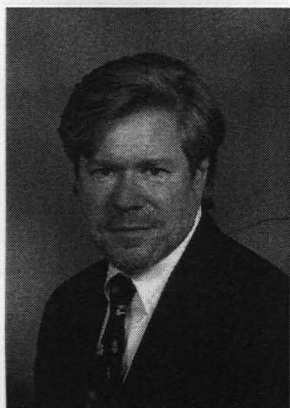




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From the **Rabbi's Study**

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

I am writing this message immediately following the horrific London terror attacks. My response is by way of a true story, which I learned from Rabbi Sam Weingart.

On November 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City. If you have ever been to a Perlman

concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and so he has braces on both legs and walks with the aid of two crutches.

To see him walk across the stage one step at a time, painfully and slowly, is an unforgettable sight. Still he walks majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the braces on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play. By now, the audience is used to this ritual. They sit quietly while he makes his way across the stage to his chair. They remain reverently silent while he undoes the braces on his legs. They wait until he is ready to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap—it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do.

People who were there that night thought to themselves, "We figured that he would have to get up, put on the braces again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage – to either find another violin or else find another string for this one."

But he did not. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again. The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before. Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night Itzhak Perlman refused to know that. You could see him modulating, changing, recomposing the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before.

When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. Everyone was on their feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything they could to show how much they appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet the audience, and then he said, not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone, "You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

Maybe that should be the way of life – not just for artists, but for all of us. So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, turbulent, dangerous, violent world in which we now live is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left.

Schedule of High Holy Day

Services – 2005-5766

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, October 4

Early Service 9:00 am

Late Service 12:15 pm

*Family Service 3:30 pm

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 5 10:00 am

Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12

Kol Nidre Family Service 6:15 pm

Yom Kippur Day

Thursday, October 13

Early Service 9:00 am

Late Service 12:15 pm

Afternoon Service 3:15 pm

Yizkor Service 4:15 pm

Followed by Ne'ila Service

Family Havdalah Service 6:30 pm

Concluding with light refreshments in the lobby

*This service is signed for the Hearing Impaired.

PRESIDENT'S Message

by Joyce C. Hoff



As Temple Emanuel's new president, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about my family and myself.

My husband Matt and I have been members of Temple Emanuel for 15 years. My parents, Art, of blessed memory, and Selma Solomon, joined Temple Emanuel in 1969 for the reason

many people join synagogues...my brother was to have his Bar Mitzvah. I would become an adult Bat Mitzvah in 1998, making clear my interest in lifelong Jewish learning and involvement. My mother's membership spans 36 years, almost four decades of life and the changes that come with raising a family and aging. My grandmother, Helen Blau, of blessed memory, was also a member of our congregation. So, our family has had the privilege of being part of the Temple Emanuel synagogue community for four generations.

Matt and I have three sons, David, 21, Brian, 19 and Philip, 15. David and Brian attended our religious school from Kindergarten thru ELITE graduation in 12th grade. Philip has been at Temple Emanuel since he was 2-years old and is a member of Temple Emanuel's first Pre-School class. He will be confirmed next June. Our sons' religious education has always been a priority for us and we are proud that they value the importance of continuing to learn about Judaism well beyond their Bar Mitzvahs. We believe that the years they spent post Bar Mitzvah have had an enormous impact on their lives.

As I begin my presidency, I can only hope that our sons will continue the tradition of affiliation as they move on through their lives. Our family is truly part of a "family of families" and it is my goal to have your family join in our family's tradition of making Temple Emanuel part of what happens "from generation to generation."

I became involved at Temple Emanuel shortly after joining the congregation. I received a letter from Rabbi David inviting me to a meeting for the re-vitalization of the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood was at a critical juncture. It was about to become extinct without some new energy. A group of 30 women met and went about the process of reorganizing and breathing new life into the organization. Two years later, I became President of Sisterhood. That position still holds a special place in my heart and I'm proud that Sisterhood remains a vibrant part of our synagogue.

My journey in leadership positions continued from there... Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Ritual Vice

President, Education Vice President, and to my most recent position as House Vice President. As you can see, I have had valuable experience in many of the aspects of Temple life.

Now I have been entrusted with the awesome task of leading the congregation. I will work alongside a dedicated team of staff and lay leaders who are committed to providing programs and opportunities to enrich the lives of our congregants. We want to be your family's other family. We want our Temple to feel like a home away from home, a place you can come to, and people you can turn to, to share life's amazing journey – the good and the bad.

As I begin my presidency, my prime focus will be attracting new members by making them aware of all that our synagogue has to offer. We have the staff and programs to be "the best place to be in Reform Judaism" and count on you to pass the word.

- Invite unaffiliated friends to join you for Shabbat Services.
- Let them know we have an Open House on **August 15th at 7 pm.**
- Encourage them to meet our wonderful Rabbis and staff.

If you know of families with pre-school age children, tell them about our Pre-School. Have them call Jill Sava, our director of early childhood education, and chat with her about our school's philosophy and curriculum. She will also be happy to provide a tour of our spacious classrooms.

Please be my partner in outreach to the community.

In closing, I invite you to share your hopes and dreams for our synagogue with my terrific Executive Board, Board of Trustees members and me. We are also interested in your concerns, so make sure we hear from you about opportunities we may have to make your synagogue experience better for you. We are the ones who can help initiate change or explain to you why and how certain things are done. I am always interested in your feedback.

I look forward to serving as your president and hope that you will find new ways to make Temple Emanuel a meaningful part of your life and the life of your family.

