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PORTION OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 5 - Shemot Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

This week we begin reading the book of Exodus. A new Pharaoh comes to power who forces the Israelites to build cities for him and to work in his fields. Despite these hardships, the Israelite community continues to grow. The Pharaoh then orders all male babies born to Israelite women be drowned in the Nile River. A baby boy is put in a basket and found by Pharaoh's daughter who names him Moses.

JANUARY 12 - Va'era Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

This Torah portion continues the story of the struggle to leave Egypt. God reviews the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and then tells Moses, I have heard the cries of the Israelites and I will now fulfill my promise to them, to redeem them from slavery and bring them to the land which I promised their ancestors. God tells Moses that Moses will rule over Pharaoh, and Aaron will be Moses' prophet serving as his spokesperson. The first plagues descend on the Egyptians. The Nile is turned into blood and frogs invade the land, lice and swarms of insects invade Egypt. Pharaoh does not yield. The plagues of cattle disease, boils, and hail quickly follow.

JANUARY 19 - Bo Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

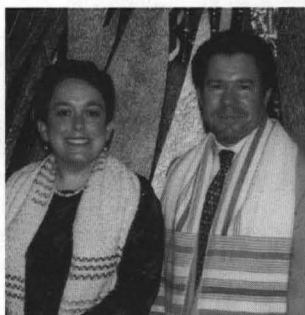
In Parashat Bo, God inflicts the last three plagues upon the Egyptians and gives the instructions for the observance of the festival of Passover. Locusts, the eighth plague, devour all the grass and trees so that nothing green is left in all of Egypt. Then darkness covers the land for three days.

Before the tenth and final plague, God tells Moses and Aaron to instruct each Israelite family to slaughter a lamb, put some of its blood on the doorposts of their homes so that God will pass over their houses when God kills every first born child in the land of Egypt. Finally, acknowledging God's power over him, Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron to leave with the people so that they may worship God. They leave hurriedly, before their dough can rise.

JANUARY 26 - Beshalach Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

In Beshalach, we read about several miracles as the people of Israel safely cross the Sea of Reeds, have their hunger and thirst in the desert satisfied and emerge victorious from their first battle as a free people. The Israelites continue on their journey and run short of water and food. God explains that bread will come for them from the sky.

From the Rabbis Study



by Rabbi Jerome P. David, D.D. and
Rabbi Deborah Cohen

During 2002, we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary in our beautiful synagogue. Over the past 10 years, our building has grown from just bricks and mortar into integral parts of each of our lives - a place of support, learning, celebration and spiritual growth. To mark this milestone, we searched for an appropriate way

to honor our history and to celebrate our future. Perhaps, nobody bridges the past and future of our Jewish world more effectively than Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel. We are thrilled to be hosting Mr. Wiesel on Sunday evening, April 28, as the centerpiece of our 10th anniversary celebration and the climax of a weekend of anniversary activities.

Mr. Wiesel personifies both a dignified honoring of the past and a thoughtful optimism for the future. Mr. Wiesel's personal experiences during the Holocaust has led him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights throughout the world. He truly is one of the world's foremost advocates for peace and humanity. Mr. Wiesel's efforts have earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Liberty Award, as well as more than 90 honorary degrees. Mr. Wiesel has authored more than 40 books and has served on numerous national and international committees. A devoted supporter of Israel, Mr. Wiesel has also defended the cause of many oppressed peoples, including Soviet Jews, Argentina's "disappeared," Cambodian refugees and, more recently, victims in the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Wiesel's Foundation for Humanity has taken a special interest in sponsoring programs for young people on international understanding and peace.

Mr. Wiesel once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference." We, the community of Temple Emanuel, care deeply about our congregation and our world. As we celebrate our love for our congregation, we look forward to listening and learning from one of the most important voices of our time. Please mark your calendars for April 28 and help extend a warm welcome to Elie Wiesel.

Mazel Tov
Rabbi Debbie
and David Cohen
on the birth of their
daughter,
Arianna Shira
December 15, 2001

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ken Korach



One of the many benefits of being President of our congregation (and I only say this half facetiously) is the ability to stand on my soapbox once a month and share with you whatever thoughts are racing through my head. While these often relate to Temple business, they occasionally deal with issues of greater interest (or at least I hope they do) to our Jewish community. My message in this issue of *The Light* falls into this latter category.

As an avid "news junky" and daily reader of the *New York Times* (world's greatest paper from the world's greatest city!) it was with eager anticipation that I tore in to a special section of the *Times* last month, commemorating the newspaper's 150th anniversary. While there were the usual articles highlighting the newsworthy events of the past century and a half, a particular one, written by renowned columnist Max Frankel, grabbed my attention. This full-page article focused on the complete and total failure of the *New York Times* to bring the Holocaust to the public's attention during the Second World War. According to Mr. Frankel's research, this incredible lack of journalistic interest into the darkest moment of recorded human history was not just an oversight on the part of the *Times*. It was, in fact, a deliberate effort to not highlight the suffering of the Jews of Europe by the publisher of the *Times*, Arthur Hays

Sulzberger. This would perhaps be understandable if Mr. Sulzberger was anti-Semitic or was even a lousy journalist. Unfortunately, neither of these were the case. By the third decade of the twentieth century, the *New York Times* was a nationally prominent publication, widely read throughout the world. And its publisher, Arthur Sulzberger, was Jewish! How then to explain this incredible dichotomy?

According to Mr. Frankel, Arthur Sulzberger was very reluctant to present news about the Holocaust in his paper because he was concerned that it would focus on the "Jewishness" of the *Times*. Mr. Sulzberger, while certainly not a self-hating Jew, went to great lengths to minimize his newspaper's connection to his being Jewish. Carried to its logical extreme, this resulted in his decision that neither editorials nor news articles focused on the wholesale murder of the Jews of Europe were appropriate for the *Times*. While the history of the Holocaust was marked by neglect and callousness by institutions and governments world-wide, including ours, one wonders if the response might have been different if a paper such as the *New York Times* had made it front page news (and kept it there) in 1941.

While there is nothing we can do to change the past, there is a lesson to be learned from our martyred six million and the indifference of Mr. Sulzberger and his newspaper. This lesson is that we as Jews have an obligation to speak out against actions, which are harmful to the Jewish people, regardless of others' per-

ception. Although few of us relish the thought of "speaking out" for Jewish interests, this is our duty. In fact, given the present state of affairs in Israel, and the general trend of much of the mainstream media to portray Israel as the aggressor, this lesson from the past could not be timelier.

When you read an article or see a news story on TV, which portrays Israel in a negative light (it can't be long before we see an article headline "Palestinian Suicide Bomber Murdered by Israeli Troops") write a letter, an email, or call the responsible party to complain. The simple act of registering our concern with real (or even perceived) bias in the media may result in that news organization reevaluating its "spin" on its reports. If you see an editorial that somehow "justifies" the horrible acts of terrorism committed against our brothers and sisters in Israel, write back and respond. Evil only wins when good people are silent and it is up to all of us to prove that we do care what is reported in the media. Remember; inaction in the face of attacks against Israel and the Jewish people (don't believe the hype - we are one and the same) is never the answer. While there is no guarantee that our voices will always carry the day, our history assures us that silence will result in catastrophe.

