



# From the **Rabbi's Study**by Geri Newburge

"My home is the family and the family activities," wrote Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog in <u>Life is with People</u>. This is exactly how I think of my family, especially at Thanksgiving, our family's favorite holiday. It doesn't matter where we are celebrating, so long as we are together.

Thanksgiving was always about being with family and friends. Over the years the faces around our table have changed; some years we've been overflowing with guests and other years it was a more intimate gathering (but always with the football games on in the background). This holiday connects me to my family in another special way as well, with a recipe that has been passed down for at least four generations (see the recipe at the end of <u>The Light</u>).

As we move from the Jewish holiday season of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah, to our secular holiday of Thanksgiving we are reminded, time and again of the need to create and preserve family traditions. We hope that you will find meaningful ways to celebrate these holidays. Join us for our annual Thanksgiving gathering on <u>Monday</u>.

<u>November 21, 2005 at 7pm</u> when we put together food baskets and casseroles for needy families in the South Jersey area; in addition, this year we are expanding our tzedekah, and sending packages to soldiers stationed overseas. Our evening will begin with a family service, expressing gratitude at this holiday season for the blessings in our lives and a wonderful community to share these special days with.

May your hearts be filled during this beautiful fall season.

I am always interested in your comments, feedback & suggestions. Your ideas help me to make our congregation stronger.

Please call me at (856) 489-0029 ext. 17 or contact me via e-mail at jdavid@templeemanuel.org.

I welcome your input.

Rabbi Jerry David

#### Baby Buck\$\$

Take a chance, win some \$\$\$

Rabbis Geri and Eric are expecting their first baby on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Sometimes it is hard to believe that it has been six years since my family traveled to Israel. Our son Brian had just become a Bar Mitzvah that spring. In the summer we joined 70 others from Temple Emanuel for a two-week family trip. We toured the entire country and took in amazing sights. Jeru-

salem, of course, was the highlight of the trip – exploring the Old City, going to the ancient markets, shopping on Ben Yehuda Street and eating wonderful new foods.

Celebrating Shabbat in Jerusalem was a major highlight. We attended services at a Reform, or as it is called in Israel, Progressive synagogue on Friday night. First, though, we had the opportunity to pray at the Kotel (Western Wall). What an incredibly moving experience. Of course, since the Kotel is controlled by the Orthodox, men prayed on one side and women prayed on the other side of a mechitza (partition). It was required that the women pray silently, and of course, be dressed modestly. I am a rule follower by nature, so I went along with the tradition – "when in Jerusalem..." I was in Jerusalem. I was in Israel, my land by heritage, but not by birth. But somehow, as a Reform Jew, it felt somewhat disconcerting.

The following Monday we again had the opportunity to visit the Kotel. This time seventeen 13-year olds and three adults were to read from Torah. Since we were a mixed group of boys, girls, men and women, we respectfully took our service to the Southern side of the Kotel, away from the Western Wall where our service, enabling men and women to pray together as equals, could not take place. I watched Izzy, our tour guide, continually looking up from our position, scanning the crowd. I finally asked him what he was looking for. What did he expect to happen here? His answer really

took me aback. He said he was looking for ultra-orthodox Jews who may want to stone us for praying as a group of mixed gender individuals. Jews stoning other Jews for praying together? I did not understand and I was appalled. My response was that, out of respect for tradition, we had moved our service and were quite distant from disturbing anyone. He then shared with me that stoning was known to happen, after all, women and men, girls and boys don't pray together!

I am recounting this story because we, as Reform Jews, can cast ballots for religious plurality and help to determine the future of Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel. We can give the growing Reform movement a louder and clearer voice. As Rabbi David mentioned on Yom Kippur, the elections to the World Zionist Organization (WZO) 35th Congress are taking place this winter. The decisions of the Congress influence hundreds of millions of dollars in funding. The Congress also makes decisions that affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel, across the world and the funding available to Progressive Judaism in Israel. The Reform Movement is represented by ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America). In the past two elections ARZA has carried the majority of the American delegation. This majority has enabled ARZA to make significant changes in the WZO, advocating for Reform and Progressive Judaism. You can find more information about the WZO on the URJ.org website.

I urge you to sign up for a ballot. You have until February 15, 2006, to register online at www.votereformjudaism.org or pick up a voter registration form in the Temple office. Please make your voice heard. Israel is the homeland to all Jews – Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Reform and Secular. We cannot allow one faction to dictate their ways to all. We as a group have the power to change the laws in Israel...One vote at a time. Vote the Reform slate and make a difference.

