



# THE Light NEWSLETTER

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## From the Rabbi's Study

by Jerome P. David, D.D.

**D**uring a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up....

*The Rabbi, learned as he was in the Law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98 year old man who was one of the original founders of their temple.*

*The rabbi hoped the elderly man would be able to tell him what the actual temple tradition was, so he went to the nursing home with a representative of each faction of the congregation.*

*The one whose followers stood during the Shema said to the old man, "Is the tradition to stand during this prayer?" The old man answered, "No, THAT is not the tradition."*

*whose followers sat said, "Then the tradition is to sit during Shema!" The old man answered, "No, THAT is not the tradition."*

*Then the rabbi said to the old man, "But the congregants fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand...."*

*The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT is the tradition!"*

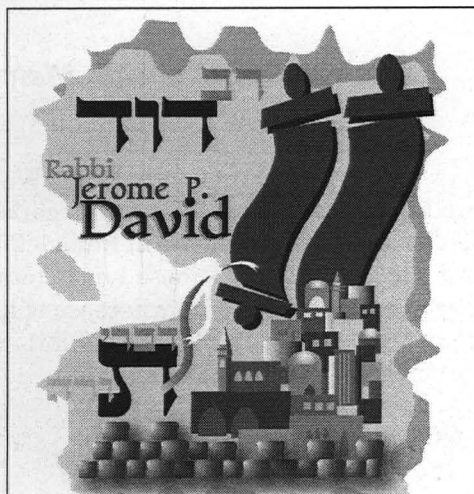
Thankfully, at Temple Emanuel we have many fine traditions, and yelling is not one of them. On the contrary, we received an outpouring of positive comments following the High Holy Days as well as thoughtful and challenging questions. Perhaps no question is as difficult as those dealing with doubts.

People tell me that....

They come to Temple to worship, but just can't pray because of their lack of faith. They have doubts about whether God exists. They have doubts about praying, the meaning of prayer, the efficacy of prayer. Does God hear prayer? Does God respond to prayer? So I hear many of these post High Holy Day questions. I especially like the story of Elisha ben Abuyah, a brilliant Rabbi who also had doubts. He doubted prayer – but he prayed. He doubted the authority of the Torah but he studied it. He doubted the validity of Divine justice, but he tried to do the right thing. So if you have doubts, you are not alone and doubting has never been forbidden in Jewish life.

Yes, question, doubt, ask, but with humility. And keep your mind and heart open to the possibility of God.

THAT is the tradition!



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**SAVE THE DATES DEC. 3-5**  
**IN CELEBRATION OF THIRTY YEARS**  
**RABBI JEROME P. DAVID**  
**AS SPIRITUAL LEADER**  
**OF TEMPLE EMANUEL**  
**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**EREV SHABBAT SERVICE**  
**ON DEC. 3**  
**WILL BE AT 8 PM**

# PRESIDENT'S Message

by Kenneth A. Korach



**O**K, Ready for my November *Light* Message? Here it is in one word. **VOTE!!** I don't

care whom you vote for (nor would I ever suggest that I do), just make sure that you and all the eligible voters in your circle of family and friends do so. I realize that if you are getting this issue of the *Light* after November 2<sup>nd</sup>, or if

you are not registered to vote, that these words of advice are too late for this election, but my message this month is intended for the "long term" (November just reminded me to share it with you). As Americans we have a duty to exercise our constitutional prerogative and as Jews in our wonderful country, we have a special obligation to show up at the polls every opportunity we can. Why do I believe that we as Jews have a special obligation? Glad you asked!

This year marks the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a Jewish presence in North America (I'll have more to say about this in a future edition of the *Light*). As such, Jews have been a fixture in the United States since our country's inception and have been active participants in all aspects of our national experience. I can also state, without any fear of contradiction, that our history in North America over the past 350 years has been an incredible bright spot of tolerance and acceptance given our circumstance in other parts of the world over the past two thousand years. What is even more amazing about this feat is that Jews, just like in

the rest of the world, have always been a minority in our country. So why our better treatment here?

Well first off, we can thank the Constitution and a very clear demarcation between "church" and state (this is an issue which we as Jews must always be vigilant about!). Second, it is widely recognized by politicians of all stripes that Jews vote. And not just some Jews, but virtually all eligible Jewish voters. Even though Jews in the United States constitute only around 2% of the population, historically the importance of the Jewish vote has been a focus of politicians because of our high turnout during elections. Our voices, and our concerns, are of critical import in the political process (regardless of our political leanings) since we make our opinions heard on Election Day. While I know that many young people (and maybe some who are not so young) have become jaded about politics, voting may be the single most critical thing we do as Jews to ensure our rightful place in America. This is a duty we must never ignore!

So remember – as they say in Chicago, "vote early and vote often" (just kidding!). As Thanksgiving approaches, let's reflect on the wonderful blessings we enjoy as Jews in America.

B'Shalom,

Kenneth Korach



## *L'Zecher Olam* *For an Everlasting Memorial*

We record with love and dignity those whose lives are forever remembered in our Temple. The following name of a loved one has been added by a devoted family to be enshrined in our Memorial Chapel

**RUTH NORWITZ**  
Mother of Naomi Hilbronner

## *Tours through Jewish History* *Rabbi Geri Newburge*

Join us for the last tour of our series. We will visit Mikve Israel, one of the oldest congregations in the United States, and the oldest in Philadelphia! Here we will enjoy a Kosher Chinese lunch, tour the synagogue and its museum, where we will participate in the opening day of a new exhibit. Transportation will be provided.

November 21, 2004    Mikve Israel  
Depart 11 am (includes lunch) \$10.00

Call (856) 489-0029 to register.





**Temple Emanuel & Stars of David  
Present a Spicy Shabbat Around the World**

Plan to attend our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shabbat Around the World to celebrate the culture of our closest Jewish neighbors. Our Latin American Shabbat Fiesta on November 12 will feature a meal seasoned with salsa, tortillas, Spanish rice and other Latin American treats. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The evening will provide the history and culture of the 500,000 Jews living in Latin America today.  
Cost for the dinner is \$16.00/Adult; \$8.00/Child (4-12)  
Children under 3: Free.

Everyone is invited to the Shabbat around the World Service at 8 pm, regardless if you attend the fiesta dinner. Each child in the Sunday School will have artwork on display.

For more information, call Rabbi Debbie Cohen, (856) 489-0035. To RSVP, look for the form in this newsletter. Please return the form to Temple Emanuel by November 5.

## Memo from **MAYDA**



**M**y father loved Thanksgiving. For that matter, my father loved all holidays that brought our family together. He was happiest when we (my three sisters, our husbands and children, and, quite frankly, anyone else) were sitting around the dining room table. The simple pleasure of sharing holidays, creating memories, eating and laughing together continue in our shared memories years after his passing.