B'Shalom

Kenneth A. Korach

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Family Life News

by Donna Moskowitz
Family Life Educator

The Jewish family is a central theme in Jewish life. By establishing traditions in our home we commit to continuity of the Jewish religion. Our goal is to teach in fun and experiential ways about the various aspects of being a Jew so that you can live Judaism in a meaningful way with your family.

On January 15th & 16th we will be running multi-faceted workshops on Shabbat, the mainstay of the Jewish religion. From 9:15-10:15 am, we will hold a craft workshop whereby you can paint your own elegant candle holders &/or hand-paint and design your personal challah cover and/or decorate an elaborate kiddush cup to enhance your Shabbat rituals. Each project costs

\$10; supplies, instruction and guidance will be supplied. Reservations & payment are required by Jan 8th, 2002. If you are not a crafty person, but would like a Shabbat starter kit (candlesticks, candles, kiddush cup and challah cover), they will be available for \$18)

At 10:15 we will start an informative program about bringing Shabbat home.

There will be demonstrations on making kiddush, lighting candles & appropriate blessings. We will discuss, in two separate groups, creating a special atmosphere making Shabbat different and special for your family. An extensive and informative booklet will be available to take home.

From 11:15 to 12 noon refreshments will be served and we will conduct an

open discussion group.

Come to one group or all. The same program will be held on two separate days for your convenience in the Conference Room at Temple Emanuel. This workshop is part of an ongoing program of Jewish Family Education for Parents of Young Children. R.S.V.P. to Donna Moskowitz at 489-0035 ext. 18 or Jessica Chasen at 719-1755.

On January 25th Rabbi David will lead a fun, enjoyable and educational Tu B'Shevat Oneg Shabbat Seder full of varied fruits and wines/grape juice, songs, psalms and stories. Tu B'Shevat, traditionally called the New Years for the Tress, is a celebration of nature and Hashem's blessings of branch and bud, fruit and wine. Please join us for this exciting tradition.

Adult Education

SHABBAT STUDY FOR ADULTS

Every Shabbat morning from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., 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?



JANUARY

- 5 Rabbi David
- 12 Lay Leader
- 19 MLK Weekend - No Meeting
- 26 Peggy David, Study Session on Rachel Calof's Story

FEBRUARY

- 1 Peggy David, Study Session on Rachel Calof's Story
- 9 Rabbi David
- 15 Presidents' Weekend - No Meeting
- 22 Lay Leader

Special Shabbat Study Sessions will be held January 26 and February 2 from 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. and will feature "Learning through a Significant Book of Our Time" Led by Peggy David. The program will be in the Temple Emanuel Library. This program is sponsored by Sisterhood but open to the whole congregation.

Peggy David will lead a study session on the book Rachel Calof's Story, "Jewish Homesteader on the Northern Plains," edited by J. Sanford Rikoon and translated from Yiddish by Jacob Calof and Molly Shaw. This book was chosen by the Reform Movement to be part of its "Significant Book Series."

It chronicles the life of a Jewish woman who comes to America as a mail-order bride and settles in North Dakota with her husband. A more detailed description of the book and program can be found on a flier in this issue of the Light.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

A series of adult Judaica classes are being offered from 8:00 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday evenings.

January 8, 15, 22 and 29 will feature "Israel on My Mind and in My Heart" with Rabbi Jerome P. David. Israel, as we watch it struggle through its current tensions and crises, continues to be deeply important to all of us. We will talk about the current situation in Israel, its causes and possible solutions, and our reactions to it as American Jews. What is the best way to show our love and support for Israel? How can we, as Diaspora Jews, best support our Israeli brothers and sisters?

Coming up in February is "Jewish Culture in Spain" with Dr. Laurie Hohwald. This will be offered on February 5, 12 and 19.

DAYTIME CLASSES

Tuesday Daytime Classes with Rabbi Jerome P. David are scheduled for January 8 and 22, and February 5 and 19.

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., Bible Study with Rabbi David will be offered. Each session, we will feature a lively discussion about a different Biblical text. There is no need to pre-register for this class.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School classes will be held January 13 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Temple Emanuel offers 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.

January 13: The History of Jewish Music with Murray Savar. Join organist and pianist Murray Savar for a fun and intriguing look at the development of Jewish music. Murray will talk about the different cultural and musical influences that have helped to create the wonderful variety of Jewish music

as we know it.

January 27: Purifying Waters: The Mikvah with Rabbi David. The Mikvah, or ritual bath, has been a central part of Jewish life for centuries. There is evidence of a mikvah on Masada! And, the mikvah is becoming increasingly important again in the liberal Judaism. What is a mikvah? How is it used? What importance can a mikvah have to us, as Reform Jews?

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

February 10: What Does Archeology Tell Us About the Bible? With Rabbi Lewis Eron

February 24: Burial and Mourning Practices in Judaism with Rabbi David.

Save the Date

Nobel Peace Prize Winner
And
Worldwide Human Rights
Advocate

Elie Wiesel



Sunday, April 28, 2002

Temple Emanuel's
Weekend to Remember
April 26th - 28th 2002

*Celebrating our past...
Committing to our future*

For more information
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One Congregation... One Family

(A Monthly column so we can know more about each other.)

By Joan Grossberg

The Fritsch Family

One could say that the Fritsch family is typical of Temple Emanuel families that find themselves in those in-between years. As Cheryl and Alec Fritsch still savor memories of 14-year-old Sara's very special bat mitzvah, they are gearing up for 12-year-old Glenn's bar mitzvah just a few short months away. Yet these two experiences are as unique as the children taking their place on the bimah.

Many at Temple Emanuel know Sara, if not personally, then as the subject of a Yom Kippur sermon. A student at the Bancroft School, Sara has been a participant in the Tikvah program for children with special needs for the past six years and is what her parents refer to as the "official greeter for religious school." With Temple Emanuel's policy to never deny anyone from a bar/bat mitzvah, both the Fritsch family and the Temple rose to the challenge. In the months prior to the service, Sara's voice was taped as she recited various parts of the prayers. The completed tape was played during the service with Sara very much aware that this was indeed her special day. And, says Alec, "there wasn't a dry eye in the house."

This was a major moment for a family that has been a part of Temple Emanuel since Alec's family moved here in 1968. Beginning with Alec's bar mitzvah, their 1981 marriage officiated by Rabbi Soslow, and Sara's baby naming by Rabbi David, the couple says that their Temple family has been with them through the good and bad, their family's joys and their sorrows. They were one of the found-

ing couples of Temple Emanuel's young couples club. Cheryl's mom, Gloria Reich, even worked in the office for five years.

The Fritsch's are one very busy family. Cheryl is a media specialist in the Maple Shade school district, and Alec can be found at Restoration Hardware in Marlton. In their spare time, Cheryl, along with her assistant Glenn, teaches second grade Sunday school at Temple Emanuel. For Alec and Glenn, scouting is a passion they both share. Alec is a scout leader and is active on the Jewish Committee on Scouting. Glenn, already the recipient of the Alef award for Jewish camping, is already hard at work on the Ner Tamid award, comprised of study, prayer and writing components. Glenn is in 7th grade at Marlton's DiMasi Middle School. In addition to Boy Scouts, he is into hockey, fishing, clarinet and Nintendo, and has been a member of Sababah (the Temple Emanuel Youth choir) almost from its inception.