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#### Aleph-Bet Family Club

Join us on November 19, as we let the good time "roll" at the Aleph Bet Family Club Bowling and Havdalah night at the Playdrome in Woodcrest at 4 pm. The cost is \$8 per person (except for infants). Pizza and drinks are included!

The Aleph-Bet Family club is a group of families with infants, toddlers and young children, celebrating our Judaism and socializing together. It is open to all – Temple Emanuel members, non-members and pre-school families. RSVP to the Pre-School, (856) 489-0034 or Synagogue offices, (856) 489-0029.





e do not often speak of God. We speak of our Jewish tradition, of our Jewish heritage, of Jewish prayer, music, foods, memories and holidays. As we approach Thanksgiving, replete with good foods, good friends and great

family, consider all of the places that God resides within your life. The following was originally written in the Hindi language.

> "The child whispered, 'God, speak to me' And a meadow lark sang. The child did not hear.

So the child yelled, 'God, speak to me!' And the thunder rolled across the sky But the child did not listen.

The child looked around and said, 'God let me see you' and a star shone brightly But the child did not notice.

And the child shouted. 'God show me a miracle!' And a life was born but the child did not know.

So the child cried out in despair, 'Touch me God, and let me know you are here!' Whereupon God reached down And touched the child.

But the child brushed the butterfly away And walked away unknowingly."

by Ravindra Kumar Karnani

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, think about the wondrousness of life. Share your love and good fortune with others, and enjoy each day as the miracle it is. Consider attending Adult Education classes, Shabbat or holiday services, singing in the choir, participating in Torah study, helping with Casserole Cooking, and exploring your own relationship with God and the Jewish people with your Temple Emanuel family.

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel.

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Mayda Clarke **Executive Director** 



#### Lights, Cameras, Action Get Set for Another Season of Gefilte Flicks

Join film enthusiast Gail Selznick on selected Sundays at 7 pm to watch and discuss films that explore the joys and dilemmas of being

On November 13, "The Harmonists" will be shown. This is the story of a famous German male sextet, the "Comedian Harmonists." It spans

the period of time from the day they first meet in 1927 to the day in 1934, when they become banned by the upcoming Nazis, because three of them are Jewish.

On December 11, "Walk on Water" will be shown. Following the suicide of his wife, an Israeli intelligence agent tasked with offing a Nazi war criminal has a crisis of conscious after he befriends one of his target's grandsons. This film has won multiple awards.



by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen Director of Lifelong Education



s we prepare for Thanksgiving, I want to share with you a story that celebrates both the Jewish and American value of peaceful, but outspoken protest. I start with a little known tidbit from American history: Although the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1621, it did not become an annual American ritual for more than 200 years. It was not until 1863, in the midst of a terrible Civil War, that Abraham Lincoln fixed the last Thursday of each November as a "day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." When the Union won the Civil War, Thanksgiving became even more significant in the North.

Against this historical backdrop, Governor John W. Geary of Pennsylvania, issued a proclamation in 1869. He urged all his citizens to celebrate Thanksgiving. Geary proclaimed, "Let us thank Him with Christian humility for health and prosperity . . . (and let us pray that ) our paths through life may be directed by the example and instructions of the Redeemer, who died that we might enjoy the blessings."

Philadelphia had one of the largest Jewish populations in the United States. The rabbis of Philadelphia were rightfully angered by Geary's language. They drafted a powerful petition. Their "solemn protest" was signed by all seven of the city's rabbis:

An [elected] official, chosen by a large constituency, as the guardian of inalienable rights, ought not to have evinced a spirit of exclusiveness. He should have remembered that the people he governs are not of one mind touching religious dogmas.

Unfortunately, Geary did not revoke his proclamation and Pennsylvania officially celebrated a Christianized Thanksgiving that year. Yet, looking back through the lens of history, we know that Pennsylvania's rabbis expressed in 1868 what would become the majority view: American, civil holidays should be totally devoid of religious content and that each individual may bring to it whatever, if any, spirituality he or she wishes.

I wish you and your family a joyous Thanksgiving, a day of gratitude for a country where we may freely express our religious viewpoints and political opinions without fear.

