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## תורה

### PORTION OF THE WEEK

**MARCH 2 - KI TISSA -- Exodus 30:11-34:35**

In Ki Tissa, God addresses Moses, who is on Mt. Sinai, and instructs him regarding a census of the Israelites, speaks of Betzalel and Oholiab, Israelites whom God has chosen to be the chief artisans for the building of the Tabernacle, and instructs the Israelites about observing the Sabbath as a sign of the covenant between God and the people. God then inscribes the Tablets, which Moses has hewn out of rock, with the Ten Commandments. Moses descends the mountain and is so enraged when he sees the Israelites worshipping and dancing around the golden calf, that he smashes the Tablets.

**MARCH 9 - Vayakhel-Pekuday -- Exodus 35:1-40:38**

Each year the Torah is read in its entirety. Since there are more Torah portions than Sabbaths, certain Torah portions are combined several times during the year. This Shabbat we read a double portion -- Vayakhel and Pekuday. Vayakhel begins "And Moses congregated (vayakhel) the entire community of Israel" to remind them to observe Shabbat. The people are asked to bring gifts for the construction of the mishkan (tabernacle). The second parsha Pekuday begins - "And these are the records (pekuday) of the mishkan" which give a very careful accounting of how much gold, silver and copper were used in the construction of the mishkan and how the garments of the priests were made. Pekuday is the last parasha in Exodus (Shemot), which is the second book of the Torah.

**MARCH 16 - Parashat Vayikra -- Leviticus 1:1-5:26**

This Shabbat we begin reading the third book of the Torah, Leviticus. Leviticus contains many of the laws and precepts of Judaism. It also contains a description of the system of sacrifices that was, for the Israelite community of the time, the primary way of worshipping God. In Hebrew this book and its first portion are called Vayikra meaning, "And [God] called." The parasha opens with God calling to Moses and explaining the various sacrifices. Five different sacrifices are described: the burnt offering--olah; the meal offering--minchah; the sacrifice of well-being--zevach shelamim; the sin offering--chatat;

## From the Rabbis Study



*by Jerome P. David, D.D.*

I am writing this message, having just officiated at a funeral – the funeral of a beautiful, little, three-year-old child. Amber Blatt attended our Pre-School along with her twin sister, Nicole. She died, suddenly, from complications secondary to the flu.

At a sad time like this, words seem so inadequate, and yet I am truly inspired by the love and strength of the parents, Allen and Susan, by their supportive and loving family and by our caring Temple Emanuel family.

Allen said to me, "Amber had a big life for three years old." And in fact she did. I first met Susan and Allen through my "Introduction to Judaism" class 11 years ago, and I performed their wedding ceremony. It was three years ago that they were blessed with twin girls. Amber was older by a few moments. As a pre-schooler she was caring, generous and loving. Amber defended what was right and she wanted to make everyone happy. She was a peacemaker. Amber thought of herself as an artist or a ballerina, and she loved to dress up and help mom with everything. She seemed to have a wisdom beyond her years. Truly, for 3 years old, she had a big life and they had a big life together. Amber and Nicole were inseparable, always together, looking out for one another, watching over one another. They loved books, being read to, Disney movies, Barbies, and library day at our Pre-School. Nicole said, "I miss her." And so do we all.

We embrace this family with one giant hug and we know that Amber's light will continue to glow and warm our hearts.

Today and tomorrow give your child an extra hug. Tell them how much you love them. We pray that with God's help this wonderful family will be led to the dawn of a new day.

and the guilt offering--asham.

**March 23 - Tzav -- Leviticus 6:1-8:36**

There are five "named" shabbatot that precede the holiday of Passover. This week is Shabbat HaGadol or the Great Sabbath. This series of special shabbatot allow us to prepare spiritually for Passover... by reminding us that God

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ken Korach

Welcome to the  
M a r c h  
President's Message!

Now coming up with a topic for the month of March can be a tough one. I could discuss the weather but it's another four weeks of dreary winter. How about March Madness? No, it would only appeal to college hoop fans. I know, at the end of March this year we celebrate Pesach. Passover it is!

Passover is actually a pretty good topic since it is one of my favorite Jewish holidays. While one of the great benefits of being Jewish is the ability to take part in our myriad of Holiday traditions (and let's not forget, every Shabbat is a Holiday!), Passover has always been special for me. Maybe it's one of those things that develop when you are a kid. I remember helping to clean the house of hametz (never very well), polishing the silverware, a large crowd of family and friends at our Seders, the reading of the Haggada,



trying to sit quietly during the serious parts of the Seder, wishing I was old enough (later, young enough) to ask the four questions, dipping the bitter herbs, and of course the raucous rampage through the house searching for the Afikomen before someone else found it!

Even now, Passover remains one of my favorite times of the year. We almost always spend Pesach with friends and family and my wife and I (mostly Brenda) make sure that the Seder is "child friendly" so that our children, and the other kids, derive a great deal of enjoyment from it. Whether it's crazy pictures of wild beasts or dozens of plastic frogs raining down, (you know the song..."frogs here, frogs there, frogs in Pharaoh's underwear!") we try to express the joy that our ancestors must have felt in their journey from slavery to freedom. Although it's been almost 3000 years, the Passover story remains a strong message of adversity and triumph, which has been central to the history of Judaism.

Although each of our 1000 families

at Temple Emanuel likely has their own unique approach to Holiday celebrations, including Passover, my hope is that we are all able to impart the beauty of our religion with our children through these celebrations. The more that we as parents can do to make these memories filled with happiness, joy, and positive experiences, the greater a direct impact it will have on ensuring Jewish continuity. Your membership in Temple Emanuel clearly demonstrates your commitment to this future. If you would like any assistance on how to make your own celebration of the Jewish Holidays more enriching for your family, please contact our Rabbis, Mayda in the Temple Office, or Rita in our Religious School.

Wishing you all the best for a great Pesach, and remember, one of the benefits of matzoh is it makes you realize how much you miss bread!

B'Shalom

Kenneth A. Korach



The Oberlander Family

More than fifty years ago, a young couple moved to Camden from New York City figuring that they would stay for about six months. One of the first things that Adele and Fred Oberlander did was join a small Reform synagogue called Temple Emanuel. Today, Adele is counted as the longest continuous member of our temple and the first of three Oberlander generations to call it home.

For Adele, joining Temple Emanuel in 1951 was her first synagogue affiliation, having been raised more in a

## One Congregation... One Family

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

By Joan Grossberg

Yiddish than a religious culture. For the family it has been a long and successful fit. The family witnessed the b'nai mitzvot of children Janet and David and their subsequent confirmations. Three years ago, Adele's grandson Scott Oberlander was bar mitzvah at Temple Emanuel and plans to be confirmed this spring. This is a family that has and continues to make its mark on its religious home.