When asked why a family should affiliate, the answer from the Fritsch family was clear and immediate. They took note of the "...wonderful sense of community and caring through the entire congregation." With a sense of gratitude for people who "...are there to get you through the good and the bad," Alec says, "You get as much out of it as you put in." It is a very different experience that awaits the Fritsch family as they now prepare for Glenn's April 27th bar mitzvah - one that they again intend to share with their Temple Emanuel family.

RITUAL EDUCATION

by Barbara J. Silverman

SECULAR VS. JEWISH CALENDARS (Part 1)

We are now at the beginning of the new secular calendar year 2002.

Happy Secular New Year!

I have heard the question so many times, "what is the difference between our secular calendar and our Jewish calendar?" Let me offer a brief explanation. Unlike the secular calendar (which is based upon the sun), the Jewish calendar is based upon the moon. The secular solar calendar has 365 1/2 days and the Jewish lunar calendar has 354 1/3 days. When you do the math, there is approximately an 11-day discrepancy. Keep in mind that Jewish holidays are based on the solar cycle and have to be observed at their "appointed times" as specified in the Bible. (For example, Passover has to be celebrated in the spring.) In order to balance out the difference between the two calendars, and additional month, Adar Shaynee, more frequently referred to as Adar II, is added to the Jewish calendar seven times over a 19-year period. Every 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th year there is a Jewish leap year. The addition of Adar II can be equated to having 29 days in February every 4 years.

The Bible considers the Jewish month of Nisan to be the first month of the Hebrew calendar, but Tishrei became the first month with Rosh Hashanah marking the religious New Year. We also celebrate another New Year on the Jewish calendar. It is the New Year of the Trees and the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. This year, Tu B'Shevat falls on Monday, January 28th. (A special Tu B'Shevat program has been planned for Friday night, January 25th. Please join us. Services will begin at 8:00 PM.)

Stay tuned for more of SECULAR VS. JEWISH CALENDARS next month. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Secular New Year! Happy 2002!!

YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

Reading of events past makes me proud of what has taken place and energized for what is yet to occur in the approaching new year. Temple Emanuel's youth group is filled with teens devoted to making things happen, to helping their world and their peers. Hosting the family Hanukkah dinner, socializing at a dinner/movie night, creating and hosting a Hanukkah party for the disabled all took place on one week-end in December. These activities provide opportunities for our teens to grow, to grow together, and to learn that they make a difference.

NFTY/PAR, our regional youth group for the Reform movement, hosted Fall Kallah, a convention held at Camp Harlam for almost two-hundred teens from around the region.

Tefty was well-represented by fourteen members, all of whom had an incredible week-end. The UAHC's Biennial Convention was represented by Sharon Lubetkin and Louis Hoffer; look for their comments and reactions in next month's Light. Tefty is proud of our members who represent our synagogue so admirably.

Remember the Sisterhood's Hanukkah Bazaar? Remember dedicated Tefty members (like Liz and Shera and Sharon and Lauren) walking the halls, selling wrapping paper and lollipops? Remember Andy and Jeremy and Garen and Sarah and Matt selling gifts and wrapping for the little kids? Well, Tefty raised over \$150 that day for the Make-a-Wish Foundation money that will help friends of our very own members. This has to make each and every volunteer feel proud.

There have been some schedule changes that are most important for you to mark on your calendars:

1. Ski Trip: Sunday, January 27th. This is for both Tefty and Tefty Jr.
2. Super Sunday at the JCC.. Sunday, February 3rd
3. Booth preparation for the Purim Carnival: Saturday, February 23rd

YES, DEAREST TEENS OF TEMPLE EMANUEL, OUR ANNUAL AND TERRIFIC PURIM CARNIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING. PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLANS RIGHT THIS MINUTE AND DECIDE UPON A BOOTH. AND BE AT THE CARNIVAL AT 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th. THE CARNIVAL WILL RUN FROM NOON TILL 4:00 p.m.

Have I left out anything? Oh yes...happiest New Year ever - and may it be filled with peace and safety and all things beautiful for each and every one of you and your families.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by RITA ZOHAV

Creating Jewish Memories

Sometimes I get overwhelmed by the number and frequency of Jewish holidays and wish we had fewer holidays - or at least had them spaced out better.

But that feeling passes and I realize what a gift the holidays are to Jewish continuity. We have a built in way to stay connected to our heritage, rituals and customs and to pass those on to our children. Through celebrations in the home and temple, special foods and family gatherings we have an ongoing way to create memories for our children. But how can you keep creating those memories when there is no holiday in the next few weeks?

Shabbat observances are the most obvious opportunities. Many of you may already be doing something - anywhere from just lighting candles to having a full Shabbat meal with candles, kiddush and challah before coming to the temple. But for some of you, that may not be possible. Then how about doing Havdalah each week. Havdalah is a short ceremony to mark the end of Shabbat. It involves a special twisted candle, cup of wine and some spices and it takes only about 5 - 10 minutes! If you would like to learn more about it, please let me know. Perhaps we could create a Havdalah family workshop some time this year!

There are other ways provide Jewish memories for your kids that are not related to time. One of the most powerful ways is to involve them in your Tzedakah choices and activities. Instead of just writing checks to charitable organizations the way you have been, take the time to sit with your children and explain what you are doing. Perhaps you could get their input into which organizations you support. Coordinate your Mitzvah activities with those of the temple or religious school.

Keep Jewish books in your home, and subscribe to Jewish periodicals and magazines. We have the beginnings of a good Jewish library for children at the temple and I hope it will continue to grow and expand. You can begin a collection with your children - Israeli stamps or coins.

Get Jewish software for your computer - there are choices of trivia games, and bible games as well as Hebrew programs. Davka is a company that sells a variety of programs. You can find them on the web or ask me about it.

In the coming months I will continue to add to my list of ideas. Next month I'll have a list of Jewish websites for those of you who would like to surf the web.

This is just a small sample of ideas of ways parents can create special Jewish memories for their children. I truly believe that those experiences are what shape a child's identity as an adult and stay with them throughout their lives. You have the chance to ensure Jewish continuity.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUPS

At Temple Emanuel, children don't have to wait until they're older to join a youth group. In fact, Temple Emanuel has youth groups beginning in Kindergarten!

Your child or grandchild can be participating in great 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.