#### Great Stories of the Prophets with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD, Rabbi Deborah Cohen and Rabbi Geri Newburge Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

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

November 1 Samson Rabbi David

November 15 Levite's Concubine Rabbi Newburge

November 29 Hannah Rabbi Cohen

December 13 Choice of King Saul Rabbi Cohen

#### Post B'nai Mitzvah Study Group with 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. November 1, 15, 29, December 13.

#### Adult Education

Learning is a lifelong experience. Join us for the many adult education courses we offer, and we can learn together. To register for a course, call 489-0029. There may be a textbook charge for some courses. November and December courses are as follows:

#### Scrolling through Life: The Five Megillot with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD Selected Tuesdays, 8-9 pm

The five scrolls – Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther – reveal lessons for life. Let's "scroll" through them together. November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

#### Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Debbie Cohen Selected Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

This is 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. Textbook fee. November 8, 22, December 6, 20.

#### Introduction to Hebrew with Cantor Miriam Eskenasy Selected Tuesdays, 7-8 pm

Learn Ivrit! An introduction for students with no previous Hebrew knowledge. Learn to decipher Hebrew and build prayer book skills. Textbook fee only. November 15 to April 4.

#### Studio Arts & Jewish Memories with Rachel Bomze, MFA Selected Wednesdays, 9:30-11 am

A multi-media studio arts class, including drawing, printmaking and painting. Create a book or box to display cherished Jewish memories. Rachel Bomze teaches art at several local universities. In this course, she will combine her love of art and Judaism together. Learn new artistic skills, think about your Jewish identity in a different way and leave with a beautiful heirloom art project. The \$35 fee includes basic supplies. November 16, 30, 7, 14, 21.

The following are ongoing classes. All are welcome to join:

#### Big Al's Yiddish Club with Al Rubin Thurdays, 7:30-9 pm

Why is there suddenly such a growing interest to learn a virtually dead language? And why, after all these years, does a slowly dying language of the ghetto become so chic? So where do you go to get a taste of the essence of this almost dead language that was spoken by many people not long ago? Temple Emanuel, of course. This class goes where no other Yiddish class has gone before. No boring drills. No memorization of words or conjugation of verbs. Every attendee is an integral partner in learning. The class learns conversational Yiddish quickly through Yiddish music recordings. Prior experience is not necessary. Big Al Rubin, the class leader, spoke Yiddish as his first language. Join us for this genuinely fun evening.

#### Adult B'nai Mitzvah with Rabbi Geri Newburge Selected Tuesdays, Noon-1 pm

Bat or Bar Mitzvah means being a "daughter" or "son' of the commandments. The B'nai Mitzvah ceremony celebrates our Jewish identity, Jewish knowledge and commitment. Becoming an Adult B'nai Mitzvah is a unique and spiritual experience. Consider participating in this special class, which culminates in a group B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. This course is open to adults who did not have a B'nai Mitzvah as a teenager and to adults who had a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony at the age of 13 and, now, want to experience B'nai Mitzvah through adult eyes. Basic Hebrew reading knowledge is necessary for this course. November 1, 15, 29, December 13.

#### Religious School - Dates to Remember

Please mark these important dates on your calendar for upcoming Shabbat services, meetings and vacations.

November 8, 9 & 13 – No School – NJEA Convention November 23 & 27 – No School – Thanksgiving December 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Shabbat December 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Education Day December 11 – Kindergarten Family Education Day December 14 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop December 25 – January 1 – Winter Break

# CANTOR'S NOTES



by Miriam Eskenasy



"The music of worship does five things,...: It enhances the message of the words, evokes associations of the flow of time in the sacred calendar, bonds together the worshipping community, stirs our emotions, and helps us know the presence of God."

"The Art of Public Present"

"The Art of Public Prayer", Lawrence A. Hoffman

Let us look together at the first point Rabbi Dr. Larry Hoffman, my liturgy professor from Hebrew Union College is making. What is he really saying here?