Adele Oberlander, who makes her home in Cherry Hill, is a very actively retired chemistry teacher. Some of her students have served on the Temple board of trustees, including her son David. Adele's schedule includes time for tennis, books clubs, co-presidency of her Hadassah group, Sisterhood board, tutoring, aerobics at the JCC and travel. In 1993 she culminated her years of Hebrew study as a member of the first adult b'nai mitz-

vah class here in Temple Emanuel's new building.

David and Nancy Oberlander also make their home in Cherry Hill. David is a real estate attorney and member of the Cherry Hill School Board. He skis (occasionally) and reads (a lot) and, like his father before him, has served as Men's Club president. Nancy, who grew up in Long Island, is a social worker in the Audubon school system. She is a former member of the Sisterhood board and counts tennis and softball among her pastimes. As for the next generation, 15-year old Scott is a sophomore at Cherry Hill East where he is on the tennis team, plays basketball at the JCC, skis and is a member of TEFTY. Seven-year-old Steven is in first grade at Bret Harte and, like his brother, plays basketball at the JCC in addition to soccer, baseball, roller hockey,

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Members are urged to purchase tickets prior to March 11th when they become available to non-members. Space is limited.

## A Weekend To Remember April 26 - 28, 2002

Friday • April 26

Family Shabbat Dinner • 6 pm

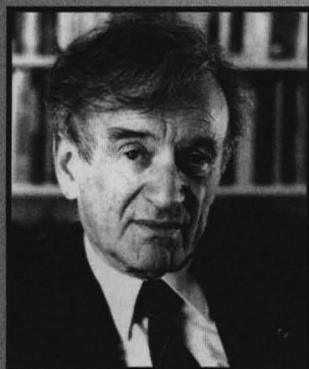
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# Adult Education

## 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?



### MARCH

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## FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

*Family Life News*

by Donna Moskowitz  
Family Life Educator

## SIGN UP NOW FOR PASSOVER SEDER 101!

On March 6th at 6:45 in the Social Hall we will be holding Passover Prep School - a program involving 4 segments pertaining to Pesach. They will include:

- How to run a seder involving adults,
- How to run a seder and keep children involved
- Craft Ideas to personalize your holiday, and a Passover Recipe Swap.

There is no cost for this event, but RSVP is necessary. For more information, call me at 489-0035 ext.18

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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. The classes are held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

**March 17** - The Passover Haggadah — Rabbi David

For many of us, Passover is one of the most important Jewish memories of childhood and one of the most meaningful holidays in our adult lives. Passover's themes of freedom and helping the oppressed teaches us about central Jewish values and passes these values on from generation to generation. At the core of our Passover celebration is our Haggadah. This inspirational text has been creatively adapted time and time again. In this hour, we will study the Haggadah both for its history and its relevance today.

**April 7** - Our Newest Holidays: Israeli Independence Day and Holocaust Memorial Day — Rabbi Cohen

Judaism is constantly changing to keep up with our people's history and to remain relevant to each generation. In the last century, two new holidays were added to our calendar to allow us to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to celebrate the founding of the State of Israel. We will study how these holidays both answer the needs of our generation and, also, rely on past traditions and liturgy for meaning and connection.

**April 21** - How to Answer the Question: What is Judaism? — Rabbi David

Have your children or neighbors or friends or a relative ever asked you: "What is Judaism?" It seems like a simple question. But, how would you respond to it? There are certainly more than one answer. We will talk about the diverse ways to explain Judaism and which answer has the most meaning for us.

## TUESDAY DAYTIME CLASSES

Tuesday Daytime Classes with Rabbi Jerome P. David and Rabbi Cohen will be held on March 5 and 19, and April 9 and 23.

At 12:00 noon the Post B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Jerome P. David will meet.

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 1:00 p.m. there will be Bible Study. Come learn with Rabbi Debbie. Each session, we will have a lively discussion about a different Biblical text. There is no need to pre-register for this class.

## TUESDAY EVENING ADULT ACADEMY

A series of adult Judaica classes are being offered from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The topics and schedule are as follows:

**March 5** - Women in Judaism, with Rita Zohav

We will explore the history of women's status in Judaism, from Biblical times through the middle ages. How did the Jewish status of women compare with the cultures around them? How did a woman's status change once she was married. What were the obligations of wives to husbands and husbands to wives?

**March 12, 19** - Exploring Jewish Art and Judaica with Donna Moskowitz

We will discuss Chagall, Agam, Rosenstein, Shalom of Safed, Frank Meisler, and probably Artemeisa Gentileschi and their different interpretations of being Jewish. We will look at samples of different works and pieces to compare and enjoy.

## FUTURE CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**April 9 and 16** - Reviving the Spirit: Jewish Meditation with Laura Markowitz

In this one-hour course we will explore the roots of Jewish meditation and experience the mind-body connection in a spiritual practice. This is a participatory class, you will be expected to lie on the floor and actively take part. So wear comfortable clothes and prepare to have fun!

**April 23, 30 & May 7, 14** - Jews in America: A History with Dr. Herbert Ershkowitz

In this course, we will survey the history of Jews in America. Join Dr. Ershkowitz, a Temple Emanuel member and a history professor, for this exciting journey.

- Session 1-First Jews in America
- Session 2-The German and Eastern European Jews
- Session 3-The Great Depression and World War II
- Session 4-Post World War II Developments

*Wishing you and your  
family a wonderful  
Passover*



## RITUAL EDUCATION

by Barbara J. Silverman

### *Vacation* & SHABBAT

I am writing this message you after recently returning from my winter vacation. I was just so moved by an experience that I had while on vacation, that I wanted to share it with you.

It seems that almost every time that I go out of town or on a vacation, I find myself in a synagogue for at least one Shabbat service. This past vacation my friends and I attended a lay led Kabbalat Shabbat service. It did not take place in a synagogue. It took place in a meeting room. There was no Torah, no eternal light, no professionally bound siddur, and of course no rabbi or cantor. Without taking an accurate head count, I could estimate that there were about 60 people in the room. All of these people took time out of their vacation to welcome the Shabbat. Most people only knew the people that they entered the room with. There was a man who stood in the front of the room and acted as the leader. He introduced himself and said that he was a travel agent by profession. He also mentioned that he teaches seventh grade Judaica (on the side), in a synagogue in Western Pennsylvania.

A few minutes into the service, a woman stood up and began leading the Hebrew prayers. She had an Israeli accent. It didn't take long for me to notice that I was sitting in a room with approximately 57 other Jewish people that I had never met before. We were all there for the same reason, the reason of celebrating Shabbat and being part of a community. I realized that I knew every melody that was used at this service. It was obvious by the volume of the words and sincerity that was felt that the melodies and service that we were doing was not unfamiliar to anyone. Everyone in the room was together with each passage that we prayed. Some people had Reform backgrounds, some Conservative and some Reconstructionist.

Together, we had formed a Jewish community. Before we concluded the service, the leader asked the congregation what countries were represented. It turned out that there were about 10 different countries represented in that one room. But once again, we prayed together as one people. What a heartwarming and emotional experience it was.

## YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

There are certain times when the influence of Youth Group is most evident: this past month was filled with occasions that made us all proud of our Temple Emanuel teens. Community spirit and involvement were the motivating factors in Super Sunday. Acting as Teen Coordinator, Arion Robbins was an outstanding leader, directing countless Temple Emanuel teens toward making a difference in our Jewish world through fund-raising for Jewish Federation of South Jersey.

Youth Group Shabbat is an annual experience that elevates our teens' consciousness in living Judaism. Sharing in a teen-oriented service also enlightens our entire congregation into the thrills of heart-felt and personal readings and hands-on praying. This year's Shabbat service was ably coordinated by Louis Hoffer; reaching out to all youth group members in song and relevant quotations were Ben Markowitz and Danielle Dittrich. Countless members shared their feelings with readings and prayer, giving our Temple family the opportunity to see Youth Group in a more religious light.

Please mark your calendars for future Youth Group Shabbat services; you will be moved and educated, thrilled and touched simultaneously.

And what is Purim without the Purim Carnival? And what is the Purim Carnival without our Youth Group teens who manned the booths of their own creations, who spun cotton candy, done swirl art or the basketball toss, organized and given out prizes, passed out tickets or sold food or done crafts? This year's festivities were amongst the best. Volunteers helped young boys and girls enjoy every minute of the event.

All of this was wonderful, but nothing surpassed the feeling of helping the participants of Gam Yachad, our community's program for developmentally delayed teens. Our annual Gam Yachad Carnival followed our regular carnival; this one provided fun and games for those who don't usually get to frolic at fun fairs or carnivals. Every single person who participated had the incredible feeling of making a difference, of bringing happiness into the lives of others.

In addition to all of these selfless and giving activities, Youth Group has also found the time to share in social events. Ice skating was our fun of choice for last month. This month, we are keeping our fingers crossed that a ski trip may actually take place... (Think Snow!)

Regional programming is looking forward to Spring Convention and Hagigah Maccabiah. Both of these are held at Camp Harlam; Spring is a farewell to all seniors, while Hagigah is a welcoming for all eighth and ninth graders.

Sooo—if you are an eighth or ninth or tenth grader and would like to find out how awesome Regional Conventions really are, this is your ideal opportunity. Applications will arrive shortly.

Does all of this sound like something YOU should be part of? It is always a perfect time to try Youth Group, to grow and learn, to have fun and to become more special in every single way - just like all of the active members have already become!!

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Temple Emanuel's youth groups are an active energetic place for our children. And they begin as young as Kindergarten! Your child or grandchild can experience all the fun and opportunities of meeting other youngsters in the congregation to celebrate Judaism in an informal way as soon as they begin school.

Below are the names of the advisor for these groups and the dates of their next events. 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

March 9, 9:30-11:00 AM

April 13, 9:30-11:00 AM

### **Shalosh-Arbah Club**

Grades: 3 & 4

Advisor: Laura Hoffman

March 17, 12:15 PM

April 14, 12:15 PM

### **Yedidim Club**

Grades 5&6

Advisors: Barry &

Melissa Pisetzner

March 17 – Paint Your Own Seder Plates/Elijah Cups, 2:00 PM

April 20 Event TBA!



## THE SENIOR SCENE

by Lucille Orland

All you stay-at-homes missed a "socko" January meeting! We were treated to a dual presentation by Mr. Murray Gass and Father Joseph Wallace, longtime friends who have worked together for more than 13 years in interfaith organizations. Their specific emphasis is on the Catholic-Jewish Institute of Learning and its Adult Education Series at the JCC. The institute's goal is to explore our histories and traditions and establish closer ties among members of our religious communities.

Father Wallace is Executive Editor of the Catholic Star-Herald newspaper. His clarity of thought and journalistic expertise were clearly evident in his presentation. A skilled orator, and possessed of a rich speaking voice, he held us in thrall with a cogent historical overview of the roots and sources of Judeo-Christian conflicts. He highlighted the progress made, particularly since WWII via Papal declarations, and engaged Mr. Gass and the audience in a friendly disputation on some long-standing unresolved issues.

In the way of an update: As of January 18, the Pope's leading theologian just released a document reaffirming that Jews and Christians share the wait for the Messiah. This is a rejection of, and apology for, the way some Christians viewed the Old Testament. Jewish rabbinical leaders believe this restores biblical passages to their original meaning. And a prominent Catholic theologian stated: "...In the past we talked about an ancient common heritage... now for the first time we're talking about our future and waiting for the Messiah..." Asked if this meant "Waiting together?" he replied, "No, but waiting close to each other!"

Our Fall and Winter meetings have been outstanding for the varied and stimulating topics presented by our speakers. We heartily acknowledge the time and efforts of Joe Strip, Midge Raich, Stella Schaevits, Ruth Feistman, Ellie Truhaft, Adele Oberlander, and Shirley Tannenbaum for scheduling the programs and making necessary contacts.

For our March 20 meeting, Gert Pastelnick has mined the riches of life experience from our own Temple staff. She will present Rita Zohav, Educational Director. Rita will relate her personal history as "An American Immigrant in Israel." She has made Aliyah not once, but twice! She returned to Israel during the 2002 summer, and will contrast her past experiences with current conditions in a country struggling to maintain normalcy in the face of persistent, escalating terror and loss.

## 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, March 12, 2002

Tuesday, April 19, 2002

This month we welcome the holiday of Passover, and I ask you all to remember two things:

1. There are needy Jewish families and senior citizens whose tables will be empty if not for the generosity of others

2. There is more to Passover food than matzoh!

When doing your Passover shopping, please remember to pick up an extra matzoh cake mix, Gefilte Fish, and a variety of other foods for those who are on a tight budget. Sharing these foods can help provide a sweet Passover holiday for all.

The reality in practicing "Tikkun Olam" covers a multitude of ways we can become involved. Helping to teach a child to read through the "Book Mates" program is one way. Other ways are: helping to cook for the hungry at our monthly casserole dates; becoming a mentor to someone in need, and phoning a person who might need someone to talk to. If you have any ideas on the practice of "healing the world," please call me and share your thoughts.

May all of you have a pleasant Passover. Remember to watch for the leaves returning to the trees in green splendor to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

## BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS

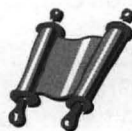
### MARCH 16

Bar Mitzvah of  
**SETH MICHAEL NEMEROFF**  
Son of Debbie and  
Randy Nemeroff

Bar Mitzvah of  
**LANCE KALBACHER**  
Son of Rina and  
Robert Kalbacher

### MARCH 23

Bar Mitzvah of  
**ALAN J. MARTOFEL**  
Son of Patricia and  
Ricardo Martofel



Bat Mitzvah of  
**MALLORY KATZ**  
Daughter of Polly and Brian Katz

## VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FLAGPOLE FUND

A new Temple Emanuel project chaired by Edgar Wolf, Jr. is underway.