This month, as I prepare for Thanksgiving, I think of my dad and what lessons I learned from his commitment to our family and how my mother and father fostered the importance of family and tradition into our collective conscience. Their dedication to continuity, their understanding that we are each links in an ancestral chain, the lessons they taught each of us about loyalty, devotion, hard work and ethics reverberate today, not only within us, but within

each of our children. The power of parenting, of providing their children with a good role model, and in giving us a consistent and clear message was not lost on my parents – and the only “maven” they had to rely on was Dr. Spock. No pop culture gurus in those days!

Last Thanksgiving my mother was close to death. Samaritan Hospice, to whom we will always be thankful, provided our family with the support we needed to help us through this devastating time. Miraculously, mom survived. In fact, she was featured as the cover girl in the fall edition of the Samaritan Hospice newsletter, as one of their “graduates.” Whether her survival is due to the power of prayer, the power of good medicine, or the combination of both we will never know. What I do know is that as we sit down for Thanksgiving dinner this year, each member of our family will certainly feel a power and connection greater than ourselves to which to offer thanks.

Family. Connections. Traditions. Memories. For me, these are life’s essentials. My Temple Emanuel family, the connections you have provided me, the traditions we have developed together, and the memories that continue to accumulate have enriched my life. This is our community, this is the place where you get back redoubled what you give. Try to draw closer to our Temple and bask in the positive feelings you will surely experience from your efforts.

What is community? What it certainly isn’t is isolated segments or groups. As my parents knew, we are each a segment of our ancestral chain. This is “our time” to be part of the Jewish community. Generations to follow will have this unique opportunity only if the chain remains unbroken. This is a formidable task. As you sit down with your loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, consider “our time” in history, how far we Jews have come – and the importance of maintaining our Jewish heritage and culture for future generations.

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote:

***What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us.***

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel.

# CANTOR'S NOTES



by Miriam Eskenasy



"If a Jew breaks a leg, he thanks God he did not break both legs; if he breaks both, he thanks God he did not break his neck!" *Yiddish proverb*

**A**s I was sipping my coffee the other morning, I was reflecting on my latest life change, the inspiration I had to come to Temple Emanuel and move to Cherry Hill, and I felt very grateful for all my blessings. I am grateful to be in a wonderful Jewish

community, to work with wonderful colleagues, to have a decent roof over my head and abundant food on my table.

This feeling of thankfulness brings to mind a prayer from our liturgy, the prayer for thanksgiving (page 61 in the prayer book) which we intone every time we read the Amidah: "We gratefully acknowledge that You are our God and the God of our people, the God of all generations..."

This prayer is actually quite ancient, possibly from Temple times which became a fixed part of the liturgy after the destruction of the Temple. In Temple times the prayer was accompanied by sacrifices and

gifts. After the destruction of the Temple and dispersion of the Jews, prayers became much more important as they replaced the sacrifices and so this very important prayer also became part of our liturgy.

Thanksgiving is also a major theme in many of our psalms. Psalm 92 for instance states:

"It is good to give thanks to Adonai and to sing praises unto Your name, O Most High!...." (Tov lehodot l'Adonai, ulezamer leshimcha elyon.)

So why is it so important to give thanks? Giving thanks to Adonai for one, acknowledges our relationship with God. Giving thanks to others helps us become aware of how much we depend on others for our happiness and our security, making us more sensitive to others helping us live in a society harmoniously. It makes the world around us more positive!

In September, on Yom Kippur, we took a tally of everything we did wrong and made our apologies and started anew. This month, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us have a different kind of reckoning and think about all the things we should be grateful for and acknowledge all those forces, people, things, who contributed to our happiness and sense of well being...

Modim Anachnu Lach!



## Joining Is As Easy As A-B-C

The Aleph Bet Family Club is a group of families with infants, toddlers and young children, celebrating our Judaism and socializing together. Our activities are open to all: Temple Emanuel members, non-members and pre-school families. In November, we will have a pot-luck Shabbat dinner and in December, we will have a Channukah party. Contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen for more information, (856) 489-0035, or [dbcohen@templeemanuel.org](mailto:dbcohen@templeemanuel.org).

November 19	Pot-Luck Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Temple Emanuel
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December 11	Channukah Party 6:00 pm Home of Theresa & Mitchell Freedman
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## Mazel tov...

**Bess Soffer** in her position as  
VP Regional Board of Union for Reform  
Judaism

**Nancy Weiner and Gregg Wolfe** on  
their Engagement

Karen and Joe Borish on the  
engagement of their daughter, **Lindsay  
Brooke to Joseph Aaron  
Schottenstein**

Amy & Ron Kratchman on the birth of  
their daughter **Emily Hannah**

Betsy and Michael Lambert on the  
engagement of their daughter **Rachel to  
Noah Stein**





*Celebrate Shabbat...With Other Singles!*

**T**emple Emanuel is thrilled to announce the debut of our first ever **Singles Shabbat**. On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Temple Emanuel will host Jewish singles from the South Jersey and greater Philadelphia area to welcome Shabbat together. (While all singles are welcome to attend and participate, we believe that this service will be most meaningful to individuals in their 40s, 50s, and 60s.)

Our hope is that singles will have the opportunity to make new, meaningful connections with others in Temple Emanuel's friendly and warm community. An Oneg Shabbat following our service will give participants a chance to socialize. All are invited to join our regular Shabbat service, which will begin at 8 pm.

If you are not single, but have friends or family members who are, please pass this information along.



***Help Us Reach Out To A College Student***

The Keshet College Outreach program at Temple Emanuel sends mailings and gifts to our college students several times a year. If you have not given us your college address, please e-mail it to [keshet@templemanuel.org](mailto:keshet@templemanuel.org) or complete the form at the back of this issue of The Light. We would like to stay in touch with you!

***Calling All Teen Leaders***

Each summer, Reform high school students from across the country travel to Warwick, NY, to be part of the National Leadership Center held at Kutz Camp. Through a variety of programs, they learn the skills they need to lead their local youth groups and NFTY on the regional and national level, or pursue their special interests in the arts, study, or social action. The schedule of offerings has been revised for the summer of 2005. For more information, call 845-987-6300 or see [www.kutzcamp.org](http://www.kutzcamp.org)

***Religious School – Dates to Remember***

November 2-7 – No Religious School – NJEA and Election Day  
 November 13 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to the University of Pennsylvania Archeology Museum  
 November 14 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to the Liberty Museum  
 November 23-27 – No Religious School – Thanksgiving Break  
 December 17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Brendenwood Assisted Living and Roller Skating  
 December 25-31 – No Religious School – Winter Break

***Family Education Days  
in November & December***

Come learn with your child! These programs are planned for parents and children to learn together. Mark your calendars.

November 14 – Kindergarten  
 December 5 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

# LIFELONG Education

*by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen  
Director of Lifelong Education*



*What is "service of the heart"?  
It is prayer.  
Talmud Ta'anit 2a*

Several parents have asked how often their child should be attending Shabbat services. According to Temple Emanuel policy, students in the younger grades minimally should attend their class services plus the number of services equal to their grade level. For example, a third grader should attend Third Grade Shabbat and, at

least, three more Shabbat services. In the year before their B'nai Mitzvah ceremony, students are expected to attend a minimum of twelve Shabbat services.