Joyce C. Hoff

Memo from MAYDA



As a congregation, we are here for each other. In times of joy as well as sorrow, we can reach out with the help of our Jewish tradition to celebrate, to commemorate and to comfort.

At Temple Emanuel our vibrant community is brimming with formal and informal opportunities to come together. We meet to pray, to celebrate, to study, to do mitzvot and to express our spirituality. This year we have added a wide range of options to our educational offerings, including entry-level pathways for adults embarking on Hebrew and Jewish literacy, sophisticated study with our Rabbis and ongoing study groups. For our children, we continue to create a full and varied educational environment in our Pre-School at Temple Emanuel, our Religious School, and through our creative youth and family programs.

As the holiday season approaches, our Social Action Committee, chaired by Stephanie Ross, is in high gear. This committee, through the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam (helping to repair the world) offers us ways to care for and support our fellow members, to give of ourselves to others through social action, and to work towards helping our neighbors achieve a greater quality of life.

Whether you decide to attend worship services more often, enroll in a class to enrich your Jewish knowledge, join a committee to help our congregation achieve its mission, your commitment will enhance our congregational community.

Your ideas, vision, thoughts, opinions, views, beliefs and feelings are important to us. Our Temple family is enriched by the participation of each member. We can only continue to thrive by sharing ideas. George Bernard Shaw said it best --

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.

Consider how your ideas can help Temple Emanuel. Join a committee, take a class, call our clergy or write to me at mayda@templemanuel.org. Your input is always appreciated.

Let's Talk About the Teenagers

"Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season" is an educational and discussion group for Temple Emanuel Parents of Teenagers. Begun last April, the forum is designed for Temple Emanuel members with teenage children to meet, learn together and share experiences.

Four programs are planned for the 2005-2006 school year. Read about our first program, planned for September 27, and look forward to information about our other events this year. To get more information, please contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen at 489-0035 or speak with Rhea Brekke, the chairperson for "It's a Growing Season."

Our first event is entitled, "School's open and the pressure is on... How to empower yourself as a parent." It will be held September 27 at 7:15 pm at Jewish Family and Children's Services. The facilitator is Hillary Dommers. Register by calling the Temple office at 489-0029.

When school begins, so does the pressure. Teens feel pressure from many sources – peers, academics, parents, sports teams, over-programmed schedules, and so on. How can we help our teens ride these pressures out and, hopefully, diffuse them? We want to assist our adolescents in discovering their unique traits, backgrounds and abilities, but this journey itself can be ridden with family pressure. Parents must learn to ride out the turbulent storms and be back again the next day. Kick off the school year with some practical thoughts on parenting today's teenager.

CANTOR'S NOTES



by Miriam Eskenasy



Dear Congregants,

Here it is, the middle of summer, and I am already hard at work preparing for the coming year. During this summer I began my second year at Temple Emanuel. As we are slowly getting to know one another, I feel more comfortable and confident and hope you feel the same.

A couple of years ago, I attended the ACC (The American Conference of Cantors) convention. That convention sparked a great and passionate discussion amongst us about the role of the Cantor as well as what kind of music we should be singing or not. Some of my teachers and colleagues felt that Cantors should sing the great Cantorial repertoire, while at the same time, teach their congregants about it. Others felt that Cantors should "meet their congregants where they are" and sing only music that congregants know and like, introducing them to our vast musical tradition very slowly.

I was torn at that time between these two schools of thought having just studied at the Hebrew Union College for 4 years. I felt then that while it was important to listen to the congregation, and help them to better express their own sense of Judaism through music, it was also important for the congregation to listen to the Cantor and keep an open mind on different styles and types of music. While one person may find his/her spirituality in a contemporary American composition, another may respond more to a more traditional setting of the same text. Although comforting, if you always listen to, or sing, the same melody for any given liturgical text, let's say "Shalom Rav", you might never discover a more moving melody set to the same prayer if you never want to listen to a new setting.

With time and experience, I have come to view these issues differently. While I still feel that it is important to help congregants find their Jewish identity through music and expose them to different styles and musical ideas expressing our liturgy, I understand that this process happens very slowly over a much longer period of time than I had originally thought.

The Cantor is not only a teacher who helps congregants find their Jewish identity through music. The Cantor also has to be understanding and sensitive to his/her congregants and help them attain a higher level of spirituality through music meaningful to them.

For me, my own "integrity" or spirituality is that I should find the melody moving and that it should express the text in a meaningful way. This can easily be achieved and could be found in a variety of melodies; from Debbie Friedman's "V'Sham'ru" to Helfman's "K'dusha", to the Sephardic melody of "Lecha Dodi", or any Chassidic melody. Only when I find the meaning in my recitation of a prayer, can I become an effective teacher to the congregation. By the same token, by my keeping an open mind, I have learned to find meaning in new (to me) melodies which are beloved by the congregation.

I hope this is the beginning of a dialogue between us and I welcome your comments and thoughts. You may e-mail me at meskenasy@templemanuel.org or stop by my office for a chat. I want to know what you think.

B'shalom,
Miriam

SAVE THE DATE

This year Temple Emanuel will sponsor a different kind of community event on the eve of Selichot, the service which precedes the High Holidays. This special pre-Selichot musical event will bring back Mattan Klein (who performed during the Reach for the Stars weekend) and his ensemble for an enjoyable evening of Sephardic Selichot music followed by an Oneg and our traditional Selichot service at 10 pm.