Donations to the Veteran's Memorial Flagpole fund will go towards installing a permanent flagpole in front of our building. For more information on how you can support this special project, please call Edgar at 235-5935.



## THE PRE-SCHOOL AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

By Julie Kratchman

As I write this article, I find myself reflecting on what is truly important. So often we find ourselves caught up in the day to day issues that may overwhelm and frustrate us. Then something unforeseen happens that puts things into perspective. Being in a pre-school, surrounded by joyful, giggling children is good for the soul. No matter what is going on in the world around us, our pre-school world is filled with caring and love.

When you are a teacher, you use your knowledge of child development to guide you as you plan your days, but more than this, you engage your heart and mind with hearts and minds of children. Teachers and parents alike should always be ready to be astonished by children. Children teach us by looking at everyday, ordinary miracles with insight and discovery.

Children really know how to celebrate the present moments in life, and fortunate are we that we can share this with them. I urge us all to be there for a child - listen, respond and help him/her to make meaning out of what they know. I promise that you will find this time well spent.

## מזל טוב MAZEL TOV

Dr. Larry and Irene Kauffman on the birth of their granddaughter, Alexandra Morgan Kauffman daughter of Philip and Shari Kauffman

Devin Wilcox, son of Randy and Lisa Wilcox on being awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for achievement, the Eagle Scout.

Marriage of Stacey Krause and Joseph Silverman

## SISTERHOOD

by Debra Faye

Before I share Sisterhood's March news, let me take a moment to wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Cantor Robin Sherman on her February 2nd debut at Carnegie Hall. Sisterhood (with special thanks to Midge Raich) sponsored a bus trip to New York City for people to attend Cantor Sherman's performance. She did a wonderful job and made us all very proud of her.

Now, welcome to March Madness, Sisterhood-style. We have an incredibly busy month with something for everyone. On Wednesday, March 13th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Sisterhood will be holding the Ultimate House Party! Jessica Manelis, Sisterhood's Director of Programming, has planned a wonderful evening with various vendors to help all of us get ourselves and our houses ready for Passover and for spring. Call Jessica at 566-1218 for more details.

On Monday, March 11th, Sisterhood is once again hosting our annual Her Seder. The Her Seder is always a wonderful evening of fun, laughter, and spirituality. Special thanks to Sue Levine and her committee members for all of the hard work that they put into making the event so successful.

On Sunday, March 17th, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sisterhood is pleased to host WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) District 5's Coffee and Conversation meeting. This is a leadership training workshop for Sisterhood and over 30 women from all over the district will be attending.

On Sunday, March 24th, Sisterhood will be hosting a Model Seder for the religious school. It is a huge undertaking to provide this experience for all of the children in our religious school. Special thanks to Randi Bard and Debbie Thomson, Sisterhood's Religious School Coordinators, and their committee for the wonderful job that they do pulling this event together.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year. Please mark your calendars now for May 3-5 and Sisterhood's Annual Women's Retreat. We will be traveling to Lancaster and staying at the beautiful Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. For more details, please contact the event chair, Wendi Cohen at 428-2763.

On Friday evening, May 10th, join us for Sisterhood Shabbat as we celebrate and honor our lives as Jewish women. Sisterhood Shabbat is also when Sisterhood traditionally honors one of our own with the Woman of Valor award. If you know a busy, active Sisterhood member of at least 5 years standing that you would like to see nominated for the award, or if you are interested in helping on the committee, please contact one of the committee's co-chairs, Felice Friedman (482-9146) or Judy Lubetkin (751-6146).

As you can see, there is always lots going on in Sisterhood. Please call me at 795-5133 or e-mail at [dfaye1@prodigy.net](mailto:dfaye1@prodigy.net) if you would like to join the fun. Have a Zissen Pesach.

## Passover

### AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Passover at Temple Emanuel is always a special time. This year, we will have our Passover Service on Thursday, March 28th, at 10:30 a.m.

At 6 p.m. we will hold our Congregational Seder. Please join us for a wonderful celebration. Our festival will include a complete Passover meal by "Betty the Caterer." We will read from the Passover Haggadah, sing holiday songs and enjoy watching our children search for the "afikomen." Reservations must be made by March 20th. The cost is \$38.00 per adult, \$20.00 per child (12 and under) and no charge 4 and under.

On Friday, March 29, at 8:00 p.m., we will celebrate Shabbat Simcha. If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary in a 5 year increment, join us for a special blessing under the Huppah.

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m., we will hold Yizkor Service.

## MEMO FROM MAYDA



The excitement continues to build. Our committee members are hard at work preparing for our 10th Anniversary Celebration. Please mark your calendars and don't miss the wonderful programs being planned for the Weekend to Remember, April 26-28 2002.

We are thrilled to be having Elie Wiesel address us at our Temple, but even more than that, we are delighted that Temple Emanuel has achieved the stature that allows us to provide our congregants with the opportunity to listen to his important message in our "own home". Many thanks to those members who have given so generously of their time and resources to enable us to achieve this milestone.

The committee structure continues to be the backbone of our synagogue. Dedicated volunteers work tirelessly at a wide variety of "jobs." Whether interested in helping create curriculum for pre-school through adult education, assisting in the Library, working with our Finance committee to oversee the budget, creating social programs for our members, working with the marketing/public relations or website committees, helping the office staff stuff and label envelopes or on a myriad of other projects, we need you. Each volunteer adds to the fabric of our congregation by sharing a little bit of themselves with us.

Herman Melville wrote:

*We cannot live only for ourselves.  
A thousand fibers connect us with*

*our fellow men;  
And along those fibers,  
As sympathetic threads,  
Our actions run as causes,  
And they come back to us as  
effects.*

You are important to the success of our Temple family. We cannot do it without you. Your thread will be a valuable addition to the fabric of our congregation. Please call me and let me know what part you want to play in continuing to make Temple Emanuel the best it can be.

B'Shalom,

Mayda

## Kuisine Korner

By Cindy Lefler

Last year my kids organized a revolt at Passover. After day after day of refusing them their precious pasta, rice and couscous, they demanded a family meeting. The 12-year-old, appointed spokesman for the group, told me if I served potatoes just one more night, they were packing their bags and moving to Idaho. I had to get creative – baked and mashed wasn't gonna cut it anymore. I had to find a way to disguise the lowly tuber, as it is really the only starch allowed during the holiday. (Please don't even bring up those pseudo noodles... my kids weren't fooled by them, either.) Here's one interesting way to put potatoes on the table:

### MOROCCAN POTATO CASSEROLE

2 lbs. potatoes, scrubbed  
1 medium carrot, peeled and halved lengthwise  
1 cup diced zucchini  
4 tablespoons oil  
2 large onions, chopped  
6 eggs  
1/2 tsp. turmeric  
1 tsp. salt  
Pinch of pepper  
1/2 cup chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place potatoes and carrot in pan, cover with water and add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook for 20 minutes. Remove carrot. Continue to cook potatoes 10 minutes longer, or until tender, then remove. Add zucchini and cook about 5 minutes. Dice the carrot.

Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until tender and brown.

Peel potatoes and mash them. Add eggs to potatoes, beating well after each one. Stir in spices, parsley and

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onions with the oil in which they were cooked. Fold in carrot and zucchini.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in 2-quart casserole in oven for 2 minutes. Swirl to coat sides of casserole. Add potato mixture. Bake 50 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.





**RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL**  
by RITA ZOHAV

**LESSONS OF LATENESS**

**W**e already have the best staff any Religious School could hope for. Dedicated teachers, administrators, and rabbis interact with attentive, eager-to-learn students. Now, we need to enlist the help of our wonderful parents to make this school the best it can be. We need a strong partnership between the parents and Religious School in order to give our children the very finest educational experience possible. That has been my intention from the beginning and I hope you share that feeling with me. I am now asking for your help.

I have been observing that more than half the students come late to class mid-week and on weekends. Teachers often have to begin class with a handful of students, or start late and miss a portion of the teaching time. They have shared with me their sense of frustration. The teaching staff is very dedicated and tries hard to create strong, positive Jewish memories for every one of our children. They take their jobs very seriously.

I am very aware of the busy lives you all lead and the stresses of getting places on time in Cherry Hill traffic. We ask that you make every effort to have your children here, ready to learn at the beginning of school.

Together we can be partners to create a dynamic, creative and exciting Religious School for all of our students.

In another matter... In December, I asked Mayda to send out a note on the Temple email about the Religious School's need for audio-visual equipment. We received a wonderful and immediate response. I would like to thank Mark Sobel and Estelle Cohen for donations of their TVs. Special thanks to Carl Grossberg for the new VCR and to Bill, Debra and Chloe Berger for their donation of a DVD player! Now we need to find Jewish movies on DVD. Anyone?

Thank you all for thinking of us and for your generosity. Todah Rabah.

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We Cordially invite you to join us on  
Friday, March 22, 2002, at 8 p.m.  
for the Adult Bat Mitzvah of

**LINDA R. HARVEY  
MICHELE ELLEN HIRSCH  
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ROBIN MILLER  
NANCY K. SHUBACH**

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to use in the event of an emergency. Prescription  
eyeglasses are also being collected. They will be given  
to a local Lions Club for distribution.*

*Please bring these items with you on March 22.  
There will be a bin in the lobby for collection.  
Mazel tov to our Adult Bat Mitzvahs  
and their families.*

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## MEN'S CLUB

by David Faye

### FEBRUARY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The attendees at our final breakfast program of the school year on February 10th left with their stomachs full of bagels, lox, whitefish salad, and other goodies and their minds full of knowledge about "How to Save \$ for College." Guest speakers Rhonda Shevrin and Carol Lupo, each of whom is a "Vice President, Investments" at UBS PaineWebber, imparted the audience with sound and worthwhile financial advice derived from their roughly two decades-worth of investment experience. Everybody present benefited from Rhonda's and Carol's expertise in wealth accumulation and management and from the general tips on saving money that they shared. Besides being very active with Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, both women are on the board of directors of Jewish Family & Children's Services. Thanks to former Men's Club Board member Michael Shore for suggesting the topic for this breakfast program to me. Our next breakfast programs will be held on 9/22, 10/13, 11/3, and 12/8.

### JAG BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Jewish Athletic Group (JAG)'s bowling tournament on Sunday night, February 24th, at the Woodcrest Playdrome provided much fun for the TE Men's Club team. Our synagogue's men's club was the only one which participated in all the JAG sports tournaments in 2001-02! Many thanks to Programming V.P. Todd Cohen on his efforts on behalf of this tournament and to our bowlers. The Men's Club's annual Father - Child bowling tournament will be held on Sunday, April 21st.

### SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Nefesh Ha'Adam, the snazzy Hebrew name of our Men's Club's Spirituality Committee founded in October 1999, held a stimulating discussion at its meeting on Wednesday night, February 27th. This group, ably chaired by steady Carl Grossberg and who is assisted by the philosophical Richard Selznick, explores the topic of spirituality and the Jewish man. If you are interested in putting on your religious thinking cap and exchanging cerebral but cool ideas and thoughts with your fellow congregants in the future, contact Carl at 751-6349 evenings or e-mail him at cgrossberg@aol.com.

### JAG SOFTBALL LEAGUE

It's time to start getting rid of that Tastykake-caused flab and unload those unflattering waistlines by taking the first concrete step -- signing up for the Men's Club's softball team! Coach Brad Ryer and Assistant Coaches Earle Goldstein and Todd Cohen will whip you into shape

so that you're lookin' good at the swimming pool and at the Margate surf this summer in European-cut swimwear. So, if you have some desire to and a modicum amount of talent to help TE compete against its brothers from other area men's clubs in the Jewish Athletic League (JAG), please call Brad at 751-6316 ASAP. If there's sufficient interest, Temple Emanuel will field a second team. Requirements to play: (1) you must be an male at least age 18, (2) a current member of TE's Men's Club (costs \$36 to join), and (3) Jewish or a member of TE.

### MEN'S SYMPOSIUM

Guys aren't always the best at opening up and talking frankly about the subjects that really count in life. But we'll all have that opportunity at the men's symposium entitled "Men - Let's Talk...and Listen," which is co-sponsored by Temple Emanuel's Men's Club, seven other South Jersey Jewish men's clubs, and Jewish Federation. Join us on Sunday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the JCC. After a kosher continental breakfast, the keynote speaker, Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, will give his presentation on "Jewish Men Finding our Way -- Self, Family, Synagogue, Society." Then, we will attend two breakout sessions of our pre-selected choice from among these six topics led by area rabbis: relationships (Richard Levine of Adath Emanu-El), domestic harmony (Ephraim Epstein of Sons of Israel), fathers and sons (Aaron Krupnick of Beth El in the first session and Ari Goldstein of M'Kor Shalom in the second session), aging (Albert Lewis of TBS), aging parents (Lewis Eron, a TE member and Community Chaplain of Jewish Federation), and Jewish men in society (Gary Gans of Beth Tikvah).

Free health info and screenings will be provided by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. Cost: \$5 for advance registration; \$10 at the door. Checks are to be made payable to Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and sent to Dr. Todd Cohen, 419 Downs Dr., Cherry Hill 08003. Inform Todd which two breakout sessions you wish to attend. Those attending the men's symposium are urged to wear one of those spanking new TE Men's Club T-shirt's, which can be bought from me for a mere \$10. Grab this opportunity quickly by calling me at 795-5133 before you'll have to try your luck on eBay to find one for sale!

### TRENTON THUNDER GAME

If your kids are singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" or you have a sudden urge for peanuts and Crackerjack, you are

# Her SEDER

Set the date aside for Her Seder, a community Passover gathering to celebrate new traditions, and to experience the Festival of Freedom and Renewal through the voices of women.

Monday, March 11, at 5:45, Rabbi Cohen and Cantor Sherman will lead the service. Registration will start at 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person.