I certainly encourage you to accompany your child to services, according to the congregation's expectations. Prayer is something that you learn by doing and, by attending services, your child will utilize his or her classroom knowledge and become increasingly familiar with Jewish liturgy and our congregation.

But, of course, prayer is not something that we should do exclusively "by the numbers." I also encourage you to make prayer something that you foster more organically in your child's life. Make prayer something that is part of his or her "heart" and not just a numbers game. Here are a few suggestions:

- Say the Shema with your child before he or she goes

to bed. Make it a daily ritual.

- Attend services after something special, or difficult, happens in your family's life. Emphasize that prayer help us say "thank you" to God and find support at our time of need.
- When a friend is sick or you see an ambulance rushing to the hospital or you hear about people coming into harm's way on the news, say a prayer for healing with your child. It can be as simple as "Please God bring healing to our friend . . ."
- Incorporate the Birkat Hamotzi, the blessing over bread, into your ritual before eating.
- When you and your child see something beautiful like a rainbow, experience something special like meeting up with an old friend or accomplish something important like winning a big soccer match, say a prayer together. It can be as simple as "Blessed are you God for. . ." or reciting the Shechayanu. I would be happy to provide you with a list of traditional blessing to recite at different moments.

There is classic debate in Judaism about whether prayer should be fixed or spontaneously. The conclusion: a little bit of both. At Temple Emanuel, we can teach your child the fixed set of skills to pray. Yet, you will be much better equipped to help your child spontaneously connect prayer to the triumphs, pitfalls and ho-hum moments of daily life. Together, we can be partners in making prayer important and accessible to your child.

## Language Courses

### **Introduction to Hebrew with Rabbi Geri Newburge**

This is an introductory course for students with no previous Hebrew knowledge. Learn to decipher Hebrew characters and start building prayerbook reading skills. Wouldn't it be great to be able to read along during services or to help your child with their Hebrew homework? The course will prepare you to enter our adult B'nai Mitzvah program. Meets Approximately Every Other Tuesday throughout the year.  
Time and Dates: Noon-1 pm, November 2, 16, 30, December 14

### **Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Debbie Cohen**

Have you taken Introduction to Hebrew and want to continue learning? Is your childhood Hebrew just a little "rusty"? This is the course for you. A course for students with some ability to read Hebrew and, now, want to improve their reading fluency and increase their knowledge of prayer vocabulary. We focus on the meanings of the prayers as well as how to read them. Time and Dates: 1-2 pm, November 2, 16, 30, December 14

### **Evening Course Conversational Hebrew with Major Joseph Sillman**

Learn to speak Hebrew! Useful vocabulary, grammar and phrases will be emphasized. Modern Hebrew knowledge is unnecessary. Students should be able to read Hebrew characters.  
Meets Every Thursday. Time and Dates: 6:30 – 8 pm

### **Big Al's Yiddish Club with Al Rubin**

How's your MamaLashon, your Yiddish? Join us for this informal, easy to learn conversational course. Novices and more experienced speakers welcome. Car-pools can be arranged.  
Meets every Thursday. Time and Dates: 7:30-9 pm



## **Adult Education**

To register for one or more of the following courses, call (856) 489-0029. There may be a textbook charge for some courses.

### **Judaica Courses**

#### ***"How-to Do" Shabbat & Channukah***

Join us for the first two of three workshops on "How-to Do" Jewish holidays. Learn how to make these rituals part of your families lives. Our first session will focus on Shabbat and our second on Channukah.

- Monday, November 8 – 9:15-10:30 am – Shabbat
- Monday, December 6 – 9:15-10:30 am – Channukah

#### ***Jewish Cooking: The Tastes of the Jewish Year with Chefs Jason & Stacy Clarke***

Not sure what to cook this year for the Channukah? Need some new ideas to enliven your family's celebration? Join us Sunday, December 5 at 7:00 pm for the second of four cooking demonstrations for the Jewish holidays. In December, we will focus on Channukah. Stacy and Jason Clarke will lead the demonstration. The couple graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco – a Le Cordon Bleu institute. They have worked a number of well-known restaurants, including Fork and Philadelphia Fish & Company.

The cost is \$30 per participant for each of the demonstrations. Space is limited.

#### ***"Jewish Wisdom" with Rabbi Jerome P. David, Rabbi Geri Newburge and Rabbi Debbie Cohen***

In preparation for Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's visit to our congregation, we read and discuss selections from his book "Jewish Wisdom." The book delves into topics ranging from the spiritual to the interpersonal to the political. No advance reading will be required. Participants are encouraged to purchase "Jewish Wisdom," but it is not required. This course will meet approximately every other Tuesday throughout the year from 1-2 pm. Upcoming Dates: November 9, 23 and December 7

### **Post B'nai Mitzvah Study Group**

Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD  
Selected Tuesdays, Noon – 1 pm

This class is open to our adult learners who have completed their Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. It is a unique class, which explores Jewish issues, values and liturgy with Rabbi David. Dates for this class are: November 2, 16, 30, and December 14.

### ***Tuesday Night Adult Academy for November and December***

#### ***The Jewish Life Cycle -- Sacred Moments, New Responses with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD***

Study the events that mark the Jewish life-cycle. Focus on how these traditions have been interpreted to meet the needs of our contemporary world.

Time and Dates: Tuesday Evenings, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, October 26, November 9, 16, 23 and 30.

#### ***Hannukah – the Real Story with Rabbi Geri Newburge***

In this mini-course, we will explore the historical background of Channukah, its symbols and its traditions. Learn the "Why" behind the Festival of Lights. This will be held Tuesday, 8-9 pm on December 14 and 21.

### ***Thursday Night Yoga and Jewish Meditation with Laura Markowitz***

We will explore the roots of Jewish meditation and experience the mind-body connection in a spiritual practice. Wear comfortable clothes and prepare to have fun!

These classes are \$45 a session and will be held from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

- Session 1: October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9, 16
- Session 2: January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17

Newcomers are always welcome, even if a session has begun. The fee will be pro-rated.

## ***We Need Your Advice & Suggestions Join an Education Committee***

The education offerings at Temple Emanuel are vast. We need your advice and suggestions to make them as meaningful and interesting as possible. Get involved and join an education committee. For more information about any of these committees, contact the committee chair or Rabbi Cohen, [dbcohen@templemanuel.org](mailto:dbcohen@templemanuel.org), 489-0035.

### **Religious School Committee**

Chair: Elliott Roth

Upcoming Meeting: November 15 at 7:30 pm

This committee reviews the curriculum and policies of the religious school, making suggestions and recommendations to improve the educational experience of our young people. The committee meets approximately every six weeks.