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 2005 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Emanuel

Mark your calendars for this special event and watch for more information in the next month's LIGHT

In Memoriam

HENRY BERLINSKY
Grandfather of Dr. Bruce Sachais

O. JAIRUS BIRNBAUM
Father of Lorie Goldsmith

CLAIRE CHANEN
Mother of Betsy Lambert

ELIZABETH FINEMAN
Mother of Marshall Fineman
Grandmother of Michael Fineman and
Samuel Fineman

JERRY FORMAN
Father of Tammy Lipschultz

MARVIN FREEDMAN
Father of Andrea Reeve

DR. NEWTON GOLDBERG
Father of Dr. Jay Goldberg

CONSTANCE KAYE
Mother of Ilene Freedman

REBECCA KLEIN
Mother of David Klein

ALBERT MANGOT
Stepfather of Joan Finch

DOVA MARGOLIT
Sister of Essie Freedman

TRUDY METZGER
Aunt of Fred Stern

MORTON MOZENTER
Brother of Doris Greene

HARRY PINSKY
Husband of Helen Pinsky

LEO RESNICK
Father of James Resnick

LILLIAN SHENDER
Grandmother of Tammy Lipschultz

ISABEL SILVERMAN
Daughter of Steven and Suzanne Silverman

GERTRUDE SPRINGER
Aunt of Selma Solomon
Great-aunt of Joyce Hoff

ALBERT VOLPE
Father of Michael Volpe

Mazel tov...

Peggy and Rabbi Jerry David on the engagement of their son, Jonathan to Jaime Smith

Maureen and Ken Huffman on the marriage of their son, Jay to Christine Stone

Denise and Steve Weinberg on the marriage of their daughter, Sheryl to Brian Wagner

Robin and Steven Kahn and Robie and Bob Bloom on the birth of their son and grandson, Jacob Jordan Kahn

Farryn Oslon and Brian Aron on their marriage

Veronica and John Parker on the birth of their daughter, Sky Amelia Parker

Barbara & Les Cohen on the engagement of their son, Jeffrey to Stacey Kasdin

PROJECT BOOKBAG

Temple Emanuel's School Supplies
Drive for Camden

Pencils: \$0.99

Notebook: \$1.50

Crayons: \$1.50

Markers \$2.50

Glue: \$0.99

Cost of a good education: PRICELESS

Would you like to contribute to the learning of a child attending Cooper's Poynt or Sharp Schools in Camden?

When you purchase school supplies for your children, please adopt a child in need by purchasing extra supplies. We will be collecting new or gently used bookbags filled with school supplies (i.e. paper, notebooks, glue, scissors, markers, Crayons, pencils). Any donations should be deposited in the foyer of the religious school from August 15 - September 15. We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase uniforms for the students at these schools. Any such donations should be made to Temple Emanuel's Tzedakah Collective and designated, "Project Bookbag."

Thanks,
The Social Action Committee

*by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen
Director of Lifelong Education*



Even though we were looking for it on a map, David, Arianna and I walked past the synagogue in Savannah, Georgia, on our recent family vacation. We mistook it for a church. We double-backed and found ourselves in front of Mikve Israel, a brick building with tall steeples, gothic arches and stained glass windows dating back to 1878. The congregation itself was founded in 1710 and displays letters from George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in its museum. The synagogue's guard told us, in a deep Southern accent, that it was the Sabbath and there would be no tours today. We told him that we understood, but had come for the service. Before the service, we chatted with congregants – older Southern women in sundresses and heels, men dressed in suits despite the sweltering heat and casual students from the local art college. At the last moment, before the service began, a sandal-clad woman wearing no make-up and wearing a long flowing skirt arrived and ran up a steep flight of stairs to play the antique organ above. We enjoyed a Shabbat morning service using the Old Union Prayer Book, the classically Reform prayer book now only used in a handful of congregations. Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer wore a black robe,

spoke with a Northerner's accent and served as cantor as well. The service, including a Torah reading, ended precisely in an hour, as congregants told us that it would.

After the service, Rabbi Belzer shook our hands in the receiving line and invited us to join the congregation's luncheon, as he did all guests. He asked Arianna to hold the Kiddush goblet as he led the prayer. He gave us a tour of the congregation and showed us pictures of his grandchildren. Later, in a true gesture of Southern hospitality, he invited us to swim at his house later in the week. In a city where we knew nobody, Congregation Mikve Israel felt like a little bit of home. I am sure that long after the carriage ride and architectural tour that we took fade from our memories, we will remember our Shabbat in Savannah.

I urge you to seek out a local synagogue when you travel. It is a fabulous way to get an insider's look at a community and to expand your Jewish horizons. To fit a synagogue visit into an upcoming trip, check out the following web-sites:

URJ.org lists Reform congregations throughout the United States and Canada

WUPJ.org lists Progressive congregation through the world, from Aruba to Tasmania and everywhere in between
Happy travels!

EDUCATION COMMITTEES NEED YOUR INPUT

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, 489-0035. A full calendar of committee meetings will be available in September.

Religious School Committee Chair: Elliott Roth

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. On the agenda for 2005-2006: accreditation process for the Religious School, bringing technology into our classrooms, and more.

Family Education Committee

Chairs: Jessica Manelis

This committee plans and implements programming to involve families learning about Judaism together. The committee meets four times a year. On the agenda for 2005-2006: planning our new programs, including Guinness Book of World Records driedel spin, Family Shabbaton at Appel Farms, and more.

Adult Education Committee

Chairs: Irene Kauffman & Robin Miller

This committee sets and evaluates the adult education offerings at the congregation. The committee meets four times a year. On the agenda for 2005-2006: planning our new programs, including Temple Emanuel Book Club, Jewish studio arts, and more.