Shabbat Shalom Club

Grades: K-2

Advisor: Robin Miller

January 26, 9:30-11:00 AM

February 9, 9:30-11:00 AM

Shalosh-Arbah Club

Grades: 3 & 4

Advisor: Laura Hoffman

January 27, 12:15 PM

February 10, 12:15 PM

Yedidim Club

Grades 5&6

Advisors: Barry & Melissa Pisetznier

January 26, Pizza Making, Time TBA

February 24 and 25, Help Run Purim Events

BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS

JANUARY 5

Bat Mitzvah of

JULIA LEIZEROVITCH

Daughter of Maria Leizerovitch

Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of

REBECCA FAYE FRIEDMAN

Daughter of Felice and

Barry Friedman

JANUARY 12

Bar Mitzvah of

BENJAMIN STRAUSS

Son of Michelle and Stuart

Strauss

JANUARY 19

Bar Mitzvah of

NICOLAS MAGID

Son of Stephanie Magid

JANUARY 26

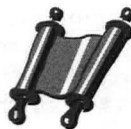
Bat Mitzvah of

ALLISON CAREN COGAN

and **JILLIAN AMELY COGAN**

Daughters of Robin and

Edward Cogan



THE SENIOR SCENE

by Lucille Orland

As this issue went to press, we were looking forward to the November 30 Israel Bond Shabbat. Our own Stella Schaevitz is the recipient of this year's Israel Bonds Heritage Award in recognition of her many decades of philanthropic support to the state of Israel, its founding and its growth. She and her late husband, Herman, shared a lifelong commitment to "tikkun olam" - to make the world a better place.

Stella has been actively involved with many causes in the community, with special dedication to education and mental health. She is also co-founder of our Henry Raich Senior Group.

In 1957, upon their return from a trip to Israel as members of a special delegation of major supporters of Israel Bonds, Temple Emanuel acknowledged Stella's and Herman's efforts with a special award.

The circle has come full 'round. Congratulations, Stella, on a magnificent "repeat performance." You are our own national treasure!

SOPHIE! FANNIE! ETHEL! BARBRA! Legends in American musical theatre - "Funny Girls" - were brought to life courtesy of Ron Pilchik, our featured speaker at the November meeting. Ron regaled us with his vast musical knowledge and his extensive archives of records and tapes. We listened to those great female stars dating back to the 1920s. We tapped fingers and toes to renditions of "My Man," "Some of These Days," "Second Hand Rose," and so on. Thanks, Ron, for a trip down Memory Lane.

ATTEN---SHUN! All you veterans, listen up! At our last meeting, Edgar Wolf announced a new Temple project - to fund and install a permanent flagpole in front of the building to be titled "Veterans Memorial Flagpole." The day after Veterans Day, Rabbi David, House Chair Jack Sattin, and Congressman Rob Andrews represented our Jewish community at an interfaith breakfast at Rowan University. Discussion of America's traditions and the events of September 11 led to the idea of a permanent symbol of our Temple as a community and Jewish institution.

Edgar accepted the task of chairing this new venture. His own military record includes service in World War II, Korea, and in the U.S. Air Corps. He also served as chairman of the steering committee for construction of our "new" (now almost a decade old) building.

Read more in this issue about this opportunity for us to invest in this new symbol of honor.

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, January 16. On that day we will learn about exciting new developments in Catholic-Jewish relations in our area. Our speaker will be Mr. Murray Gass, current chairman of the Catholic-Jewish Institute of Learning, a division of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey. Murray has been engaged in social action and interfaith relations for more than 40 years, and provided the impetus for the newly-formed Catholic-Jewish Commission. Come hear him discuss vital issues affecting our interfaith community.

Another New Year! Time doesn't fly anymore, it's jet propelled at warp speed. The older I get it seems as though every 15 minutes, it's breakfast! Have a happy and healthy 2002!

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

By Pearl Braunstein

Ongoing Projects

Casserole Cooking dates:

Bring knives for cutting veggies to the kitchen of the Temple at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

As we approach the New Year 2002, I would like to wish all of our Temple family a year of good health and personal peace. Let us all embark on new challenges to make our world a better place.

The casserole assembly line needs your help. Start the year off by meeting in the kitchen at 7 p.m. with a knife to cut veggies. When we have enough hands, the work is done very quickly. If you're dropping off your children for religious school, just stay and help do a mitzvah. Think of all the gas you'll save not driving back and forth! Sisterhood funds this project, however, if you would like to make a contribution, just send a check to Sisterhood and make a notation that it is for casseroles.

When coming to the Temple, please remember to bring non-perishable food items for sharing and caring.

To become more diversified in community outreach, let us know if you have any ideas for helping others. Do not hesitate to give me a call at 429-5354.

A big thanks to all congregants who donated turkeys and other foods to help provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let's keep working on ways to help make our community, and our world, a better place. Together, we can make a difference.

Baby and Childrens

Items Collection

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

Welcome to the Family

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

Gwen and Ronald Swers

SISTERHOOD

by Debra Faye

Growing up in northern Maine, I loved the month of January. Following the holidays, I always had a new stash of books to read and, with a two week vacation that stretched into the first week of January, I alternated between long hours playing outside in the snow and equally long hours curled up on my bed with a book. Although I no longer balance it with the same amount of time playing in the snow, January is still a great month for me to curl up with a good book. Two books of interest that you might enjoy and that are the focus of two Sisterhood programs this month are: "The Rachel Calof Story" by Rachel Calof, and "Two Jews Can Still Be a Mixed Marriage: Reconciling Differences Over Judaism in Your Marriage" by Azriela Jaffe.

Join us on Saturday, January 26th and February 2nd when Peggy David will be our guest lecturer as she leads us in the first of two Shabbat morning study sessions on "The Rachel Calof Story." The book is one of the books included in the UAHC's significant book series, and we

are fortunate to have Peggy's expertise as she leads us in these study sessions. On Jan 13th, Sisterhood and Men's Club will be co-sponsoring a breakfast program featuring Azriela Jaffe, a noted author and lecturer, as she speaks about her book, "Two Jews Can Still Be a Mixed Marriage." Drop the kids off at Sunday school and join us for breakfast. If you have ever had a "discussion" with your mate or significant other about the "right" way to observe the holidays, synagogue affiliation, or whether or not something is "kosher," then this is the program for you. Cost is free to Sisterhood and Men's Club members and \$5.00 for all others.

It seems that everyone is always looking for the proverbial "new beginning" in January. Most people begin the year full of energy and firm resolutions to make this the year that they will be the "best" that they can be. As one who was fortunate enough (with many thanks to Sisterhood) to attend the WRJ/UAHC Biennial in Boston at the beginning of December, I begin January with a

strengthened resolve to be connected to and involved with Reform Judaism on a variety of levels. The theme for this WRJ Assembly was Am Echad - One People and it is clearer to me than ever before after attending the Biennial that what really makes Am Echad is the many myriad number of individual, personal connections that we make, which leads to community connections, which leads to local connections, and so on. It is these connections to other Jews that helps us to be the "best" that we can be. Sisterhood is one way to begin this connection. Get involved. Read a book, attend a program, volunteer on a committee. It is through our connections with other people that we create Am Echad - one people, one that supports and nurtures each of us in our everyday lives. Make this the year that you keep your resolution to improve your life and be the "best" that you can be. Call me at 795-5133 or e-mail me at dmfdsf@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to help you get involved.

THE PRE-SCHOOL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

By Julie Kratchman

This month I share a selection I came across in a journal written by a teacher, Faye Henderson.

I have the best job in the world.

I travel back in time, live in the present, and predict the future.

I visit faraway, exotic places, meet people of all nationalities, and experience diverse cultures.