A Kosher dinner of stuffed capon will be served. A vegetarian platter is available upon request.

For more information, or reservations, call Sue Levine at 772-1183.

## 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.

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				ELIE WIESEL MEMBER TICKETS ON SALE MARCH 1ST	1 6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service Guest Izzi Rodreig, Israel Tour Guide Welcome Shabbat	2 9:15 a.m. Torah Study
3          9th Grade Trip	4 7:30 p.m. Exec. Board Meeting	5 12 Noon Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Adult Beg. Hebrew Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	6 6:45 p.m. Passover Workshop	7 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee	8 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Shabbat Across America Kol Emanuel will participate in Service  8th Grade Trip Welcome Shabbat	9 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Religious School
10 12:15 p.m. Family Double Dare Game Show	11 5:30 p.m. Sisterhood "Her Seder"	12 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	13 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood "House Party Paradise" 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting	14 7:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Canteen for Special Needs Children and Adults	15 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services Honoring 3rd Grade - Vayikra  Welcome Shabbat	16 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of SETH MICHAEL NEMEROFF and LANCE KALBACHER 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of GWEN SILVERMAN
8th Grade Trip						
17 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Shalosh Arbah Club 1:00 p.m. WRJ Conference	18 7:30 p.m. RS Sub Committee	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 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee	21 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Board Mtg.	22 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Service Adult Bat Mitzvah  Welcome Shabbat	23 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of ALAN J. MARTOFEL and Bat Mitzvah of MALLORY KATZ
24 9:00 a.m. R.S. Model Seders	25 9:15 a.m. Pre-School Model Seders 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustees	26 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	27	28 10:30 a.m. Passover Service 6:00 p.m. Congregational Seder	29 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Shabbat Simcha  Welcome Shabbat	30 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
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# Calendar

## APRIL 2002

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## TEMPLE EMANUEL

### SCHOOL CLOSING NUMBERS:

Religious School - 638  
6th-12th Grade Eve. - 2638  
Pre-School - 1255

Events and times listed are subject to change.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	<b>1</b> 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Mtg.	<b>2</b> 6:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Steering Committee 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Committee Mtg.	<b>3</b> 7:30 p.m. Yizkor Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <b>Rabbi Edwin N. Soslow</b> <b>Shabbat</b> Participation of our Children's Choir <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>6</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of SAMUEL NATHAN GOLDBERG and Bat Mitzvah of BRITTANY STOMEL 6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of MICHAEL BRANDON GOTLEIB
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Sisterhood Trip to NY with Rabbi David	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting and Kiddush Class 7:30 p.m. Executive Board Mtg.	<b>9</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Casserole Cooking 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30 a.m. Sisterhood Program Israeli Dancing	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Torah Service <b>Yom Hashoa</b> <b>Guest: State Senator</b> <b>John Adler "Reflections</b> <b>on a recent trip to</b> <b>Israel"</b> <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>13</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shalom Club 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of ALLISON ELISABETH RUBIN and Bar Mitzvah of THAYER ALTMAN  <b>10th Grade Trip</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 p.m. RS Sub- Committee Mtg.	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion	<b>18</b> 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Synagogue President's Council Mtg.	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service <b>Yom Haatzmaut</b>  <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>20</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of JUSTIN IRA WEISS <b>6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Concert</b>
<b>10th Grade Trip</b>						
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12:15 a.m. Shalosh Arbah Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Committee Mtg.	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism	<b>25</b> 6:45 p.m. Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. 10th Anniversary Steering Committee	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 p.m. 10th</b> <b>Anniversary Shabbat</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>8:00 p.m. 10th</b> <b>Anniversary Shabbat fea-</b> <b>aturing singer, song-</b> <b>writer,</b> <b>PERI SMILOW</b> <i>Welcome Shabbat</i>	<b>27</b> 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of GLENN FRITSCH And Bat Mitzvah of CHLOE LEIA SWIRSKY 6:15 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of ALEXANDRA LIPSCHULTZ
<b>28</b> <b>7:00 p.m. AN EVENING</b> <b>WITH ELIE WIESEL</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 p.m. TE Board of Trustees	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Adult Academy				





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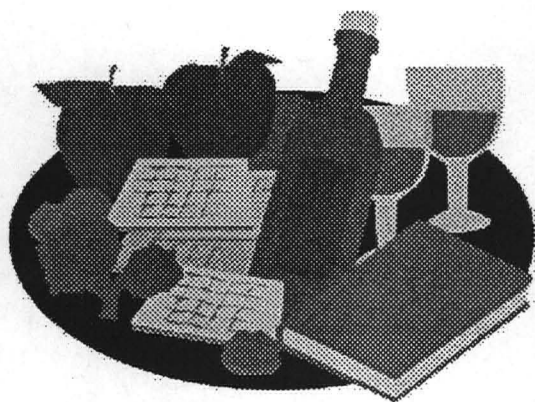


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# **Temple Emanuel Cherry Hill, New Jersey**

## **Passover Congregational Seder Thursday, March 28, 2002**

Please join us for our annual Congregational Seder which will be held on **Thursday, March 28, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.** in our Social Hall. Our festival will include a complete Passover meal by "Betty the Caterer". We will read from the Haggadah, sing holiday songs and watch our children's smiling faces as they search for the afikomen.

Reservations must be received by March 20, 2002. Please complete the form below and mail to the Temple Office.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Jerome P. David*

*Rabbi Debbie Cohen*

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### **Temple Emanuel Congregational Seder**

**Thursday, March 28, 2002**

Please reserve the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 per person

# Children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per person (12 and under)

# Toddlers \_\_\_\_\_ @ no charge (4 and under only, please)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preference : \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this reservation form by March 20, 2002 to:**

**Temple Emanuel Seder    1101 Springdale Road    Cherry Hill NJ 08003**



## HIGHS TO LOWS

The "Kol Emanuel Chronicles' " first issue was an in-depth interview of our very capable and dedicated Choir Director, Julia Zavadsky. Then, we did the sections of the choir, which included the sopranos, the altos and the tenors. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to guess what comes next.

Allow me to introduce The Basses (in photo, left to right): Murray Fineman, Peter Boyer, Michael Shorr, Phillip Miller.

Before starting to expound the virtues of the basses, I must confess that I have had more than a casual relationship with the bass section. I played the tuba in the Ocean City High School band for four years. My high school band conductor, Mr Halleran, told me the tuba was the most important instrument in the band. The tuba player set the tempo or beat of the band. Even the drummers followed the tempo of the tuba.



Of course, these were the days when "The March King," John Philip Sousa (1854-1932) band music was still in full swing.

The Kol Emanuel basses' job is to fill in the picture with the rich colors that enhance the total harmony of the painting. In some songs, we come very close to the classic tuba part, and in other songs, we actually carry the melody for a while.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BASS

We all know that bass sounds are a very important part of any musical composition. Today you may spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars for a good sound home music system. Most of those dollars go towards getting a good, true bass sound. The midrange and high range sounds are relatively easy to reproduce.