Look Forward to the Following Courses with the Rabbis Beginning in September

To register for a course, call 489-0029. There may be a textbook charge for some courses.

Great Stories of the Prophets – Join in exploring the adventures, wisdom and spirit of the Prophets and discussing the life lessons contained in these stories.

Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD, Rabbi Deborah Cohen and Rabbi Geri Newburge

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 pm, September 13, 27, and approximately every other week through the school year.

"How-to Do" the High Holidays – Join in on the first of three workshops on "How-to Do" Jewish celebrations and living in your home. We will focus on the basics of Jewish rituals and how to make these rituals relevant to your family and children. Our first session will focus on the High Holidays. Later in the year, we will have workshops on Sukkot and home rituals.

Monday, September 19, 9:15 to 10:30 am

Temple Emanuel Book Club – Join Rabbi Newburge, Rabbi Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, each month to discuss a popular book with Jewish interest. Our first book is All that Matters by Jan Goldstein. Rabbi Geri Newburge will lead this first discussion. To fit your schedule, the book will be discussed twice, once on Sunday and once on Monday. You need only come to one of the discussions.

September 25 or 26, 9:15 – 10:30 am

Medical Ethics – A Chaplain's View – A text-study and discussion of end-of-life issues, including long-term care, hospice, and making difficult decisions for aging loved ones.

Rabbi Lewis Eron

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm

September 13, 20, 27, October 11, November 1

There is no fee.

Post B'nai Mitzvah Study Group – 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.

Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD

Selected Tuesdays, Noon – 1 pm

September 13, 27, and approximately every other week through the school year.

Yoga and Jewish Meditation

Looking for a new way to relieve stress, increase flexibility and deepen your spiritual practice at the same time? Join our class, which combines gentle yoga postures and breathing techniques with Hebraic chant and movement. Whether you are an experienced meditator or yogi or are new to meditation and yoga, come join this steady group of dedicated practitioners and curious newcomers and find out what it's all about.

Instructor Laura Markowitz will lead the class, which meets Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on the following dates:

- Session 1: September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27, November 3, 17, December 1, 8, 15
- Session 2: January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2, 9
- Session 3: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Wear loose, comfortable clothing. Bring a yoga mat or large towel to sit on, a sense of adventure. The fee is \$45 per session.

Please remember to turn in your Religious School Registration forms. Receiving your application in a timely manner helps us plan for your child's education.

Religious School – Dates to Remember

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

September 11 – First Day of Religious School

September 13 & 14 – First Day of Hebrew School and Confirmation Academy

September 18 – 8th Grade Trip to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC

September 18 – Class Parent Organizational Meeting, 10:30 am

September 25 – 7th Grade Apple Picking

Religious School Registration for 2005-2006/5766

1. Current Religious School students should have received Registration Forms by mail. We also sent forms to students eligible for Religious School, who did not register in 2004-2005. If you need a registration form, please call the Religious School office. We would be happy to send it to you.
2. Please return your registration form to the Religious School by NOW. Receiving registrations in a timely fashion helps us to better plan for next year. Please try to return your forms by this deadline.
3. Registration will take place on an ongoing basis. We will make every effort to accommodate your request for a specific session or day of the week. Returning your forms early will better ensure that you get your first choice of date and times.
4. Students in Grades K&1 and 8-11th attend class once a week. Students in 2nd grade choose between attending HeadStart Hebrew and Judaica or just Judaica. Students in Grades 3-6 attend twice a week, mid-week for Hebrew and on Sundays for Judaica. Students in Grade 7 attend on Wednesday nights and have a monthly trip.

Our classes will be offered at the following times:

Class	Tues 4-6 pm	Tues 7-9 pm	Tues 7-8:30 pm	Wed 4-6 pm	Wed 6:30- 8 pm	Wed 6:45-8:15 pm	Sun 9-11 am	Sun 10:30- 12:30 am
Judaica								
PreSchool Sundays							X	
K-6 th							X	X
7 th						X, plus monthly trip		
8 th -10 th		X						
11 th & 12 th			X					
Hebrew								
HeadStart Hebrew- Hebrew III (grades 2-5)	X			X				
Hebrew IV (6 th Grade)				X				
Parent Child Hebrew Classes Grades 2 & 3					X			

We look forward to learning with your child next year!



TREE OF LIFE

Jerri Pinsky

Chairperson

I am happy to report that the purchase and reservations of leaves has not slowed down during the summer months. In addition, 2 more rocks have been ordered. The

space looks absolutely magnificent, with the addition of all the happy life cycle events. My son was married at the Temple this summer and so many of my guests remarked on the beauty of the space.

If you are ready to purchase or reserve a leaf, please call Irene Strauss in the Temple office.

The newest additions to our **Tree of Life** include:

LEAVES

DONORS

Abby & Mark Nelson

Berta & Mikhail Muchnik
Carole & David Benbassat
Estelle & Stan Deitch

IN HONOR OF

Bat Mitzvah of
Kate Nelson
Reserved 1 Leaf
Reserved 1 Leaf
Their Children &
Grandchildren

ROCKS

Jerrilyn & Robert Pinsky

Mindy & Larry Rosen

Marriage of Jeffrey &
Rachel Pinsky
Their 30th Wedding
Anniversary

Like no other Vote in the World

Register to vote for the 2006 WZO Congress of the Jewish People

Have a voice in decisions that affect you, your family and your heritage

World Zionist Organization's 35th Congress

Every four years, delegates from over 40 countries meet to decide on issues you care deeply about now: the education and safety of Jews everywhere; the values, the well-being, and the future of the State of Israel. These delegates are selected by voters like you. They range from college students to seasoned vets, religious and secular, liberal to conservative.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FORM AT THE TEMPLE OFFICE TO REGISTER TO VOTE. When your ballot arrives, simply choose the delegate slate that most closely represents your views. Or you can register online by February 15, 2006 at www.azm.org