### **Family Education Committee**

Chairs: Jessica Manelis

Upcoming Meeting: October 4 at 7 pm

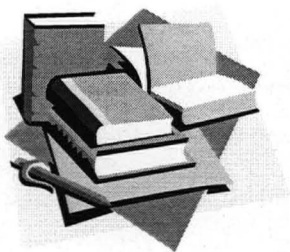
This committee plans and implements programming to involve families learning about Judaism together. The committee meets four times a year.

### **Adult Education Committee**

Chairs: Irene Kauffman & Robin Miller

Upcoming Meetings: October 4 at 8 pm

This committee sets and evaluates the adult education offerings at the congregation. The committee meets four times a year.



## **SENIOR SCENE**

*by Gert Pastelnick*

**A**t this time of year, many of the members of our senior group have gone to spend part of – or the entire winter – in a warmer climate. We wish them well, and look forward to their return in several months.

Meanwhile, for those who will be braving the seasons with us, we have planned a brown bag lunch meeting on Wednesday, November 17, at noon. Our program is sure to benefit us all. Our special guest speaker will be August Longo, the Special Assistant to the Director of the Elder Fraud Unit in Camden County. He will speak about areas of fraud that we can fall prey to, and inform us as to how we can protect ourselves. Even though we might think that this does not apply to us personally, we are all vulnerable. Being informed makes us safer.

With great anticipation we are looking ahead to our noon meeting, on December 15. We are excited to have as our guest, Cantor Miriam Eskenasy, who will present "Chanukah Songs from Around the World." This will be a lovely and entertaining afternoon.

I hope to meet and greet you all at our next meeting on November 17.



***We warmly welcome our new members.....***

Rachel and Josh Bomze

Mary Lou and Dr. David Cohen  
*Rachael and Shayna*

Irene and Alexander Fridman  
*Gregory and Alex*

Ruth Ann Mandell



### ***The Sixth Night of Chanukah: Ner Shel Tzedakah***

Did you know that, according to a recent Census Bureau report, one in twenty Jewish households - and one in ten American households - live in poverty? This Chanukah, OUR CONGREGATION is helping to ameliorate this desperate situation through Ner Shel Tzedakah ("candle of righteousness"), a part of the Union for Reform Judaism's Poverty Initiative.

How can you help? Devote the sixth night of Hanukkah (Sunday, December 12) to learning about the problem of poverty. On that night, donate the value of the gifts you would exchange to organizations that assist the poor. By participating, you will help our "candle of righteousness" glow brightly for those in need.



For more information and resources on Ner Shel Tzedakah, contact our Social Action committee, or visit the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism's website at [www.urj.org/csa/projects/poverty](http://www.urj.org/csa/projects/poverty), or contact the Commission at 212.650.4160, [csa@urj.org](mailto:csa@urj.org).

### ***Mission to Israel***

For the experience of a lifetime, join ARZA for a spectacular Israel Mission, May 14-23, 2005. Led by ARZA director Rabbi Andrew S. Davids, you'll have the chance to see how the Reform Movement is impacting modern Israeli society. You'll explore security issues, experience ARZA's Israel projects, enjoy a delicious dinner and wine-tasting, visit a military base, meet privately with the President of Israel and members of Knesset, attend a special performance by a children's orchestra, and attend Shabbat services with Israeli friends. For more information on how you can serve as an ambassador from your congregation to Israel this spring, contact Sigal Shaldag, ARZA Director of Marketing, at 212.650.4280, [sshaldag@urj.org](mailto:sshaldag@urj.org).

## **KOL EMANUEL**

*by Beth Strum*

Kol Emanuel is now in full swing since the High Holidays, and we hope all of your prayers have been answered. You can hear us again on December 10, when we will sing for Shabbat and Hanukkah. That evening, Kol Emanuel will be complemented by our youthful singers, Shirei HaYeladim.

And now, to continue our features on choir members, we give you the musical life and times of longtime congregation and choir member Murray Fineman.

Murray joined Temple Emanuel in the early 1980s, before there was a choir. For years, the temple used a paid, professional choir for the High Holidays.

"When Robin started the choir in the mid-80's I joined," he says.

Murray got "hooked" on vocal music as a child at the Walton Elementary School in Philadelphia. He was selected to join the Philadelphia Boys Choir in the sixth grade, and performed at the Academy of Music with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

He sang at family gatherings, and grew up listening to Jewish music in his home.

After moving to New Jersey in the mid-1950s, he continued to sing in school choirs, often being chosen for solos. He also sang with the dance band at his high school.

"Those were the days of Fats Domino, Harry Belafonte and Elvis," he remembers.

He continued to sing in college, and brought his voice to weddings and bar mitzvahs. He even sang at a friend's Catholic wedding.

"I sang Ave Maria," he laughs. "A Jewish guy singing at a Catholic wedding!"

Many years later, Murray sang at his own two children's weddings.

If you would like to join Murray in Kol Emanuel, we welcome new singers. Please call Debbie Freedman Fee at (856) 489-0029 for more information. Choir meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm.

### ***Family Tile Workshop***

Become a true part of our temple - create a beautiful family tile to decorate our walls.

Artist Donna Moskowitz will help you become an artist on November 21, as you and your family create a tile with your names and Jewish images that are important to you. The tiles will become an addition to the already-adorned wall at the Religious School entrance.

Plan to arrive between 2 pm and 3 pm to begin your tile. The tiles are 8 inches by 8 inches, if you would like to plan out your design in advance. The cost is \$18/tile.

Proceeds from the day will support educational programming at the congregation.

To sign up, call (856) 489-0029 ext. 10. A sign-up form will be going out from the Religious School.

***In Memoriam***

**SCOTT ARVIDSON**  
Cousin of Dr. Bruce Sachais

**SYLVIA GUBERNICK**  
Mother of David Gubernick

**REBECCA KAPLAN**  
Aunt of Alec Fritsch

**MINERVA KIRCHNER**  
Mother of Linda Tennenbaum

**FREDERICK MILTON MILLER**  
Father of Debbie Morowitz

**MOLLIE TOPIOL**  
Aunt of Gerald Rosenfield

***New Baby Shabbat***

New parents, new grandparents, new aunts and new uncles – bring your little one to services on November 5 at 7:30 pm for a special blessing.

All babies, born in the past year will be called with their families to the *bimah* (pulpit) to be blessed in front of the open Ark. Let's help to welcome the newest additions to our world and ask for a blessing of long life, good health and happiness. All participants will receive a certificate.

Visitors to Temple Emanuel are invited to be part of this meaningful service. If a friend, neighbor or relative had a Jewish baby, let them know that they are invited to come and have the child blessed.