Normally the basses do sing in the low range but sometimes we really have to "work" to reach some of those "high" notes. I sometimes think the composers had their music sheets upside down when placing the notes for basses.

Now that Michael Shorr has purchased stools for the basses, we can project our voices better into the sanctuary as we blend and harmonize with the rest of the choir. Of course, balancing on a small stool is not the most comfortable thing to do while singing, but it does get our heads up above the lovely ladies' hairdos. And, to hear Kol Emanuel's basses - and the rest of the choir - all you have to do is come to Friday night services or other special events in which Kol Emanuel participates. In fact, on February 23rd we participated in the Havdalah service at the Culture Shuk at the JCC.

## A SPECIAL HONOR

And speaking of Temple Emanuel singers, our esteemed Cantor Sherman gave a great performance of Janowski's "Avinu Malkeynu," Helfman's "Shema Kolenu," Steinberg's "Shalom Rav," Ravel's "Kaddish" and "A Simple Song" from Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" on February 2nd at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City. How many synagogues can say their Cantor sang at Carnegie Hall? Temple Emanuel is very proud of her.

## KOL EMANUEL EVENTS

Kol Emanuel will sing again on March 8th Friday night services. Also, we will perform on March 10th at the Annual Choir Festival at Gratz College. This will be the fourth year we have participated in this event.

Why is this column so long this month? It's to expound the virtues of bass singers and tuba/Sousaphone players. Actually, I am guessing that nobody really cares about tuba/Sousaphone players except other tuba /Sousaphone players. So thanks for getting this far in reading even if you are not a tuba or Sousaphone player.

Being a tuba player is not a prerequisite for singing bass. So, if you have a bass - or any range voice for that matter - why don't you seriously consider Kol Emanuel. You get on-the-job training, and some day when you see Julia Zavadsky conducting on TV, you can brag that you too sang under her capable direction.

## Be Our Guest

Temple Emanuel invites you to bring your young ones - from tiny tots to kindergarteners - to the Tot Shabbat and Family Dinner on Friday, March 1.

Dinner will begin at 6 pm., followed by the Tot Shabbat at 7 p.m.

Experience the joy of celebrating Shabbat with your children, and with other families just like yours.

There is no charge for the evening, but RSVPs are essential. Call Gilda at 489-0029.

## 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.

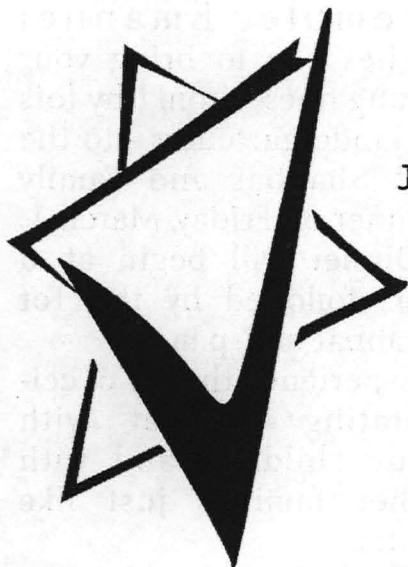
We would like to only increase this programming, possibly including reunions and visits to colleges for our 11th and 12th graders. If you have ideas or want to get involved, please call Debbie Jeffreys at 751-5119.

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

## Welcome to the Family

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

Ms. Michelle Berman



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# HOW DO YOU GET TO CARNEGIE HALL?

By Robin Cogan

**W**e can all feel inspired and renewed when good things happen to good people. One recent event fits the bill. It was on Saturday evening February 2, 2002, New York City, Carnegie Hall, that Cantor Robin Sherman of Temple Emanuel, sang her heart out for a crowd gathered to raise much needed money for Multiple Sclerosis research. The unique aspect of this benefit concert was that it was comprised of interfaith music. Cantor Sherman sang a selection of five liturgical pieces that moved the audience and the singer to tears.

Our Cantor is a triple treat, she makes glorious music and is filled with grace and humility; rare and treasured qualities. Cantor Sherman has been inspiring congregants for twenty years at Temple Emanuel. Her interfaith community involvement speaks to her passion for sharing the music of the Jewish people with all faiths.

As a "groupie" for the evening at Carnegie Hall, I was in wonderful company. Cantor Sherman has a loyal following of duly inspired congregants and friends. At one point, we let the decorum of the magnificent Hall leave us as we wildly waived and cheered from the surrounding balconies. Cantor Sherman gave us a joyful "thumbs up" signifying that she heard our jubilation and appreciated the audience enthusiasm.

Carnegie Hall is awe-inspiring; the history of the music made in that room fills it with a magically charged energy. We sensed it as we made our way to our seats. There is a palpable reverence there that one might expect in a religious sanctuary. The reverence at Carnegie Hall is about honoring and respecting other people's gifts and talents. It is a place to remember those who have graced that sacred stage; Isaac Stern, Leonard Bernstein, Vladimir Horowitz and now Cantor Robin Sherman.

Good things do happen to good people and it is a gift to participate in these special memories. Cantor Sherman is a treasure in our community and we honor her talent and willingness to share her gifts with us day in and day out. Twenty years of music, may it be just the beginning and may she live and sing as long as Abraham; for 120 years. So Cantor, we have 100 more years to enjoy your beautiful music. May God bless you with good health and a strong voice as you have blessed us for so long.



## Men's Club

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in luck. Men's Club is having an outing to Waterfront Park in our state capital to see the Trenton Thunder (a "AA" Boston Red Sox affiliate) play against the New Haven Ravens (a "AA" St. Louis Cardinals affiliate) on Saturday, April 6th at 7:05 p.m. -- the 3rd game of the young season. Then, get a head start on the Fourth of July by staying afterwards and watching what is billed as "an awesome display of fireworks." Tickets for a very good pavilion seat are only \$8 and parking is just \$1. Don't delay as we only have a limited number of group tickets. Order the tickets from me at 795-5133. Warnings: no outside food or beverages (including water are allowed to be brought in, and no smoking is permitted in the stadium.

## Torah

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counts on us, that we are obligated to remember our past, that we must prepare our homes for Pesach and that now is the time. Parashat Tzav (literally "command") reiterates of the system of sacrifices used by the Israelites to worship God. This parasha teaches about the meaning of holiness in that if something is deemed holy, anything touching it shall also become holy. Similarly, if something is deemed unclean, anyone who touches it is also considered unclean. There are prohibitions against eating the fat of any animal, against eating animals that have not been ritually slaughtered, and against consuming blood.

**MARCH 30** - Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Pesach  
Exodus 33:12-34:26

Shir Hashirim - Song of Songs portion for the Shabbat during Passover.