I impart knowledge and gain wisdom.

I am a doctor, a nurse, a healer of minds and hearts.

I am a facilitator. I successfully manage both large and small groups.

I am a negotiator. I have ended cold wars and brought an end to heated battles. Our country's prominent people seek my expertise.

I have within my power the awesome responsibility of shaping minds

and changing futures. Without me, there would be no prominent men and women in the world, because I create the world's great leaders.

My duties never become mundane or repetitious. Mighty men and women shake and quiver at the mere thought of attempting my job.

Few will invest the staggering amount of time and energy needed to meet its rigorous demands.

No other line of work provides the quality and quantity of service that I provide in a single day. Nor is any other field held to such scrutiny and

high expectations. I work long hours without compensation of pay. My responsibilities are awesome.

I love my job, because I make a difference.

I am a teacher.



Mark your Calendar

Pre-School & Kamp Kayeetz registration for the 2002 - 2003 school year will begin on the following dates:

Temple Emanuel Members:

Begins Tuesday, January 22nd, 2002

Past and Present Pre-School Families (Non-Temple Members):

Begins Monday, January 28th, 2002

Present Kreative Kids Enrollees:

Begins Wednesday, January 30th, 2002

General Public:

Begins Monday, February 4th, 2002

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

MEN'S CLUB

by David Faye

DECEMBER BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Men's Club members and TE Phillies fans were treated to a full breakfast and a great presentation by John Vukovich, the Phillies' third base coach, at our December 9th program. "Vuke" missed a portion of the Fightin' Phils' fine season this year because of brain surgery. He addressed the Phils' "near-miss" year, its hopeful future in a new stadium with a bevy of emerging stars, and its never-to-forget dream season in 1980 when it won its only World Championship. John was one of two brilliant defensive third basemen on the '80 team, the other of whom was some guy named Mike Schmidt. Since playing a decade with the Phillies, Brewers, and Reds, Vukovich has spent two decades as a major league coach, the first six of which were with the Cubs and the last 14 of which with our Phils. Everybody in attendance received a free autographed color photocard of John as a super souvenir of his visit to our synagogue. Sports fans have been treated by the Men's Club at back-to-back programs with original Flyer Larry Zeidel on November 4th and then coach Vukovich the following month.

JANUARY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Men's Club and Sisterhood will co-sponsor one event this year—the breakfast program on Sunday, January 13th in our social hall. The festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with a breakfast menu that includes beautiful trays of fruit, O.J., lox, whitefish salad, egg salad, bagels, cold cereal, milk, sweets, and coffee and tea. From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., our joint membership will be addressed by Azriela Jaffe, on "Two Jews can still be a Mixed Marriage: Reconciling Differences over Judaism in your Marriage," which is the name of a book she has written. Our guest speaker will address specific major areas of religious conflict, such as synagogue affiliation, life-cycle events, Sabbath and holiday observance, and kashrut. Azriela Jaffe draws on her own experience as a self-described "High Holiday Reform Jew" who did not celebrate a Bat Mitzvah or attend Hebrew school or a Jewish camp as a child and yet married a man who was observant, kept strictly kosher, and observed Jewish holidays of which she had never heard. Jaffe has stated, "We knew from the very beginning that ours would be a 'mixed marriage,' as much as many Christian/Jewish marriages are." Azriela Jaffe is the author of ten books,

has written over 450 syndicated columns, and has appeared on over 250 television and radio programs. Don't miss out on this golden opportunity to meet and hear Azriela Jaffe at TE! Cost: free for current Men's Club and Sisterhood members; only \$5 for non-members. Men's Club members are invited to first attend our Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m. so that they can learn the "ins and outs" and activities of our group.

JAG TOURNAMENTS

TE's Men's Club rules!! At least in street hockey (as well as in basketball). On December 2nd, we narrowly won the Jewish Athletic Group (JAG)'s 3rd annual street hockey tournament again to keep our 3-year winning streak alive. Hey, a one-goal win is just as good as a landslide! Late team additions Mike Spivak and Mike Bronstein led a talented team consisting of 5 Board members—Matt Zimmerman, Scott Friedman, strong Mike Volpe, speedy Todd Cohen, and coach/goalie Brad Ryer—to victory. TE teen Louis Stomel played the 3rd period as a sub and helped clinch the "W" with his quickness and reliable shot. The sole B'rith Sholom rep present filled out our team. The amalgamated opposition, which was a Ner Tamid/Beth El team with one TBS member, blew an early 4-goal lead as they tired. We did not fare as well in bowling, but no attempt was "spared" in being one of the four teams to unsuccessfully stop tiny Ner Tamid from repeating as champs. Our bowling "alley" cats were Board members Rich "High Roller" Seltzer and Bob Powell and Rick Perr, Ed Chernoff, and Joe Silverman. They rolled very respectable scores but it would have taken a larger ball or a shorter lane to beat the competition. We get another chance to have fun bowling on Sunday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodcrest Playdrome. If you are interested in participating, please contact Programming V.P. Todd Cohen at hailey@net-gate.com or me at 795-5133.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

My wish is that many of our TE men will resolve this secular New Year's to get involved, or more involved, with our synagogue and its Men's Club. The current scary plight of our beloved Israel and the American fight against worldwide terrorism is all the more reason for

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Rosh 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.

The Rosh Chodesh group is sponsored by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

On January 16, we will have a Rosh Chodesh Shevat Celebration. The discussion will center around "Women in Traditional Judaism, Women in Reform Judaism." Our guest leader will be Donna Moskowitz, Family Life Educator. Donna and her family belong to Sons of Israel congregation and have established a modern Orthodox Jewish household and life-style. Donna will talk about her identity as an Orthodox woman. She will lead what should be a fascinating discussion about the similarities and differences between gender roles and gender-based ceremonies in our Reform movement and in more traditional Jewish settings.

Hold the date for our next Rosh Chodesh celebration on February 13.

Kesher

Temple Emanuel's College Outreach

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 give it to Debbie Jeffreys.

Calendar

JANUARY 2002

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6th-12th Grade Eve. -2638
Pre-School - 1255
Events and times listed are subject to change.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 7:30 p.m. Wiesel Committee Chairs Meeting	4 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	5 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of JULIA LEIZEROVITCH 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of REBECCA FAYE FRIEDMAN
6	7 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting- Kiddush Class 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. JAG Committee Meeting	8 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Study Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	9 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	10 7:30 p.m. Family Life Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wiesel Steering Committee Meeting	11 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Study Cherry Hill East Singers will participate in the Service <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	12 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of BENJAMIN STRAUSS 9:00 p.m. TEFTY SHUL-IN
13 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Men's Club and Sisterhood Meeting	14 7:30 p.m. RS Sub- Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Exec. Board Meeting	15 9:15 a.m. Pre-School Parent Shabbat Workshop 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parents Meeting 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	16 9:15 a.m. Pre-School Parent Shabbat Workshop 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	17 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Canteen for Special Needs Children and Adults	18 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Kol Emanuel Choir <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	19 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of NICOLAS MAGID 7:00 p.m. T.E.Y.A. Bowling Night NO SCHOOL
20 8:15 a.m. Shalom House Build (Meet at J.C.C.)	21	22 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Study Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	23 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	24 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting	25 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service in celebration of Tu B'Shevat <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	26 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of ALLISON CAREN and JILLIAN AMELY COGAN 4:00 p.m. Yiddidim Pizza Party
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL					
27 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Bnai Mitzvah Family Education Program 12:15 p.m. Shalosh Arbah Club	28 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustees	29 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	30 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	31 7:30 p.m. Wiesel Committee Chairs Meeting		