"Music enhances the message of the words"

Our liturgy can be interpreted several ways; it can be read aloud, it can be read silently, or it can be sung. Each way sheds a different light on the text expressed. Our job as Rabbis & Cantor (shelichei tzibur- (prayer leaders) is to enhance the meaning of our liturgy, to clarify it, to make it meaningful for our congregants. Some people are more visual learners; for them, reading a prayer to themselves or aloud might prove the most effective. Others, who are more auditory in nature (such as me), respond better to the prayers if they are sung. The music of our liturgy can emphasize the meaning of a prayer in different ways. For instance in the prayer "Vesham'ru", take the phrase "Beini uvein

b'nai Israel OT HI leolam"; the Shabbat is a SIGN (OT) of the covenant between God and the people of Israel. When I sing our traditional melody (written by Rothbloom), although I try to emphasize the word OT. the melody itself does not really recognize that phrase any differently than the rest of the song. Actually, the word "HI" (referring to the Shabbat) is more accentuated than OT. And so when I sing this tune, one meaning comes across. If a different melody was sung to the same text, emphasizing the word OT, the prayer might be understood very differently. Is this prayer about the Shabbat? Or is it about the covenant between God and Israel (which the Shabbat is a sign of). I believe this is what Rabbi Hoffman means by the phrase above, that music enhances the meaning of the text. We come to the synagogue to be comforted for sure by the familiar music, but also to enhance the meaning of our prayers for a deeper spiritual experience. I welcome your thoughts on this. Next time you are in the synagogue take a look at this prayer and let me know your thoughts. My email is meskenasy@templeemanuel.org .

B'shalom, Cantor Miriam Eskenasy

#### **News From**

RABBI NEWBURGE

In case you missed the Kol Nidre sermon, here is an excerpt about the important work we are doing with Caring Community at Temple Emanuel.

"As Temple Emanuel hears some of your prayers we work to answer them. We are currently reorganizing and recreating our Caring Community. This term often confuses people- what exactly is Caring Community? What does it do? Who does it serve? Etc., etc., etc.

Caring community, Kehilat chesed in Hebrew, is about creating a spiritual communal family. It is about bringing people together. It is about providing assistance to people in times of need or celebration, including helping with a shiva minyan, support for those who are caregivers, prayers and services for those in need of healing, or the gift of a meal when you've returned from the hospital. All of this is done at Temple Emanuel. We also have people who deliver challahs at this time of year to those who have lost a family member since last Yom Kippur, and a group of people who are dedicated to supporting individuals and families who are experiencing separation or divorce. Caring community is becoming a committee of people devoted to these facets of the congregation and the individual. Caring community acknowledges that you have needs and we want to help with those needs. In order to embrace as many members of the congregation as possible we need your help- please tell us of your needs, and tell us what you would like to do to help."

If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact Rabbi Geri Newburge at gnewburge@templeemanuel.org, or (856)489-0029 x16.



#### Join an Education Committee!

#### Give Us Your Insights

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 committee. For more informaand join an education tion about any of these committees, contact the committee chair Rabbi or Cohen. dbcohen@templeemanuel.org, 856-489-0035. A full calendar of committee meetings will be available in September.

#### Religious School Committee Chair: Elliott Roth Next Meeting: November 21 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. The agenda for 2005-2006 year includes: Accreditation Process for the Religious School and Bringing Technology into our Classrooms.

#### Family Education Committee Chairs: Jessica Manelis Next Meeting: December 5 at 7 pm

This committee plans and implements programming to involve families learning about Judaism together. The committee meets four times a year. The agenda for 2005-2006 includes: Planning our New Programs, including Guiness Book of World Records Driedel Spin, and Family Shabbaton at Appel Farms.

# Adult Education Committee Chairs: Irene Kauffman & Robin Miller Next Meeting: December 5 at 8 pm

This committee sets and evaluates the adult education offerings at the congregation. The committee meets four times a year. The agenda for 2005-2006 includes: Planning our New Programs, including Temple Emanuel Book Club, and Jewish Studio Arts.



#### by Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

The weather outside is quickly changing. The leaves are falling, the days are shorter, and it is getting much cooler outside. It is November, and we will welcome Thanksgiving at the end of the month. It is this time of year that many of our senior group members head for a warmer climate. We wish them well during the winter, and look forward to seeing them in the spring.

But for those of us who remain here during the cold winter months, we have some "hot" Brown Bag Meetings planned. Please attend our Wednesday, November 16, meeting at 12 noon, when our guest speaker will be Alan Respler. He will speak on current conditions in Israel.

# "Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season" – An Educational and Discussion Group for Temple Emanuel Parents of Teenagers

If you have teens, join us on December 6 at 7:30 pm for a program on "Decoding teen moods - understanding depression and when to seek intervention." The program is part of *Parenting Teens — It's a Growing Season*, a forum for Temple Emanuel members with teenage children to meet, learn together and share their experiences.