***Bar – Bat Mitzvahs  
November***

Saturday, November 6

Bar Mitzvah of **MYLES BRENT BERNSTEIN**  
Son of Lori and Murray Bernstein

Bat Mitzvah of **HANNAH EVE RESES**  
Daughter of Nina Arkin and Gary Reses

Saturday, November 13

Bar Mitzvah of **AARON JAMES ROSENBERG**  
Son of Catherine Locke and Mark Rosenberg

Havdalah Service  
Bar Mitzvah of **MATTHEW JACOB LEFLER**  
Son of Cindy and Donald Lefler

Saturday, November 20

Bat Mitzvah of **ELLA REBECCA STRAUSS**  
Daughter of Susan Warner and Robert Strauss

Havdalah Service  
Bar Mitzvah of **SPENCER ROSS MARKOE**  
Son of Beth Markoe

Saturday, November 27

Bar Mitzvah of **LEE S. THOMAS**  
Son of Beth F. and Paul S. Thomas

Havdalah Service  
Bat Mitzvah of **CHLOE LAURYN AMERICA BERGER**  
Daughter of Debra and Bill Berger





by Jill Sava



November is Jewish Book Month

**B**ooks have always been very important to us as a people, after all we are known as The People of The Book. Books and stories mean everything to us as a people, as a culture and to our religion. No matter what continent we have ended up on or country we have ended up in we have created stories and tales that have passed down from generation to generation.

This tradition of storybooks that we pass on and on goes all the way to our most important book – the Torah. It is so important to us that each year we celebrate receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai on Shavuot, and we also celebrate the time when we finish reading it and start all over again, Simchat Torah. In fact, Jewish life recognizes the significance of storytelling and commands us to keep reading and hearing our stories. On Purim we hear the story of Esther, on Passover we tell the story of the Exodus and every week we hear a little bit more of our Torah.

Here at the Pre-School, we have learned from our Jewish traditions and recognize just how important storytelling is in our children's lives. Each classroom has a reading corner with lots of books for the children to "read" and for us to read to them. Last month our 3- and 4-year olds began our lending library program. Twice a month the classes visit the Temple Emanuel Library where they hear a book read by a guest reader and then choose a book to take home to share with their family. Each child has his or her very own handmade library card! It is so wonderful to see the children's faces light up as they travel down the hall back to their classrooms proudly carrying their special books.

The benefits of reading books and telling stories to your children at home are innumerable. Among the most important benefits are learning about books, life and the world around us, to love books, about language, to communicate and to experience the special loving bond that can be forged during this time.

So read to your children, tell them stories – about anything, about everything.

When a day passes, it is no longer there. What remains of it? Nothing more than a story. If stories weren't told or books weren't written, man would live like the beasts, only for the day...The whole world, all human life, is one long story.

-- "Naftali the Storyteller & His Horse, Sus" in Stories for Children by IB Singer

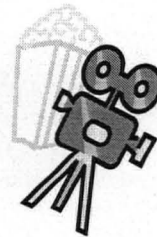


### Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Our Shabbat Morning Torah Study group meets throughout the year.

During the school year, we meet at 9:15 am. Newcomers to Torah Study are encouraged to come. We read selections from the weekly Torah portion together and have a lively and engaging discussion. Come be part of our study community. Coffee is served – what could better?

Date	Parsha	Leader
November 6	Chaye Sarah	Cantor Eskenasy
November 13	Toldot	Rabbi Newburge
November 20	Vayetze	Rabbi David
November 27	Vayishlach	Jack Newman
December 4	Vayeshev	Rabbi Cohen
December 11	Miketz	Steve Ehrlich
December 18	Vayigash	Rabbi David
December 25	Building Closed	No Meeting



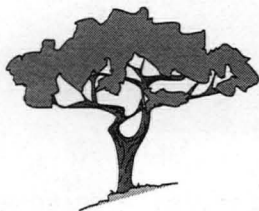
### Gefilte Flicks

Pass the popcorn and get ready for Gefilte Flicks, held at 7 pm on Sundays with Gail Selznick, Film Enthusiast.

On November 21 we will view "Trembling Before God." Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma - how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the traditional Jewish prohibitions that forbids homosexuality.

Upcoming films are:

- January 23 -- Broken Wings
- February 13- The Great Dictator
- March 20 -- Night at the Opera



## TREE OF LIFE

12 Jerri Pinsky  
Chairperson

As you read all the inscriptions on our **Tree of Life**, you will share in all the happy memories of your Temple family. It lists the birthdays, anniversaries, births and weddings of Temple members. It recalls Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, special occasions and honors to loved ones. All the names on our Simcha Tree represent people who friends and family chose to honor. How special for them as they view this tribute for years to come.

Have you been searching for that perfect gift for someone in your life? Your \$180 donation will purchase this everlasting tribute. A \$500 donation will purchase the larger celebration rocks that appear at the base of the Tree.

Please place your order in a timely manner while space is still available. The next time you are visiting the Temple, make sure to stop by and read what's been going on in the lives of your fellow congregants.

### DONORS

Debra & Sanford Gips  
Lisa Forman  
Joy & Neil Scholnick

Lynn & Robert Turchin

### IN HONOR OF

Bar Mitzvah of Gordon Reid Gips  
Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Tyler Forman  
Brett Pontelandolfo  
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Josh Scholnick  
Brandon Scholnick  
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Bar Mitzvah of Donald Turchin  
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Turchin  
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## MEN'S CLUB

by *Steve Ehrlich*

Five years ago, if you had told me that not only would I be a member of the Men's Club, but I would also be the Men's Club President, I would have laughed at you. I incorrectly thought that Men's Club was only for sports. Back then, I had no interest in joining or being active in our Men's Club. About four years ago, a group of Men's Club members started a Men's Spirituality Group, and they talked me into joining. I quickly discovered that Men's Club can and will be whatever its members want it to be.

I also learned another important lesson. The more I participated and became involved in Temple Emanuel activities, the more valuable Temple Emanuel became in my life. I also learned that, because I was actively involved, when my professional career hit a major speed bump, my Temple Emanuel extended family came to my aid.

The core of Men's Club is our monthly brunch meetings. Every month I look forward to a tasty bagels and lox brunch followed by an interesting speaker. In addition, throughout the year, our men participate in many sporting activities, with the Spring softball league being the major sporting competition.

I encourage everyone to become more involved in Temple Emanuel activities. Naturally I am biased and will tell you the Men's Club is one of the best organizations at Temple Emanuel. We are small enough so that every member is important and heard, but large enough to have interesting events. If you have never been to a Men's Club brunch, join us and see how great they are.

Our next Sunday Brunch meeting is on November 21<sup>st</sup> which will focus on Men's Health issues. This will be followed on December 19th with Rabbi David leading a discussion on being Jewish in a Multi-Cultural world.

We hope to see you at our next meeting which is on November 21 at 10:00 am.



# SISTERHOOD

by Linda Levitsky

**T**he Hanukah season at Temple Emanuel would just not be complete without the Annual Sisterhood Hanukah Bazaar! Please come and shop on Sunday, November 14, at 9 am, when vendors of every sort will fill up the Social Hall.