L'Zecher Olam for an Everlasting Memorial

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

DEBORAH M. KLEIN

ALAN B. KLEIN

Daughter and Son-in-Law of Gert and Max Pastelnick

On Your Mark. Get Set. READ! The Temple Emanuel Book Club is Here

Temple Emanuel is forming a monthly book club. Our selections will include popular works of fiction and non-fiction with Jewish themes. Rabbi Geri Newburge, Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, will share in facilitating the group. The Book Club will meet one Sunday morning and one Monday morning a month, giving you a choice of times to attend. The same book will be discussed at both sessions. Choose whether Sunday or Monday morning fits more conveniently into your schedule.

Rabbi Newburge will lead the first discussion. She has chosen the novel All that Matters by Jan Goldstein. It is an endearing tale of a young woman who, with the help of her feisty grandmother, makes a journey from the very brink of death and despair into a full embrace of life. When Jennifer thinks she has nothing left to live for, Gabby swoops in and refuses to let her granddaughter self-destruct. All that Matters is a selection of the Literary Guild and the Book of the Month Club.

Choose between Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26 from 9:15 to 10:30 am. Please let us know to expect you by calling the Temple Emanuel's receptionists Debbie and Andrea at 856-489-0029.

Week of August 6 – Masei Numbers 33:1-36:13, 28:9-15

Parashat Masei begins with a detailed description of the marches the Israelites took during their forty years in the desert. Their journey began immediately after the last plague - the death of the first born male Egyptians - and continued until they camped at the border of Canaan (the Promised Land), near Jericho, alongside the Jordan River. The parasha (and the book of Numbers) concludes with additional laws arising from the inheritance granted to the daughters of Zelophehad

Week of August 13 – Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

The fifth book of the Torah begins with the phrase "*Eleh ha-devarim*," "These are the words." for the entire book is devoted to "these words" which Moses spoke in his final speech to the children of Israel before his death. In this week's portion, Moses begins to retell the history of the Israelite people from their time at Horeb (Mount Sinai) through the forty years of wandering. He mentions the difficulty he experienced in governing the people and the establishment of a system of tribal chiefs to aid him in serving the people and delivering the word of God.

Week of August 20 – Va-Etchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Moses continues to retell the story of the Israelites 40 years in the desert. *Va'etchanan* means "And I pleaded" with God to allow me (Moses) to go into the Promised Land. Moses is told to go up to Mount Pisgah and look, but he will not cross the Jordan River. Joshua will be the leader of the people and take them into the land that Moses may only see from afar. Moses tells the people to obey the laws and rules exactly as given to them by God so that they may live and prosper in the land that God is giving to them for all time. He reminds them of the day the Israelites received the Ten Commandments from God and of the commandment to teach their children and their children's children.

Week of August 27 – Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

The name of this week's parasha is *Ekev* which literally means "on the heels of." "*Ekev*" can also be understood as "the consequence of" or "the result of." In this parasha "the result of" the Israelites following the rules means that they will continue to enjoy the benefits of the covenant made by God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These benefits include: health, abundant produce, and fertility. Moses reminds the people that, in addition to these blessings, all of their enemies will be defeated and they will be able to enter the Land with God's help.

Summer Torah Study



Learn a little Torah this summer. Join Temple Emanuel's interactive and lively Torah discussion group. Our sessions are friendly, laid-back and, always, interesting. Novices at Torah study are always welcome. Better yet, over the summer, we meet at 10 am on Saturdays instead of 9:15 am. And coffee is served.

August 6
August 13
August 20
August 27

Masei
Devarim
Vetchanan
Eikev

Deb Faye
Steve Lubetkin
Rabbi David
Rabbi Cohen

SENIOR SCENE

by Gert Pastelnick

Hello again! We are looking forward to our upcoming new Brown Bag season. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21, at 12 noon. We have arranged a delightful musical program featuring Cantor Miriam Eskenasy as our guest. This will be a most enjoyable opening meeting. Do not miss it.

On Friday evening, October 21, at 6 pm, we will be having our annual Senior Shabbat Dinner, followed by our Senior Shabbat service. The readers at our service will be our senior board members, who are responsible for arranging all our brown bag meetings.

Watch your mail for additional reminders about the above dates and programs. Hope to see you and greet you on Sept. 21.

SOCIAL ACTION

by Stephanie Ross

What is a good person or a mensch? Some would say that people who do not behave badly are good people. Judaism has a more strict definition than that. You cannot be a passive good person. In order to be "good" by Jewish standards, you must actively do good deeds, and try to correct the injustices that exist in the world. It is a mitzvah, a Jewish responsibility, to help make the world a better place (Tikun Olam).

Unfortunately, you need only flick on the news to realize that there are countless opportunities for carrying out this mitzvah everyday. The pessimist may claim that there is so much injustice in the world that none of us can make a difference. The ancient Rabbi Tarfon taught that, none of us is responsible for making the world perfect, but that all of us are responsible for doing our part to make it better. Skeptical about whether your contribution can make a difference? We can all learn from a young cancer victim who had a big dream. Her dream and ultimately, her legacy is known today as Alex's Lemonade Stand.