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FEBRUARY 2002

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					1 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service 2nd Grade - Shemot and Children's Choir <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	2 9:15 a.m. Torah Study with Peggy David 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with the Religious School 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of ALEXANDER MATTHEW ROTH
3 10:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting AJA Super Sunday	4 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting Class 7:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	5 12 Noon Adult Beginning Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Adult Bnai Mitzvah Cls 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	6 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	7 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee	8 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Service Youth Group Shabbat <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	9 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with the Religious School 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of ANITA GROSSBERG
10 8:15 a.m. Shalom House Build (Meet at J.C.C.) 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Mtg 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Women of Reform Judaism Conference	11 7:30 p.m. R.S. Sub-Committee Ritual Education Committee 7:30 p.m. Wiesel Steering Committee Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	13 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting	14 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee	15 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	16 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of JONATHAN BRANFMAN 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of PAUL WILLIAM ADLER NO SCHOOL
17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	20 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Hamantashen Baking 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	21 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. Temple Tales 7:30 p.m. Wiesel Steering Committee Meeting	22 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	23 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of SARA RYER 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ALEX ROSS
24 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12 Noon - 4:00 p.m. PURIM CARNIVAL	25 6:30 p.m. Youth Group sponsored Purim games 7:30 p.m. Purim Shpiel	26 7:00 p.m. Reading of the Megillah with the Religious School Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	27 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Class	28 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. Adult Education Mini Series with Judy Kahn		



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Dear Congregants of Temple Emanuel,

The Social Action Committee has been working on an exciting new project. It is called the Tzedakah Collective Fund. This is a way for us to pool our resources at the synagogue to allow us to continue to fund existing community service projects while extending our congregational community service efforts. The Tzedakah Collective Fund will be maintained by the Social Action Committee and funded on an ongoing basis by the donations of congregants as well as an annual fund raising drive.

Our initial deposit in the fund will come from a synagogue-wide T-shirt sale. The T-shirt design has a theme that highlights the commitment of Temple Emanuel to tikkun olam or helping to make the world a better place. It depicts a heart shaped globe encircled by people holding a band-aid. The inscription reads, "TIKKUN OLAM IS A FAMILY AFFAIR AT TEMPLE EMANUEL." The shirts are being sold at a cost of \$10.00. Orders are being taken through the Religious School, Preschool, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Youth Group and the Main Office. Delivery will be in late December.

If you are interested in ordering T-shirts for your family, please complete the form below and return it to a representative of one of the groups listed above. Payments should accompany your order form and should be in the form of cash or a check payable to Temple Emanuel. Please direct any questions to Stephanie Ross at 874-0167.

Thank you in advance for your support and for helping to teach our children the importance of the Jewish values of tzedakah and tikkun olam.

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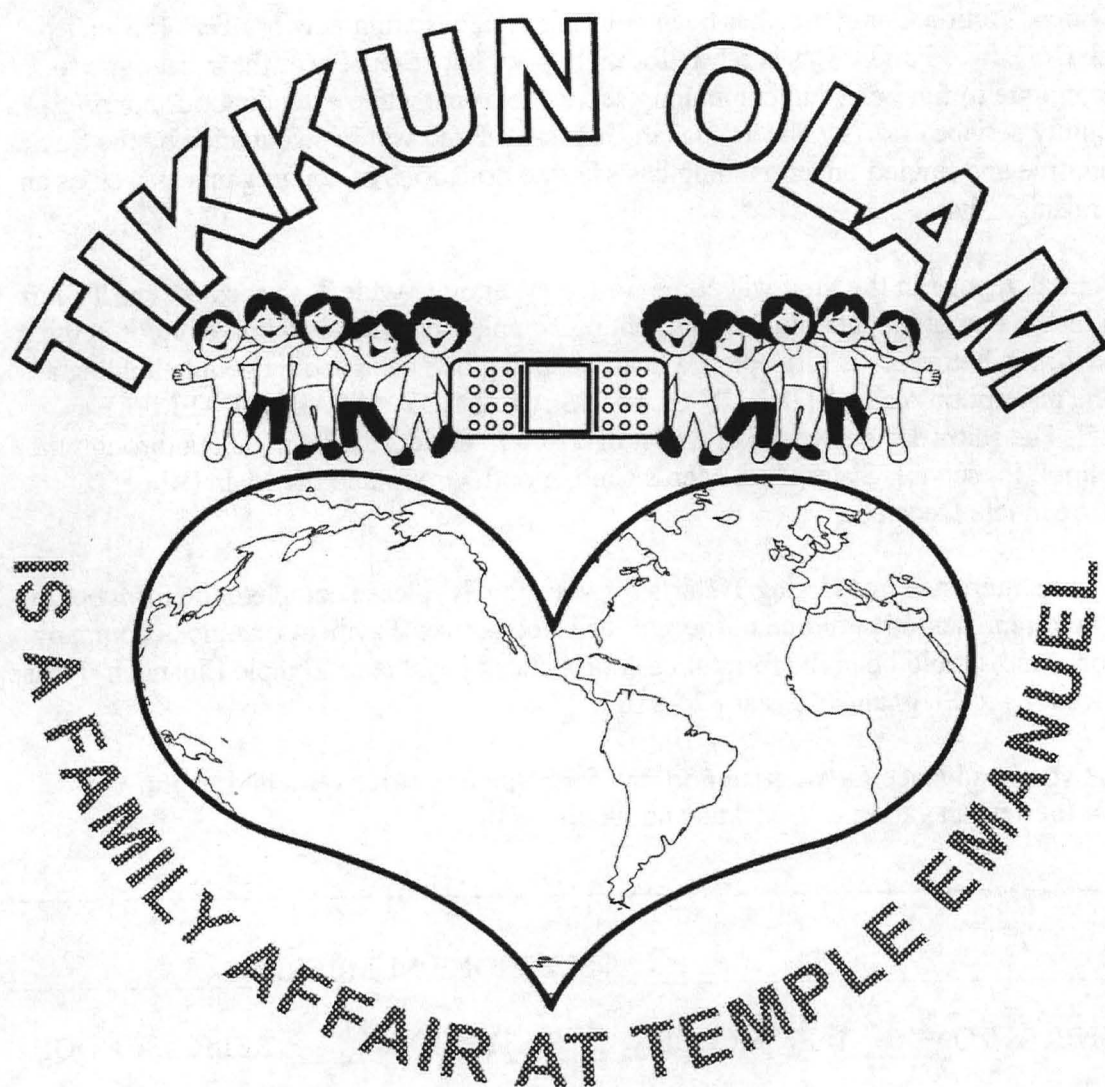
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*TEMPLE EMANUEL'S NEW
TZEDAKAH PROJECT*