Bazaar Chair, Debra Berger, reports that there will be more diversity and fewer jewelry vendors than last year. So, you can expect to see everything from candy bouquets to Judaica, make your own teddy bears, personalized frames, watches, outer apparel, Tupperware, scrapbooking kits, discovery toys, baby gifts, b'nai mitzvah sign-in books and gifts, sweaters, mosaic art, invitations and gift stationery, maternity clothes, photo albums, to name a few! And yes, there will be some jewelry too. Sisterhood will have a table with lots of gift items, including Sisterhood cookbooks, Gift Cards and Entertainment Books.

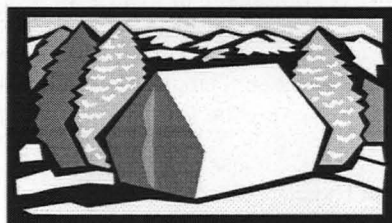
The Maccabee Mart returns this year as a part of the Bazaar, a special shopping experience for the children in the conference room near the Religious School. DJ Whitley and Linda Harvey, who run the Maccabee Mart, have made sure that it will be stocked with lots of reasonably priced, but not "junky" items for the children to give others for Hanukah. There will be volunteers to help the children choose wisely.

Shopping can make you hungry, so the Spinning Dreidel Cafe will be open for business, once again under the capable direction of Bonnie and Evan Sharps. There will be lots of Hanukah goodies to satisfy your appetite. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

We have many other events coming up throughout the year, including a Sunday morning of ceramics (January 23, 2005) and the Quarter Auction and Dinner (February 10, 2005). The Annual Retreat (May 13-15, 2005) will take place in Cape May again. Also, I am pleased to announce that Rosie Hymerling will once again open her home and kitchen to Sisterhood for a wonderful evening of cooking and schmoozing (May 26, 2005). We also hope to have trip to the theater sometime in March, so watch your mailbox and this column for more details!

*Save the Date:*

*Temple Emanuel's Family Retreat Weekend*



*March 18-20, 2005* at Camp Harlam

*Plans are underway for this new and exciting program -- a Shabbat retreat for families of all ages at our beautiful regional Reform camp. Jewish learning, sports, arts & celebration. There will be age-appropriate activities for children, opportunities for parents and children to learn and have fun together and baby-sitting for our youngest participants.*

*If you would like more information about this weekend, please contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen at 489-0035 or Jessica Manelis, family education chairperson.*

*We need your help to make this weekend a reality. Please talk with Rabbi Cohen or Jessica if you would like to get involved in planning the weekend. Or, attend the next Family Education meeting on Monday, December 6 at 7: pm. RSVP to the meeting with Jean Klein, 489-0035.*

# YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur and the promise of commitment and change still linger in our minds. New plans and greater dedication still fill our thoughts. The idea of making our world a better place, making our lives more meaningful still motivate each of us. Youth Group still remains the single most powerful tool to achieve these goals and promises.

Temple Emanuel teens see possibility in every activity that they do. I would like to take the opportunity to let every Temple Emanuel congregant reading this article hear the words of our incredible leaders. Youth Group is a tool; true greatness lies in each and every heart and soul of our teens!

Our Youth Group Shabbat on October 1 moved everyone by its inclusiveness and its meaningful interpretation of the theme, The Importance of Speaking Out. Jill Cogan, Tefty's Religious and Cultural Vice President, worked diligently to create a beautiful and thought-provoking service that gave all the chance to be heard.

***"...I have found that speaking out is a hard thing to do. The fear of rejection and embarrassment are constantly hanging over our heads, holding us back from doing what we want to do in life. ... People allow this fear to prevent them from speaking out. I encourage each of you to use your voice and make a difference in the community. ..To quote Dr. Seuss, 'Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.'"***

Some of our youth spoke on the topic:

- o Brianna Kerensky: "When making personal decisions, listen to what your head says; then, listen to what your heart says. If they differ, follow your heart!"
- o Meredith Ganzman said she was "always confused as to why people did not speak out to make change, to make a difference...Confusion escalated to anger because at first I was convinced that it was very simple... to produce sound... I realized that everyone who has the ability to speak has a gift, and so many of us are hiding and wasting our gift... So I beg of you to remember that silence does not make change... Speak out! You owe it to yourself and to your throat, which is working hard to make your voice!"
- o Jana Karpf told a parable reflecting the power of kindness and reaching out to brighten someone else's day...and that that thoughtfulness should never change.

Beautiful music and melodies intensified our service; youth group participation reflected the strength of community and commitment. Pride and love could be felt throughout the sanctuary. This is what Youth Group can do.

See you all at the next Youth Group activity!

## SOCIAL ACTION

by Richard Selznick

**T**hank you to everyone who participated in the Tzedakah Collective Family Walk. In the next issue of the Light, I will give you more specifics details about the money that was raised and the Tzedakah Collective.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway. Our Yom Kippur Food Drive was quite successful and we are hoping to match it for Thanksgiving. Turkey & turkey coupons along with all other non-perishable food items are appreciated. It is also not too early to be bringing in toys (new and unwrapped) for the Holiday Toy Drive in December.

We are in the planning stages of our first Mitzvah Day, which will be in June. If you are interested in getting involved in the Mitzvah Day planning, please contact me at [Peakprod1@aol.com](mailto:Peakprod1@aol.com).





# New Baby Shabbat At Temple Emanuel

November 5 at 7:30 PM

All Babies Born in the Past Year, Their Parents &  
Siblings will be Invited onto the Pulpit During  
Shabbat Services  
for a Blessing by the Rabbis & Cantor  
& Will Receive a Special Certificate

Congregants & Non-Congregants Invited for this  
Special Blessing. Let Your Friends with Babies  
Know!

No Need to Pre-Register  
Questions? Call the Temple Emanuel Office,  
856-489-0029

# Thanksgiving Day

יום ההודיה

## Food Drive at Temple Emanuel

*As Jews and Americans, we give thanks for the good in our lives. The Temple Emanuel Social Action Committee has asked the Religious School and Pre-School's help in fulfilling the Mitzvah of Thanksgiving during its annual food drive for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

According the list below, we ask that each student in our Religious School and Pre-school bring in food item for this project. All Food Donations Must be Received by Monday, November 22.

### Pre-School

Two-year-olds - Box of Stuffing Mix  
Three-year-olds - Can of Cranberry Sauce  
Four-year-olds- Can of Yams

### Religious School

Kindergarten - Bag of Small Marshmallows  
First Grade - Box of Stuffing Mix  
Second Grade - Can of Cranberry Sauce  
Third Grade - Box of Mashed Potato Mix  
Fourth Grade - Can of Yams  
Fifth Grade - Can of Corn, Green Beans or Peas  
Sixth Grade - Can of Gravy  
Seventh Grade - Box of Cookies or Another Dessert  
Eighth to Twelfth Grade - Can of Yams

*Also Appreciated:* Donated Turkeys, "Turkey Bucks" and supermarket gift certificates.