At Temple Emanuel, the Social Action Committee is responsible for creating opportunities for congregants to fulfill the mitzvah of Tikun Olam. Our job is twofold because we help our congregants fulfill their Jewish responsibilities while helping those in need in the community. We are desperately in need of new members to help us accomplish these goals. Please join us on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 pm for a meeting of the Social Action Committee. If you are unable to attend, please note that our meetings will take place on the third Sunday of every month at that

time. If you are not inclined to be a member of our committee, please follow this column each month as we will be presenting opportunities each month to help the less fortunate in our community.

As the new Chairperson of the Social Action Committee, I invite you and your family to help us put the "action" in Social Action at Temple Emanuel by lending your time and energy to a worthy cause. I guarantee that whatever your problems or time constraints, helping someone with greater challenges will be rewarding to you.

Our first project for the coming year will be Project Bookbag. This is a school supply drive to benefit the students at the Cooper's Poynt and Sharp Schools in Camden. Please donate a new or gently used bookbag filled with school supplies (i.e. paper, notebook, glue, markers, pencils, crayons). If you have children, please involve them in the purchasing of these items to remind them of our Jewish responsibility to help the less fortunate.

We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase uniforms for the students at these schools. Any such donations should be made to Temple Emanuel's Tzedakah Collective and designated "Project Bookbag." I hope that you will take this opportunity to help a needy student start school on the right foot with the necessary tools to be successful.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and upcoming events. In the meantime, I would love to hear from you with your ideas via email at, schleper247@comcast.net.

New Members

We warmly welcome you into our Temple family

Marsha Klein

Deborah and Brian Doyno
Zachary and Jeremy

Stacey Frankel and Mitchell Goldberg
Jordyn, Allison, Adam, Dani

Eileen Gaglia

Randa and Brian Michel
Simon and Tia

Jack and Jean Plasky

Janeen and Donald Stein
Alec and Joshua

Suzanne and Clifford Young
Victoria and Matthew

..... and growing

SISTERHOOD

by Felice Friedman

Where has the summer gone? With July 4th almost gone from our memory, our thoughts are starting to move towards the end of camp and the end of our summer... But the *beginning* of Sisterhood, which is gearing up for a wonderful fall season.

Our first event is an evening of Bingo on September 22 at 6:45 pm. Cathy Krepow, Beverly Volpe and committee have been busy getting ready for this fun-filled evening. Look in your mail soon for your invitation. You don't want to miss out on this fun event. Make plans to join us. Light supper and desserts will be served.

We are very excited to add two more hard working women to our Sisterhood Board. Terry Haber and Lori Wallach have taken on the roles of Religious School Coordinators. As coordinators they have taken on the responsibilities of snacks/gifts and Room Parent Liaisons for our children's Sunday School classes. In the Religious School packet there will be a volunteer letter for parents to sign up to help. The more the merrier. This is a good way to get involved with your child's Religious School Education and to meet other parents at the same time. Please take the time and sign up for a holiday! If you need any more information about what a Room Parent does, please email me at felicef@comcast.net.

As a Sisterhood we like to try new ideas or revamp old ones. This November, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood is running a Party Expo. On November 6 we have vendors coming to show their wares and allow us to listen to their music and taste test their food. Please mark your calendar. More information will be sent throughout the fall. Debra Berger and committee have been working all through the summer to make this a huge success. Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact me at felicef@comcast.net.

Sisterhood wants you...when your bill comes, please check our box. We have programs for everyone and your new ideas are always welcome.

Have a great rest of the summer and see you in September!

MEN'S CLUB

by Steve Ehrlich

Summertime! While it may appear that nothing is happening with Men's Club, the Executive Board is, in fact, very actively planning for our 2005-06 year. The Board will be meeting several times this summer in order to put together another year of wonderful programming.

Let me start by introducing these year's Men's Club Executive Board:

President: Stephen Ehrlich

VP Programming: Martin Rosenberg

Secretary: David Chasen

VP Membership: Brad Weingart

VP Ways and Means: Elliot Bodofsky

Treasurer: Alan Clarke

Past President: Ken Huffman

As a team, we have been able to put a good start on our monthly Sunday Brunch programs. We all realize that the men of Temple Emanuel have a wide range of interests – therefore, our programming will cover a wide range of topics. All of us welcome your comments, suggestions and questions about Men's Club and our monthly Sunday Brunch topics.

We are also planning on hosting some Parent/Child events, repeating our Wine Tasting and repeating our Pass-over Wine Sales. And like this year, our June event will be a Golf Outing. If you have an idea for a Men's Club event, please contact one of the Executive Board members.

This year's Golf Outing was bigger and better than last year, and our goal is to keep growing. I do want to thank this year's Golf Outing Hole Sponsors:

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These sponsors helped to make our Golf Outing a success. As one measure of success, this year's Golf Outing raised approximately 50% more money for the Social Action Committee than last year's.

To everyone who participated in any of last years Men's Club events, I thank you and hope to see you again this year.

For everyone else, I encourage you to join us. Let this be the year you become active in your Temple's Men's Club.