T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE
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Come Join Us For Temple Emanuel's Tu B' Shevat Seder



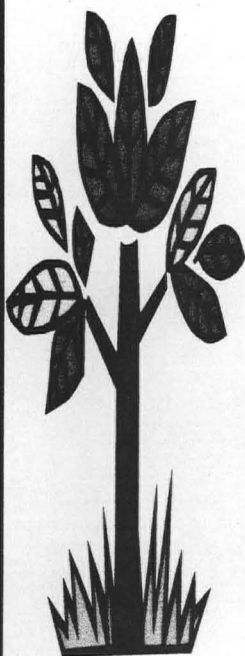
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TIME: 7:00PM

for an After-Dinner Celebration

PLACE: Temple Emanuel Social Hall

Cost: \$10 per family



Tu B'Shevat, The Birthday of The Trees, is a beautiful and fun holiday to celebrate with family and friends, fruits and wines. Please join us on January 25th at 7:00 pm, prior to Shabbat services, for a meaningful Seder led by Rabbi David which will lead us from winter thru summer in wines (or grape juice) and fruits and nuts. Discover the significance of the holiday and the beauty behind the enjoyment of each delicacy. A booklet will be provided to each family with a copy of the seder, crafts to enjoy, foods to prepare, and songs to sing so that you can enhance your own future Tu B'Shevat celebrations.



For more information, please contact Donna Moskowitz at 489-0035 ext. 18

Tu B'Shevat Seder Friday, January 25, 2002

I (we) will join you after Shabbat Dinner at 7:00:

Name _____ # People Coming _____

Phone Number _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Send back to Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Rd.,
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 by Jan. 16th.

Learning through a Significant Book of Our Time

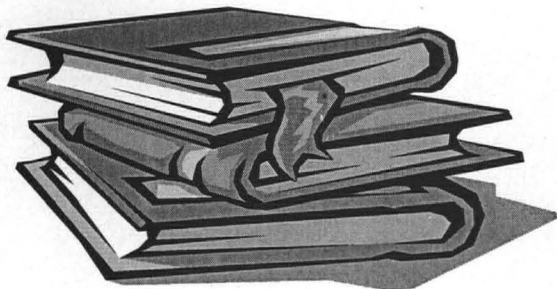
Shabbat Study Sessions

Led by Peggy David

January 26 and February 2

9:15-10:15, Temple Emanuel Library

This program is sponsored by Sisterhood but open to the whole congregation.



***Rachel Calof's Story: Jewish
Homesteader on the Northern Plains***
Edited by J. Sanford Rikoon & Translated from
Yiddish by Jacob Calof and Molly Shaw

Rachel Bella Calof's memoir is a treasure for the insights it gives into the experience of being a woman, a Jew, and a homesteader on the North Dakota frontier at the turn of the last century. Born in the Ukraine, Rachel was orphaned at age four, when her mother died. At the age of eighteen, Rachel made a daring and desperate choice to escape a life of poverty and helplessness--she agreed to marry a stranger, Abraham Calof, a Russian Jew living in America.

Unlike most Russian Jewish immigrants who settled in large cities, Abraham Calof decided to try his luck out west with his mail-order bride. When Rachel met Abraham at Ellis Island, she was prepared to work side by side with him for a better life. "I had no idea where North Dakota was or what the country was like, but I was prepared for the challenge," she writes. "Of course I had no intimation of the incredible hardships which awaited us there." Her memoir, written in Yiddish, describes their grinding poverty, small triumphs, and survival on their homestead farm for over twenty years. The portrait that emerges in this straightforward, unromanticized telling is that of an extraordinarily resourceful and dedicated wife and mother of nine, and a woman with a firm sense of self, who tried to conduct herself "under the most severe conditions as a Jewish woman should."

Registration is not required to attend these sessions, but participants should read the book beforehand. Temple Emanuel library will have two copies of this book in our library available to be checked out. The book is also available through local bookstores and on-line book sellers.

A Little About the UAHC Significant Book Initiative. . .

The significant book initiative was begun by UAHC president Rabbi Eric Yoffie in 1997 as a way to expand Jewish learning in our Reform congregations. Rabbi Yoffie called upon each congregation to encourage its members to read at least four significant Jewish books each year. To support this effort, the UAHC suggests books and prepares a study guide for each recommended selection. *Rachel Calof's Story* is one of the suggested books.

MEMO FROM MAYDA

A colleague of mine, Ann Targownik, past president of Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island, Executive Director of The Jewish Center of the Hamptons and Board member of the Greater NY Council of Reform Synagogues, wrote this while president of Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island. I could not say it better. With her permission, I am sharing it with you.



purposes; maybe they plan to come but they can't come or maybe they really don't want to come at all.

They organize things or maybe they help those who organize things; maybe they help those who are not so organized or maybe they have no idea what's going on.

They send their children to our school or maybe they don't have children or maybe they sent their children years ago but they continue to support the school so that the congregation's next generation of children can go to school.

They come to study or maybe they come to teach; they come to gain insight or maybe they come to share. They come to learn about doing good deeds or they come to perform good deeds.

They come to remember, to laugh and to join others in joy or maybe they come to forget, to cry or to forget their crying. They come to complain, to cooperate, discuss, decide; they come to connect to others or to connect to their own past or to their children; they come to exchange pleasantries, exchange histories; they come to fill a need or divulge a need, to be part of a community or to be apart from the secular community, to partake of delicious pastries or maybe to take no part at all.

They give and maybe they help others to give; maybe they discover what they can give (time, money, knowledge, inspiration, music, clothes, food, kind words).

They come to be in a special place or maybe to be with special people.

They come as individual Jews or as a family; they don't always know why they come; and maybe they don't come at all but they're members just the same.

Maybe they are members simply because they are Jews - simply because they know that whatever they need or want from their heritage, at whatever moment in their lives, or whatever hope their is for our future as Jews, it will be met with the strength of congregations if they will ensure that strength through their membership.

So, for your dues, the Temple simply supplies membership. All the rest is up to us, the members."

Please contact me and let me know what you would like to do at Temple Emanuel.

B'Shalom,

Mayda

Kuisine Korner

By Cindy Lefler

There's nothing that takes the chill off of January like a nice, hot soup. My favorite kind of soup is vegetable, but it's pretty hard to get good veggies in the winter - unless, of course, you use winter root vegetables. This next recipe is from one of my favorite cookbooks, "Betty Rosbottom's Cooking School Cookbook." It's thick and hearty and tastes even better the day after it is made.

CREAM OF WINTER VEGETABLE SOUP

8 tablespoons butter
2 1/4 cups chopped carrots
3 cups diced turnips
3 cups chopped leeks, white parts only
6 cups vegetable stock
Pinch of salt and pepper
1 cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons chopped, fresh parsley, for garnish

In large casserole, melt the butter and add the chopped carrots, turnips and leeks. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until the vegetables have softened, about 6 minutes. Add the stock and salt and bring to a simmer.

Cook at a simmer, uncovered, until the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Remove the soup from the heat and puree it in a food processor or blender.

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!