Temple Emanuel & Stars of David Present:  
**Shabbat Around the World**  
**Latin American Shabbat Fiesta**

November 12 6:30 Dinner      8:00 Service

At the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Shabbat Around the World, we are going to celebrate the culture of our closest Jewish neighbors. Come to our Latin American Shabbat Fiesta – a Shabbat meal seasoned with salsa, tortillas, Spanish rice and other Latin American treats. We will learn about the history and culture of the 500,000 Jews living in Latin America today. Everybody is invited to the Shabbat around the World Service, regardless if you attend the fiesta dinner.

\$16.00/Adult    \$8.00/Child    Children under 3: Free

Name:

Phone Number:

# Adults Attending Fiesta Shabbat Dinner:

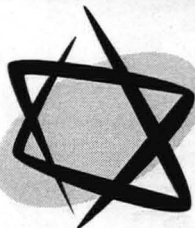
# Children Attending:

# of Children Under 3 Attending:

Amount enclosed:

Please make your checks out to Temple Emanuel and return to 1101 Springdale Road,  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 ATT: SATW by November 5.

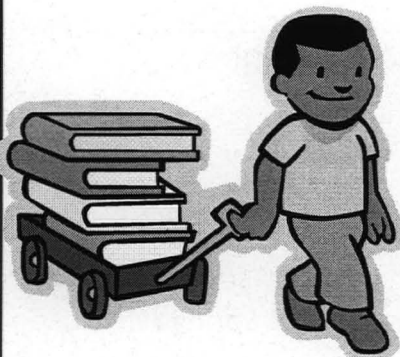
# Jewish Book Fair



Join the Pre-School in celebrating  
Jewish Book Month

November 8th—16th

Monday, November 8th—Friday, November 12th  
Monday, November 15th and Tuesday, November 16th  
9:00 am—3:15 pm  
Room 12



Judaic Books (for all ages), games and crafts will be available for you to order. Order forms are available in the Pre-School office should you wish to peruse the offerings prior to visiting the book fair. Selections will arrive in time for Hanukkah gift giving.

For more information call the Pre-School office at 489-0034



Temple Emanuel  
Presents

# The Religious School TALENT SHOW



in honor of  
Rabbi David's  
30th Anniversary



as a Spiritual Leader at our Temple

**Sunday, December 5th**

**12:45 - 2:15**

**in the Temple Sanctuary**

(We will be starting right on time...please arrive at least 15 min. early)



**FREE ADMISSION**

Don't miss out in all the fun.

Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you there!!!!!!



Any further questions, contact Evan or Bonnie Sharps (Talent Show Coordinators) 856-985-0415

**Come Celebrate the Festival of Lights**



**at Temple Emanuel's**



# **Hanukkah Family Dinner**

**Sponsored by TEFTY and TEFTY, JR.**

**on**

**Friday, December 10, 2004**

**at 6:30 p.m.**

**Cost:**    \$17.00 per adult  
              \$6.50 per child (4-12)  
              3 and under no charge

**Dinner includes:**  
Salad, Latkes  
Chicken & Dessert

**Followed by:**

**Shabbat Hanukkah Services at 8p.m.**

**Children's Choir Will Participate**

**\*\*\*\*\*R.S.V.P. by December 6, 2004\*\*\*\*\***

**Return to:**    Attn: Hanukkah Dinner at Temple Emanuel  
                  1101 Springdale Rd.    Cherry Hill NJ 08003

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of children (4-12)** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of children (under 3)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make checks payable to Temple Emanuel)**



# Temple Emanuel

## November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  7:30 pm Social Action Comm.	<b>2</b> No School 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> No School 7 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class	<b>5</b> 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service—New Baby Shabbat Children's Choir 7:30 pm Traditional Alternative Service	<b>6</b> No School 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MYLES BRENT BERNSTEIN Bat Mitzvah of HANNAH EVE RESES
<b>7</b> No School	<b>8</b> 9:15 am "How to.. Workshop—Shabbat" 7:30 pm Exec. Bd. Mtg. Youth Comm. Mtg..	<b>9</b> 1 pm Jewish Wisdom 7 pm Choir Practice Casserole Cooking 8 pm Adult Academy	<b>10</b> 7 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class Canteen for Handicapped Children and Adults	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Shabbat Around the World Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Shabbat Around the World	<b>13</b> 9:15 am Torah Service 10:30 am Healing Service 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of AARON JAMES ROSENBERG 6:15 pm Havdalah Bar Mitzvah of MATTHEW JACOB LEFLER
<b>14</b> 9 am Sisterhood Hanukkah Bazaar Kindergarten Family Ed. Program 7th Grade to Liberty Museum	<b>15</b> 7:30 pm Men's Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Membership Comm. Sist. Board Mtg. RS Sub-Comm. Mtg.	<b>16</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Adult Academy	<b>17</b> 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch 6:45 pm Bnai Mitzvah Mall 7 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>18</b> 6:30 Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class Ritual Comm. Mtg.	<b>19</b> 8th Grade Retreat 6 pm Aleph Bet Pot Luck Dinner 7 pm Singles Shabbat 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service 7th Grade Trip to Brendenwood	<b>20</b> 8th Grade Retreat 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of ELLA REBECCA STRAUSS Havdalah Bar Mitzvah of SPENCER ROSS MARKOE
<b>21</b> 9 am 2nd Grade Family Ed Program 10:00 Men's Club Meeting 11 am Tour to Mikveh Israel 12:30 am Club Noar 7 pm Gefilte Flicks	<b>22</b> 7:30 pm Men's Post Bnai Mitzvah Class	<b>23</b> No School 1 pm Jewish Wisdom 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving	<b>26</b> 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>27</b> No School 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of LEE S. THOMAS Havdalah Bat Mitzvah of CHLOE LAURYN AMERICA BERGER
<b>28</b> No School	<b>29</b> 7:30 pm TE Board of Trustees	<b>30</b> 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Adult Academy				

# Temple Emanuel

## December 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation	3 6 pm Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Rabbi David 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service in Honor of Rabbi David	4 9:15 am Torah Study Bar Mitzvah of JUSTIN RYAN HOROWITZ 7 pm Dinner Dance in honor of Rabbi David's 30th Anniversary
5 9 am 4th Grade Family Ed Program 12:30 pm Club Chaverim 12:30 pm RS Talent Show in honor of Rabbi David's 30th Anniversary	6 9:15 am "How To Workshop—Hanukkah" 7 pm Family Ed Mtg. 7:30 pm Social Action Meeting Men's Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 8 pm Adult Ed. Mtg.	7 1 pm Jewish Wisdom 5:30 pm Tefty Exec. Bd. Mtg. 7 pm Choir Practice  1st Candle	8 Hanukkah	9 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation Membership Comm.	10 6:30 Hanukkah Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Shabbat Hanukkah Kol Emanuel	11 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of TAYLOR SETH CHAUSKY 6:15 Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of HARRISON TYLER FORMAN
12 10:00 am Men's Post Bnai Mitzvah Class	13 7:30 pm Exec. Bd. Mtg. Youth Comm.	14 12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Casserole Cooking Choir Practice 8 pm Adult Academy	15 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch	16 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation Ritual Committee Sisterhood Bd. Mtg.	17 7th Grade Trip to Brendenwood 7 pm Tot Shabbat Junior Congregation 8 pm Shabbat Evening Torah Service	18 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of ADAM JEFFREY FRIEDANT 6 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of GORDON REID GIPS
19 10:00 am Men's Club Breakfast Meeting 12:30 pm Club Noar	20 Conf. Class Trip to Israel  7:30 pm TE Board of Trustees	21 7 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Adult Academy	22	23 6:30 pm Modern Hebrew 7:30 pm Yiddish Classes	24 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	25 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  No School
26 No School	27	28 No School	29 No School	30	31 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	