PRE-SCHOOL

by Jill Sava



We are now midway through a beautiful (well, let's be honest- HOT!) summer. Summer means lots of sun, water, play, more daylight hours and much more time to explore! Judaism and nature go hand in hand. We are part of a tradition that teaches us that we are partners in the ongoing process of Creation. Jewish values are intertwined into all that we do with our kids outside- values such as *Shomrei Adamah* (Guardian of the Earth), *Tikkun Olam* (Repair of the World), *L'ovda U'l'shomrah* (To Work and Keep the Land) to name just a few. There are many great things to do with your children outside during the summer months. Children are just fascinated by nature, be it grass, puddles, trees, mud or bugs. What a wonderful opportunity to explore nature with your children. You can start off in your own backyard! ☺ Plant a small garden. ☺ Take a meal out back and have a backyard picnic. ☺ While you are picnicking, see if any bugs come and visit. ☺ Store your new found visitors in a bug hotel – all you need is a clear

container with a lid (don't forget to poke holes in it so that the bugs can breathe!) ☺ Watch the sunset and talk about all the different shades of colors that you see in the sky. ☺ On a warm day take a bucket of water and some paint brushes and "paint" the house. ☺ Take a nature walk around your neighborhood and point out different flowers, plants and trees – what a great time to learn some new science concepts and vocabulary words!

Take the time to stop for a minute with your child and enjoy the nature all around you.

YOUTH GROUP

by Sandy Umansky

Greetings, teens and preteens. Now that summer is upon us, it is important to think about ways to enrich your life! You will undoubtedly have adventures and experiences to fill your days; you will also have opportunities to make new friends and to spend time with old friends. These are some of the reasons that you all anticipate summer so intensely.

It is amazing that these same highlights exist all year through your connection with youth group. Experiences and adventures take place monthly, through social happenings. Tefty Junior finished the school year with a night at Fridays and the movies. Thirty four gathered together and had a great night together. You can look forward to many more fun-filled events all year in Tefty Junior!

Tefty Senior had their last social event of the year, thanks to Caylah Cohen, our graduating Vice President of Activities! Our trip to Dorney Park was amazing! Twenty four teens went on all the roller coasters and rides -- with almost no lines at all. They also frolicked in the Water Park, as the temperature reached over 90 degrees! We have a social activity every month in Tefty...how is that for something to look forward to?

All high school teens are also instantly part of the Reform Movement's Regional Youth Group, NFTY/PAR. Temple Emanuel has always had outstanding representation in this union of all Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and parts of New York's synagogue youth groups. This year we are extremely proud of Jill Cogan, NFTY/PAR's newly elected Religious and Cultural Vice President, and Allie Cogan, NFTY/PAR's Social Action Vice President. Both girls represent Temple Emanuel and reflect our strong sense of commitment and caring. There are five 'kallot', or conventions, for all of our members to bond, learn, frolic and feel that they are living Jewishly! The first of the new year will take place from August 23rd through the 26th; it is Bi-Regional Convention, held at Camp Harlam. Applications are available in the Religious School Office; this experience could change your life!!

Youth Group is so much more than a two-month break from routine and pressure; it is an ongoing source of Jewish learning, commitment, of giving back to our community and our world. It is the chance to make friends that could last a lifetime, to learn values and ethics to enhance our world. When you receive an application or a flyer, a phone call or an invitation during Religious School, please think about making that first step to try out TEFTY Junior and TEFTY Senior – you'll be glad you did!



Jewish Cooking
The Tastes of the Jewish Year
Rosh Hashana & Break-the-Fast
With Chefs Jason & Stacy Clarke
Monday, September 26 at 7 pm
\$18 Space is Limited.

Learn new recipes for High Holidays. We will explore different ways to make creative, family-friendly meals for Rosh HaShana and Break-the-Fast. 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. To register, call 489-0029.

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Tu b'Av is a lesser known Jewish holiday celebrated on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Av (this year we begin our celebration on Friday night August 19). The first mention of *Tu b'Av* is in the Mishna, where it says (attributed to Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel), "There were no better days for the people of Israel than the Fifteenth of Av and Yom Kippur, since on these days the daughters of Jerusalem go out dressed in white and dance in the vineyards. What they were saying: Young man, consider who you choose (to be your wife)." (Ta'anit 4:8).

In Israel, *Tu b'Av* is a day of love. While it is a regular workday, music and dance festivals are typically held to celebrate the day. Israelis give cards and flowers to their loved ones on *Tu b'Av* and the date is popular for weddings.

So here is the perfect opportunity to have that romantic dinner with your loved one on Shabbat (or you might choose to serenade instead).

POMEGRANATE WALNUT DUCK OR CHICKEN

- 2 onions, chopped

- 4 Tbs. olive oil
- (2) 5-lb. ducks or chickens, cut in parts
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 2-1/2 cups ground walnuts
- 1/2 tsp. each cinnamon, clove, pepper and cumin
- 1/2 tsp. honey (or to taste)
- Salt to taste
- Pomegranate seed
- Walnut halves

In a large skillet, sauté the chopped onions in olive oil until they are golden brown. Remove onions and sauté the duck or chicken pieces. Return the onions to the skillet. Add stock and simmer for 15 minutes. Skim fat from surface. Add pomegranate juice, ground walnuts, seasonings and honey.

Cover and simmer for 20 to 40 minutes or until poultry is cooked. Season further with salt if desired. Add water if sauce appears to be drying up. Serve on a bed of cooked barley or wheat. Garnish with fresh pomegranate seed and walnuts.