Return the soup to the casserole and stir in the cream. Heat until hot, but not boiling. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve immediately.

SHALOM HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

HELP BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

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 one date a month - Over the next two months, our dates will be January 20 and February 10. We meet at the JCC at 8:15 AM and are finished with the builds by early to mid-afternoon.

Because of insurance concerns, you must be 16 years-old or older to participate.

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 Cohen, 489-0029, dbcohen@templemanuel.org.

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 a illness or a lost, 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 experiences 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.

Men's Club

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each of us to get more in touch with our synagogue and all that it offers now. Instead of dropping off your kids for Sunday school at the door of the synagogue, come in and join us for one of the Men's Club's monthly breakfast programs. Your attendance at Men's Club and other synagogue events hopefully will prove more beneficial to you on a personal level than that boring, unnecessary extra work-out or by reading some mindless Sunday comics. And it will give you a greater connection with your children through your mutual involvement at TE. Our synagogue is here to serve and help you and your family but it only can do so if you give it a chance. At the same time, our synagogue needs your commitment and participation to function, survive, and grow. If you treat our synagogue with apathy, as if it is a mere babysitting service or just another cold building, you will get nothing out of it and the synagogue will not gain from what you have to offer.

Norman Ruttenberg knew the value of his synagogue on the West Coast to him and his wife, Betty. On October 16th, Mr. Ruttenberg wrote, "It is only when we walk into our synagogue that we feel, we know, this is where we truly belong. We see the warm, gracious smile and reflect on the meaningful sermons of our rabbi and we listen to the angelic voice of our cantor. And see more and more familiar faces of the congregation all gathered together because we all belong in this place at this time." Tragically, these were Mr. Ruttenberg's final written words. Five days later, and only two days after being our guest for Shabbat dinner, Mr. Ruttenberg died from injuries sustained in a horrific car accident. I hope that you will heed Mr. Ruttenberg's moving words in 2002.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2002

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Jon and Nancy Forman on the engagement of their son Todd to Stacy Luthke

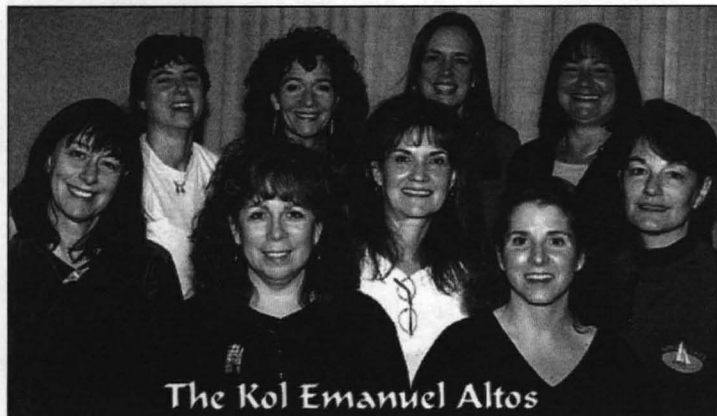
David Cohen, husband of Rabbi Debbie Cohen, on the publishing of his new book titled "Rugged and Enduring: The Eagles, The Browns and 5 Years of Football"

The So Lo Altos

This first month of 2002 we salute the Altos. They are the ones who usually go head to head with the sopranos, blending harmonically with them to create a beautiful melodic sound. They do their job well. Of course, there are a few occasions when the altos actually get a chance to sing some of the melody, and they love it! Last month Julia selected alto, Yona Beller, to sing the solo part of "Halleluyah" during a Friday night service.

Music With Meaning

We have developed quite a repertoire in the four years under Julia Zavadsky's direction. In fact, Joan Miller, our music librarian, tells me Kol Emanuel has more than 85 Jewish musical selections.



The Kol Emanuel Altos

Photo of Altos. (left to right) Top row: Linda Sachais, Yona Beller, Debbie Amsterdam, Sue Conde; Middle row: Beth Strum, Jane Kresman, Sue Ribyat-Johnson; Bottom row: Debbie Fee, Ruth Bryant.

It could be argued that these Jewish selections represent the full range of feelings that make up our history from happy times to good times to bad times and tragic times. Some of the songs originated from the events that were thrust upon our people. The profound experiences generated meaningful melodies filled with deep emotions.

For example, last year for Israel's Memorial Day we sang the "Song of the Partisans" at the JCC. Of all the ghetto songs, the one which spread like wildfire, was the "Song of the Partisans" by Hirsh Glick. "Zog nit keynmol az du geyst dem letstn vet" ("Never Say That You Are Trodding the Final Path"). It is sung to a melody by the Soviet brothers Pokras and became the official resistance hymn of all the Eastern European partisan brigades. It was translated into Hebrew, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Romanian, Dutch, and English and was well known in all the concentration camps.

Hirsh Glick was born in 1920 in Vilna. When the ghetto was liquidated, he was sent to a concentration camp in Estonia. He escaped from the camp and joined the partisans, and died while fighting as a partisan.

"Even When God Is Silent" by Michael Horvitz is another example of deep emotions.

The text for this music was found written on a wall in Germany by someone hiding from the Gestapo. It is dramatic and chilling.

AN INVITATION

Why not contribute to our choir with your voice? Come to one of our rehearsals and meet our choir director, Julia. We rehearse on Tuesday nights. Do it for Temple Emanuel, do it for Kol Emanuel, and do it for yourself. Just do it. For some reason this phrase do it sounds familiar!

So if you like to sing and would like to join in, all are welcome. Please contact Debbie Fee in the Temple Office, 489-0029 ext.11 for more information.

Song History Source: A Teacher's Guide To The Holocaust

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

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

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

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RABBI EDWIN N. SOSLOW MEMORIAL FUND: Donations to this fund, in memory of Rabbi Edwin N. Soslow, will be used for a scholarship award to a graduating senior and to further Religious School education. **JANICE ISRAEL FUND:** This fund was set up by Susan Israel for the beautiful windows in the Sanctuary in our old building. It is currently being used for our Soviet Resettlement program. **HESS-GEALT FUND:** This fund was set up by Eleanor and Frank Hess. Donations are used for equipment for the handicapped and, signing of services. **DORMAN-RAICH SPEAKERS FUND:** This fund has been set up by the Dorman-Raich family to enhance our adult education programming.

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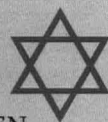
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An adult babysitter will be watching your children during the service, and challah and juice will be a part of the Shabbat experience for any child in babysitting.

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If you are oriented to getting involved in worthy causes, then Social Action@Emanuel is the place for you. Please call Rich Selznick (795 - 9857) or email him at Peakprod1@aol.com. Get connected! Get involved!

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Cantor Robin Sherman in Concert at Carnegie Hall

"Music of the Heart"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2002

Cantor Robin Sherman will be performing at Carnegie Hall in a benefit concert for Multiple Sclerosis on Saturday evening, February 2, 2002.

The concert features "Women in Music" and Robin will be featured as the Cantor. She will be performing selections from the High Holy Day repertoire among other pieces by Jewish composers. Various women musicians will be joining Robin. Tickets range from \$30-\$50. Tickets can be ordered by calling Carnegie Hall directly at 212-247-7800.

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