall (the small chapel), I must admit we really sound good. The small chapel has excellent acoustic qualities. However, in the main sanctuary our present 3-year-old location fails us. We have been told we cannot be heard in the back, especially when the room is filled to capacity. For this we apologize.

Every piece of music we sing has a range of emotional traits. These traits are expressed in part by intonation and modulation (soft to loud) and communicated to us by our conductor, Julia.

Now, if only we had a permanently integrated, acoustically designed location in the main sanctuary, no matter where you were sitting, you would be able hear the song the way we rehearsed it. Hearing these intonations and variations in the sound really make up the "emotional color" of the music.

Oh! Didn't I tell you? Even Kol Emanuel has its dreams.

# TEYA

## TEMPLE EMANUEL YOUNG ADULTS

TEYA (Temple Emanuel Young Adults) 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. Singles, couples and young families are welcomed. We invite you to check out this exciting group at Temple Emanuel!

On November 11 we will take a trip to the National Museum of Jewish American History in Philadelphia. We will meet 12:45 p.m. at the Woodcrest Highspeed Line Stop. RSVP by November 9 to Gilda in the Temple Emanuel Office.

Join us as we have a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibits. Currently showing are an exhibit on Jewish participation in the United States Military and the permanent exhibit which overviews Jewish contributions to American history and culture. Admission to the museum: \$4.00/person. Depending on interest, we may arrange for baby-sitting at a TEYA member's home during the trip. If you would be interested in arranging a group babysitter for your child for the afternoon, please call Gilda in the Temple Emanuel office by November 5.

Save the Date: December 16, for the TEYA Channukah Party. Let's celebrate the coming of the Festival of Lights together! Temple Emanuel Young Adults will be getting together at 3 p.m. for an informal afternoon of socializing, celebrating and meeting new people. Adults and children are warmly invited to this pot-luck event. Look for more information in the December Light and an upcoming mailing.



### Need a Little "Pick-Me-Up?"

The Temple again will be providing transportation to selected Friday night services for senior citizens. The Safety Bus Company will pick up at the following locations:

- \* Cooper River Plaza - both buildings
- \* Towers of Windsor - both buildings
- \* Landmark I and II - both buildings
- \* Saltzman House

The selected services are:

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| * November 16, 2001 | * April 19, 2002 |
| * December 14, 2001 | * May 24, 2002   |
| * March 22, 2002    | * June 21, 2002  |

Please call the Temple office at 856-489-0029 for a reservation.

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).

**RABBIS' GOOD WORKS FUND:** The Rabbis have a special fund to use at their discretion for members and others who may need assistance, as well as for the support of worthy charitable and cultural activities.

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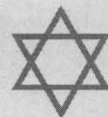
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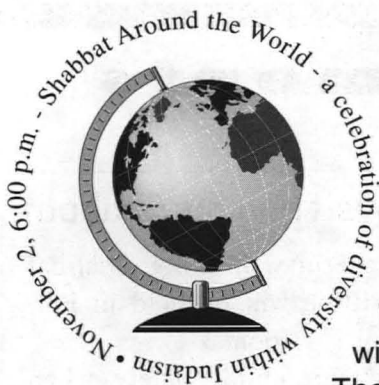
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