Yield: Serves 8 to 10

Source: The Good Book Cookbook by Zillah Bahar/
www.jewish-food.org/recipes

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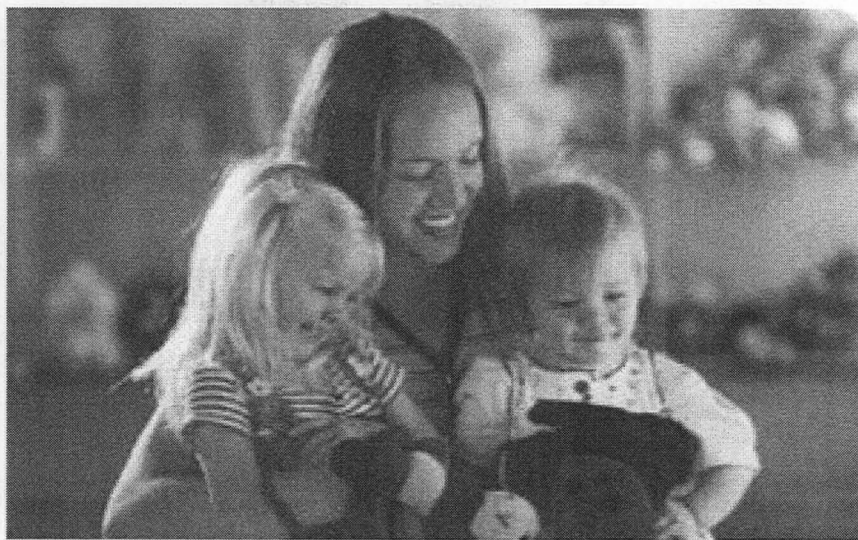
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We strive to have class parents in Kindergarten through 6th grade, both for Judaica and Hebrew. Being a class parent will be a relatively modest time commitment. You would help the teacher by:

- Making phone calls to other parents when there is a special announcement, event or project.
- Organizing parent volunteers for projects, parties and special events.
- Coordinating holiday gifts and treats with the Sisterhood.
- Logistics for other projects depending on the class.

It is a great way to help link home and religious school!

Our Class Parent & Sisterhood Religious School
Coordinators are Terry Haber and Lori Wallach.



Temple Emanuel Baby-Sitter List

Do you need a baby-sitter? Rabbi Cohen is compiling a list of teenagers in our congregation who are looking for baby-sitting jobs. In addition to contact information, the list includes each teenager's grade level, experience, preferred hours, access to transportation and home neighborhood. If you would like a copy of the list, please e-mail Rabbi Cohen at dbcohen@templemanuel.org or call her at 856-489-0035.

Teenagers who would like to be included on the list should also contact Rabbi Cohen for a form to fill out.

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August 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 am Exec. Bd. Mtg.	2	3 7 pm Choir Practice	4 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation Selichot Comm.	5 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6 10 am Torah Study
7	8	9	10 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Sisterhood Bd. Mtg.	11 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation Ritual Comm. Mtg.	12 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Guest Speaker: Barbara Pachter	13 10 am Torah Study
14	15 7:30 pm Prospective Member Open House	16	17 7 pm Choir Practice	18 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation	19 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Guest Speaker: Arie Gluck	20 10 am Torah Study
21	22	23 7:30 pm Social Action Comm.	24 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Men's Adult Bar Mitzvah Orientation	25 7:30 pm Membership Comm. Mtg. Yoga & Meditation	26 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Musical Shabbat Cantor Eskenasy	27 10 am Torah Study
28	29 7:30 pm TE Board of Trustees	30	31 7 pm Choir Practice			

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September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service Alternative Service	3 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of MAX DORON NUGIEL 6:15 pm Havdalah Service— Bat Mitzvah of ALEXANDRA PILGRAM GOLDBERG
4	5 Labor Day	6 6 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm RS Sub-Comm. Mtg.	7 6:30 pm RS Teachers Orient.	8 7:30 pm Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. 8 pm Adult Ed Comm.	9 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Camp Harlam Reunion Shabbat	10 9 am Bar Mitzvah of NATHANIEL MAOR 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of ZACHARY MICHAEL SMITH and Bat Mitzvah of KAYLA MORGAN DENNEY
11 1st RS classes 10 am Men's Club Meeting 10:30 am Finance Comm.	12 7:30 pm Exec. Board Mtg.	13 1st Hebrew Classes 12 pm Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Stories of the Prophets 7 pm Casserole Cooking Choir Practice Adult Academy—Medical Ethics	14 1st Hebrew Classes	15 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation Ritual Comm. Mtg.	16 6 pm Aleph Bet Pot-luck Dinner 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Sephardic Torah Service	17 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service—Bar Mitzvah of JOHN DANIEL PINSKY and JASON MARC BOXER 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of ANNA HELLER and MOLLY HELLER BIRNBAUM
18 8th Grade Holocaust Trip 9:30 am Social Action Comm. Mtg. 10:30 am Class Parent Orientation	19 9:15 am "How to Do" workshop—HH Days 7 pm Shofar Making Class Family Ed Mtg.	20 7 pm Choir Practice Adult Academy—Medical Ethics	21 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch	22 6:45 pm Sisterhood Bingo Night 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation	23 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service	24 9:15 am Torah Study Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of HANNAH LEVY and Bat Mitzvah of MATTHEW NEMEROFF 8 pm Prelude to HH Days Sephardic Selichot Music 10 pm Selichot Service
25 7th Grade Apple Picking	26 7 pm Cooking Class— Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur 7:30 pm TE Board of Trustees	27 12 pm Post Bnai Mitzvah Class Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Stories of the Prophets 6 pm HH Day Enrichment Training 7 pm Adult Academy— Medical Ethics 7:30 pm Parenting Teens at JCFS	28 6 pm HH Day Enrichment Training	29 7:30 pm Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. Yoga and Meditation Membership Comm. Mtg.	30 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service HH Day Workshop	

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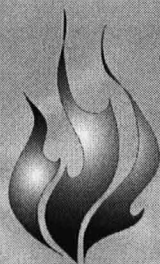
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