It is important to remember that the behavior of depressed children and teenagers may differ from the behavior of depressed adults. Over the past 50 years, depression has become more common and is now recognized at increasingly younger ages. As the rate of depression rises, so does the teen suicide rate. Join us as we talk with Randy Miller, RNC, Nurse Manager of the Child-Adolescent Psychiatric Unit at Kennedy Hospital. We will meet at the conference room at Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Parenting Teens — It's a Growing Season was started last April. Four programs are planned for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information, please contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen, 856-489-0035 or speak with Rhea Brekke, the chairperson for It's a Growing Season.

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by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

ith all of the fall holidays behind us we look towards the upcoming events Sisterhood has to offer. Our newest fundraiser is happening on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 2; the Party Showcase. Our Social Hall will be bustling with vendors from all over the area sharing their wares and knowledge for your upcoming life cycle event. Come taste delicious food from our Temple Caterers, listen to music from local DJ's and experience all the magic that help make the events so special. We look forward to a great day. Please join us!

I want to thank Jessica Chasen, DJ Whitley and committee for all of their hard work on the Paid Up Membership Brunch. It was so nice to see so many women come together to smooze, nosh and listen to Lisa Weissback speak on a very thought provoking subject; Domestic Violence and our Community and How to Educate our Teens . Thank you to Lisa Weissbach for coming.

With the Hurricane Relief Projects happening throughout the temple, Sisterhood has chosen to work on the New Head Start Program that will be opening in Houston. With help from our Sisterhood we hope to send any items or money necessary to help bring the children a place to learn and play in the midst of the devastation that has touched their lives. In the months to come I will be writing updates to keep everyone informed about how the project is going.

Don't forget to mark your calendars, for Sunday December 11th. We will be holding our annual Hanukkah Bazaar, with our wonderful vendors, Macabbee Mart and of course, our Spinning Dreidel Café. We look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

MEN'S CLUB

by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

By the time you read this, the November elections are either in a few days or over. (Depends on how fast the mail is this month, and how quickly you read the Light when it arrives in your home.) As we do most years, the Men's Club has tried to bring a representative from each of the major political parties to present their point of view, with the goal of helping you make an informed decision. In a world where much of our information comes from 30 second television sound bites, having an extended visit from these politicians helps you hear the rest of the story and know the full details behind the sound bites.

With the elections behind us, this November, we dedicate our Sunday monthly brunch to Men's Health. Of course, except for a limited number of medical issues, most men's health issues also applies to women, so yes, women are always welcome as guests at our monthly Sunday brunches. We will have a panel of medical professionals who will be discussing a variety of health issues. Our goal is to have a wide range of topics so that there is something of interest for everyone.

It always amazes me that we fill the extended sanctuary for two services on the High Holidays, yet during the remainder of the year, we always have room for a few more people in the main sanctuary. I challenge everyone to become more involved in at least one aspect at Temple Emanuel. For myself, I have learned the more I participated and became involved in Temple Emanuel activities, the more valuable Temple Emanuel became in my life.

Of course there are many ways to become more involved, but since this is the Men's Club column, I have to be biased and suggest that 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 20th which will focus on Men's Health issues. We hope to see you there at 10 am.

Our next meeting will be December 18th with Rabbi David.

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We apologize for unlisted names.

by Stephanie Ross V.P. Social Action

Thank you, todah raba, gracias, merci beaucoup, domo arigato, a dank aych, danke schon... No matter what language you use, these words are music to the ears of the recipients. We teach it faithfully to our toddlers, with the age old question, "What do you say?" Then we expectantly wait for their reply, "thank you." Unfortunately, we often get so caught up in the activities of every day life that we forget to thank the people around us. When is the last time that you remembered to thank the people important to you in your life, or to thank God for the blessings of food, shelter, or the proper functioning of your body? Judaism teaches us to live each day with gratitude for the good in our lives and to continually add good to the lives of others.

In fact, gratitude is one of the pillars upon which our faith is based. According to Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis in her book, "The Committed Life," nothing should be taken for granted; a glass of water, a tree in bloom, a beautiful rainbow should all be acknowledged with a thank you to God. The rebbetzin further explains that once we get into the habit of giving thanks, we start to see the myriad of things that others take for granted. She sees this as a guaranteed recipe for a happy life. The sages asked: Who is rich? The one who is content with his lot in life. Without this ablility to recognize and give thanks for our blessings, we are destined to behave like gerbils on a wheel, always furiously running in circles to reach unattainable goals.