According to tradition, on the Shabbat during Passover, the Song of Songs is read. Shir Hashirim reminds us of many of the important, often overlooked, themes of Passover. Shir Hashirim reminds us that Passover marks only the beginning of our journey. We cannot be satisfied with having escaped from Egypt but we must now actively engage in the difficult work of becoming a free society and a community of faith. The counting of the Omer that marks the days between Passover and Shavuot reinforces this idea. On this Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Pesach, the Shabbat that falls during the intermediary days of Pesach, you may want to reflect on the relationship between Shabbat and Pesach. We are reminded in this Torah portion that "six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor." In Deuteronomy we are commanded to "observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt." Ultimately it is the celebration of Shabbat, the symbol of our physical freedom that is the key to our spiritual redemption.

## SOCIAL ACTION

by Richard Solznick

This spring the Social Action Committee is encouraging everyone to role up their sleeves and get involved in a synagogue mitzvah project. Here are three great ways:

- **Holocaust Memorial Beautification.** Across the street from the old synagogue along Cooper River is the Holocaust Memorial. On the morning of April 21 Temple Emanuel will be planting and beautifying the landscape around the memorial. This event will be a perfect tie in to the Elie Wiesel weekend.
- **Jewish Cemetery Clean-Up.** In a portion of the New Camden Cemetery in Camden is the oldest Jewish Cemetery in the region. By all reports there is much work that can be done there and we are currently exploring ways that Temple Emanuel can help.
- **March is Donate Your Books Month.** Go up to the attic. Make room on the shelves. Watch for bins around the synagogue to donate books to local charities and organizations in need.

For each event watch for exact details around the synagogue. Get out with your family. Children of all ages will be welcome. Volunteer! Call Mayda Clarke for more information 489-0035.

## SHALOM HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

GRAB YOUR HAMMERS AND PAINTBRUSHES and mark the calendar for our "build" dates for Shalom House – March 10, April 7 & May 5.

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! 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 Gilda Zimmerman in the office, 489-0029.

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Temple Office at 856-489-0029.

## One Congregation...

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computer and TV.

Is Temple Emanuel a very different place for the three generations? According to David, his bar mitzvah and confirmation experiences were not tremendously different than his sons', particularly in the pre-bar mitzvah years. However, improvements he notes in the confirmation academy include a class with the rabbis and an attempt to be more relevant. Adele recalls that Temple Emanuel began as a classic reform congregation and has seen a gradual return to the more traditional including the amount of Hebrew in the service.

Three different adults with a common perspective on their chosen synagogue: While Adele speaks of the "feeling of belonging" she gets from Temple Emanuel, Nancy appreciates the comfort level felt by the kids in a place that offers so much for families. David echoes their sentiments in referring to T.E. as being an extended family. For Nancy, David and Scott this was put into practice the summer following Scott's bar mitzvah. In fact, just one week after, the family boarded a plane to Israel as part of a Temple Emanuel family trip, one that exceeded all of their expectations. Among Scott's favorites was the army base at the Lebanon border, Masada and a group bar mitzvah at the Western Wall. For his parents the experience guaranteed that they wouldn't read the news quite the same after being there along with a greater awareness of what it means to be Jewish. The Oberlanders agree, the trip forged not just new bonds with Israel but with the families that shared the experience.

*A special Thank You to the Rabbis  
and my dear friends at Temple Emanuel.  
Your kind words and thoughts  
have helped in my recovery from surgery.*

—Stella Schaevitz



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. **SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** This fund supports members, members' children, and our Religious School faculty to further their Jewish education. **PRAYER BOOK FUND:** New prayer books for Sabbath and Festival worship are purchased by contributions to the Prayer Book Fund. If you want an inscribed plate, the minimum contribution is \$10.00. **LIBRARY FUND:** Our library attempts to stock a wide variety of books of Jewish interest, both popular and scholarly. Your contribution enables us to purchase additional books.

**TORAH RESTORATION FUND:** Contributions to the Torah Restoration Fund will be used for the maintenance of our Torahs and the purchase of ornaments for our Torahs. **BUILDING FUND:** Donations to this fund made above the member's minimum pledge are used for the general upkeep of our facility. **MUSEUM-ART FUND:** Donations to this fund go to the many Art/Museum pieces that beautify the inside of our Temple. **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. **GATES OF REPENTANCE PRAYER BOOK:** We greatly appreciate your dedication of our new High Holy Day prayer book - The Gates of Repentance. **PRE-SCHOOL FUND:** Donations to the Pre-school Fund will help purchase equipment and educational toys and fund special programming. **FRISCH-TRAUTENBERG CHOIR FUND:** Established by the Frisch-Trautenberg Family to endow the Temple Choir and other musical programs at the Temple. **EDWARD L. NATAL ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** This fund makes scholarships available for Temple Emanuel's Confirmation and Post-confirmation students to participate in educational experiences in Israel. **LIHEYOT FUND:** The Liheyot Fund will be utilized to establish a supportive environment within the synagogue to make Judaism accessible to all Jews, and provide for those who have special needs and disabilities. **RUTH B. WOLF ARCHIVE FUND:** Will be utilized to enable the Temple to protect our history for future generations.

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The shirts are being sold for \$10 each and are available through the Religious School office in adult and children's sizes.

Any questions? call Stephanie Ross at 874-0167.

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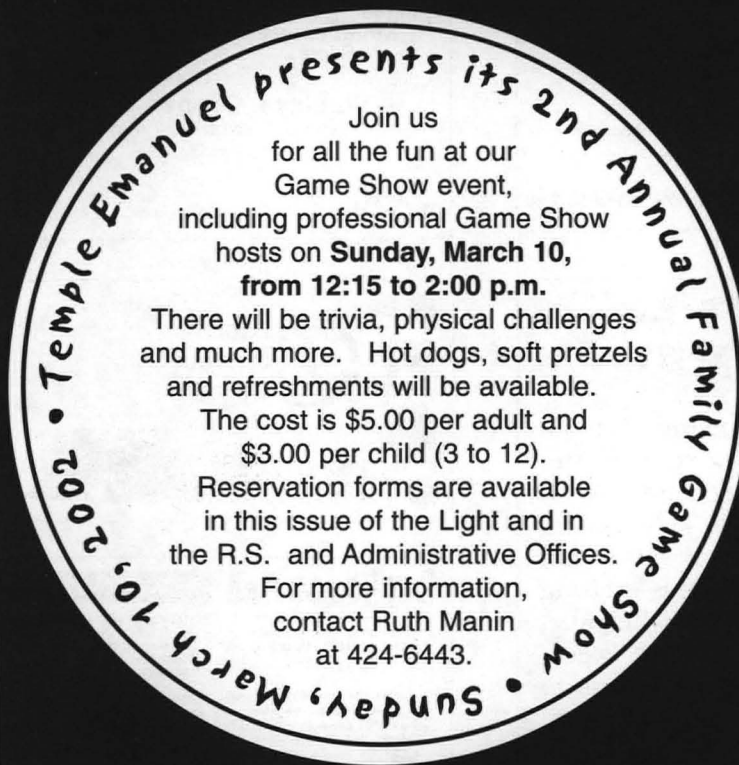
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