## Torah Portions of the Month

November 6 – Chayei Sarah  
Genesis 23:1 – 25:18

In Chayei Sarah, we have another opportunity to learn about the original Jewish family. Sarah, Abraham's wife, dies and Abraham seeks to insure that the next generation will continue the Jewish traditions, which he and Sarah have established. Abraham sends his servant Eliezer to find a wife for his son Isaac from among his kin. Eliezer travels to the land of Abraham's birth and returns with Rebecca, kin to Abraham and considered an appropriate wife. At the close of this portion, Abraham dies.

November 13 – Toledot  
Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

In parasha Toledot, meaning generations, we learn about the generations which begin with Isaac. Isaac's wife, Rebecca is pregnant with twins, Jacob and Esau. Even before the twins are born, they fight in their mother's womb, a struggle that will continue throughout most of their lives.

November 20 – Vayetze  
Genesis 28:10 – 32:3

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

November 27 – Vayishlach  
Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

In Vayishlach, we read about the reunion between Jacob and his twin brother Esau. Twenty years earlier, Jacob fled their home in Canaan after cheating Esau, the first-born of the twins, out of his blessing and inheritance. Jacob left because he believed Esau wanted to kill him for what he had done.



### **The Pre-School At Temple Emanuel**



#### **Two by Two's**

A 2-day a week class for children born between October 2002 and March 2003 that will introduce them to our pre-school world.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15 am beginning January 10th

This program will encourage your child's development of emerging language skills, social play and independence. Music, movement, art and pretend play will be enjoyed by one and all.

(Children need NOT be potty trained to attend.)

For information or to schedule a time to visit our Pre-School please call 489-0034

## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Temple Funds provide a beautiful way to remember someone special and, at the same time, help to maintain several worthwhile synagogue projects.

**For more than a decade, we have requested a minimum contribution of \$5.**

**As times continue to change, we are now requesting a minimum contribution of \$10.**

### **Building Fund**

To beautify & maintain the building.

<b>In Honor Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Janine Sobel	Richard & Judy Franken
Installation as Pres. of Federation	
Debbie & William Morowitz	Birth of grandson
	Gerri & Art Rudner
Karen & Joseph Borish-	Gerri & Art Rudner
Engagement of Daughter	Mr. & Mrs. Irving Scherline
Marshall & Judy Gerson-	Janine & Mark Sobel
Birth of grandson	
Steve & Abby Felsenstein-	Janine & Mark Sobel
Birth of grandson	
Marriage of Linda Edelstein	Janine & Mark Sobel
& Ladislau Hajos	
<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Mother of Denise Weinberg	Mark & Janine Sobel
	Brenda & Ken Korach
	Jack & Troy Sattin
Aunt of Ross Levitsky	Brenda & Ken Korach
	Jack & Troy Sattin
Lorraine Rayden	Gerri & Art Rudner
	Jack Sattin
	Sybil Ehrlich
Norman Gainor	Carl & Robert Weishoff
Father of Debbie Morowitz	Gerri & Art Rudner

### **Dorman-Raich Speakers Fund**

To enhance adult education programming.

<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Herman Schaevit	Stella Schaevit
Mother of Denise Weinberg	Adele Oberlander
	Midge Raich
Sam Charen	Adele Oberlander
	Midge Raich
	Elaine Kooperstein
Lorraine Rayden	Nancy Mellendorf
	Rosalie & Herbert
	Goldberg
Rita Godel	Martin Godel
Rubin Fisher	Lisa Krangel
Rose Fisher	Lisa Krangel

### **Education Fund for Religious &**

#### **Adult Education**

To enhance religious school education.

<b>In Honor Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Steve Lubetkin	Rabbi Lewis John Eron
<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Rebecca Kravitz	Amy & Andy Blackstone & Family
Beta Gurian	Amy, Andy, Matthew & Jared Blackstone

### **Eugene & Adele Feinerman** **Camp Scholarship Fund**

To enable our children to attend a Jewish camp.

<b>In Honor Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Debbie & William Morowitz	Karen & Joe Borish
Birth of grandson	
<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Annette Simson	Patti & Larry Feinerman
Adele Feinerman	Patti & Larry Feinerman
Father of Debbie Morowitz	Karen & Joe Borish

### **Frisch-Trautenberg Choir Fund**

To endow the Temple Choir & other musical programs at the Temple.

<b>In Honor Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Neil Manus-	Stephen Burnstein
Becoming an Eagle Scout	
Marriage of Josh Bomze	Michele Zeldner & Ian Wachstein
to Rachel Katz	
Hope & Dave Hoffman -	Barbara & Murray Fineman
Birth of granddaughter	
Casey Cutler-Bat Mitzvah	Barry Catering Family
	Holly & Howard Friedman
<b>In Memory Of</b>	<b>Donor</b>
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Did you know that Thanksgiving is a Jewish holiday? Well, not really, but it was based on the holiday of Sukkot. Both Thanksgiving and Sukkot are celebrations showing gratitude for a good harvest. While Sukkot remains a seven-day observance, the first Thanksgiving celebration continued for three days, a time frame reminiscent of the Jewish harvest festival. The pilgrims' invited local Indians to the first Thanksgiving during the fall of 1621. Historians speculate that this celebration occurred somewhere between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, but most likely in early October, around the time of Sukkot. (This recipe is dedicated to Anita Grossberg & Amanda Trotenberg- happy cooking!)

### BALSAMIC-ROASTED ACORN SQUASH WITH HOT CHILES AND HONEY

Makes 6 servings.

3 acorn squash, halved lengthwise, seeded  
6 tablespoons olive oil  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
3 tablespoons honey  
2 tablespoons minced peperoncini  
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme  
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place acorn squash halves, cut side up, on rimmed baking sheet. Brush both sides with 2 tablespoons oil. Whisk 4 tablespoons oil with remaining ingredients in bowl; divide glaze among hollows of squash halves. Brush glaze over cut surfaces, leaving excess glaze in squash hollows. Bake until squash are very tender and brown, brushing cut surfaces every 15 minutes with glaze in squash hollows, about 1 hour.

Bon Appétit  
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