I guess that it is human nature not to appreciate things until they are gone. You know the old adage, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." Thanks to television news coverage, we have all seen first hand accounts of victims of Hurricane Katrina who were tragically given a new appreciation of the lives that they lived a short time ago. I recently saw an interview with a young boy who was displaced by the hurricane who said that he never thought that he would be thanking God for a toilet. You see, he had been without easy access to one for a couple of weeks. Now that he has access to a bathroom again, he is keenly aware that the "little things" that we take for granted take on a new significance when we are without them.

Think about your annual fast for Yom Kippur. Normally, when your hunger and thirst are satiated, you give little thought to food or water. On Yom Kippur by design, food and water become a preoccupation. In this way, we force ourselves to appreciate our blessings, and to empathize with those who are not as blessed as we are. Similarly, we take for granted a well functioning body until it begins to fail us. Only after an illness does this daily prayer from our siddur, "The Gates of Prayer for Shabbat and Weekdays," take on new significance:

"We praise You, Eternal God. With divine wisdom You have made our bodies, combining veins, arteries and vital organs into a finely balanced network. Were any of them to fail, o wondrous Maker and Sustainer of life, how well we are aware."

Collectively, we do remember to thank God for our blessings on certain holidays. Thousands of years after being freed from bondage in Egypt, Jews around the world take the time to thank God for our freedom at our Passover seders. Similarly, this month in America, we will celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving. As a nation, we collectively thank God for the many blessings in our lives. Did you know that the holiday of Thanksgiving has Jewish roots? It was originally fashioned after the holiday of Sukkot. This joyous festival in which Jews traditionally thank God for the harvest is described in the Book of Leviticus of the Bible. The Israelites were commanded to build, and reside in huts (sukkahs) during the harvest to remind them of the huts that the Israelites lived in during their forty years of wandering the desert after being freed from Egypt. The Pilgrims in America thousands of years later referred to the Bible when they wanted to set aside a time to thank God for their successful harvest, and for sustaining them in the New World. They based their Thanksgiving celebration on the Biblical account of Sukkot.

In Judaism we learn that it is our actions that count more than our words. The Social Action Committee is providing opportunities this month for congregants to show their gratitude for their many blessings. During the first half of the month, we will be collecting traditional nonperishable holiday foods. There will be bins located in the foyer of the religious school and in the classrooms. We will also be collecting turkeys. All of the food will be going to the Foodbank of Southern New Jersey for distribution.

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#### PRE-SCHOOL

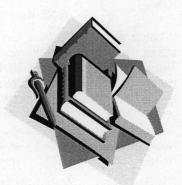
by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



he Preschool is bustling with activity! The children have been immersed in learning about their world through the introduction of new vocabulary, concepts, ideas, and activities. They have enjoyed eating lunch with their friends and participating in enrichment activities such as music, dance and cheerleading, a fabulous "stretch-n-grow" fitness program and would you believe - "acting" class? Our 4-year-old "Travelers" and ""All Stars" have expanded their horizons by exploring their community on a bus trip and

picking apples at Johnson's Farm. All the children were so excited to walk across the street to the JCC to see a wonderful puppet show presented by an Israeli puppeteer. How amazing to see the police officer stop all those cars!

There is so much to look forward to in the month of November. November is Jewish Book Month and since story telling is so much a part of our lives, we will be celebrating by hosting a Jewish Book Fair from November 14th to the 18th. Books and CD's with Jewish content will be available for children of all ages, making it a perfect holiday gift. We will take our profit in books, which will benefit and enrich our Pre-School. Since visiting the library is such an integral part of our program, we are very excited about this project.



On the November calendar, is one of the highlights of our school year - The Pre-School Family Dinner. This year, we will be having three Family Dinners - the first of which will be held on November 18th at 6 pm. All Pre-School families, the staff and anybody interested in learning more about our preschool are invited to attend. We will enjoy a catered dinner, desserts that are prepared by our parents, crafts, a Tot Shabbat service and a special Oneg. What a wonderful way to connect with other preschool families and to interact with the staff! We look forward to seeing a "huge" crowd this year. If you are interested in joining us for this fun evening, please contact the preschool office at 489-0034 for details.

As preschoolers learn to share with each other, they also learn to share with their families and community. With the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, we will be preparing a feast and giving thanks for all of our blessings. At The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel, the teachers, staff and I thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.

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The foodbank is in need of 4,000 turkeys this year. If you are willing to donate a turkey, please let us know using the flyer included in this issue of "The Light."

On the evening of Monday, November 21, we will be remembering our men and women serving in the armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The evening will begin with a Thanksgiving prayer service. Following the s service we will be writing letters to the service men and women and packaging goody bags for them. The items for the care packages will be collected during the month of November. Please see the flyer in this issue for the specifics.

## King David and Rabbi David Rabbi David's family history as told to Phillip Miller

Continued from last month's Light.

#### The David's First Surprise In America

When Alice and Herbert David arrived in Newport, Kentucky, they discovered that Colonel Kaufmann had lost everything in the 1929 crash and was not a wealthy man, but was penniless! However, being a fine and righteous Jewish gentleman, Colonel Kaufmann managed to scrape up enough money to bring the Davids to Newport in 1939. At that time Newport was a town of illegal prostitution, illegal gambling, etc.

#### A Remarkable Man!

What a remarkable man Colonel Kaufmann must have been! When the stock market crashed, people were jumping out of buildings because they had lost everything. But not Col. Kaufmann - who also had lost everything. Like most people, he was still struggling 10 years later. However, despite his own financial difficulties, he agreed to sponsor the Davids. Colonel Kaufmann said, "I felt an ethical and moral obligation to help the family in anyway I could."

#### Welcome To America

Shortly after arriving, Rabbi David's parents applied for U.S. citizenship. In those days it took about five years for Alice and Herbert David to become citizens. They obtained work in Cincinnati, Ohio, which is right across the border from Newport, Kentucky. Herbert, while still in Cologne, Germany, had been in the process of being groomed to take over the family's business. He went to Berlin for further training and education. There he met Alice who had been hired as his secretary. With this background, Herbert managed to get a job at General Motors. He and Alice moved to Cincinnati.

Jerome (Jerry) Paul David was born 10 years later in Cincinnati. Then his younger sister, Claudia, was born. They are both named after their grandparents. Although they spoke perfect English, Rabbi David's parents spoke German in the home to their children. The children always replied in English.

Alice and Herbert lived in a Jewish neighborhood. Though they were reluctant to talk about the past, because many of the neighborhood families were Holocaust survivors or children of survivors, there were lots of conversations that were overheard by young Jerry. He became aware of the Holocaust when he was in first or second grade. Young Jerry's pal, Gary, had a family whose Holocaust-related experiences mirrored his own.

When Rabbi David was a student in the fourth grade, his teacher was a student rabbi, Cary Yales. Rabbi Yales was a young, very dynamic, charismatic, caring person who touched young Jerry's life because it was during this class that he made his private decision to become a rabbi.

#### Thank You

Many years later, when both were rabbis, the two of them met at a CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) conference. Everyone wore a nametag and Rabbi David noticed the name, Cary Yales, on a rabbi who had just passed by. He introduced himself as a former fourth grade student of Rabbi Yales and thanked Rabbi Yales for influencing his decision to become a rabbi. Rabbi Yales was very moved by this statement, especially since it was from someone whom he had not seen in years. Rabbi Yales passed away about two years later.

The experience of coming from a Holocaust survivor family influenced Jerry in a good way. He concluded very early in life, that you don't take anything in life for granted and one should strive for the very best in one's self.

#### A Return To Judaism

Jews who had any Holocaust-related experiences could easily think that God had deserted them during the Nazi's annihilation program. So why go to synagogue? Rabbi David's mother and father were no exceptions. Jerry's friends were going to synagogue, and he and his sister, Claudia, began insisting that their family join a synagogue. Parents would do anything and everything for their children and finally their parents said yes. It was the best thing that ever happened for them and for the children. So without realizing fully, at their young age what they had accomplished, he and his sister brought their family back to Judaism.

They joined a reform temple, Temple Sholom, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their rabbi, Rabbi Stanley Brav, had a profound influence on Rabbi David's decision to become a rabbi.

It was the beginning of Rabbi David reaching out, and, come to think of it, is still today reaching out to bring others into Judaism. He is very proud that his son, Ben, is making his own footsteps on a similar path for the next generation of Davids.

#### **Giving Back**

Imbedded deeply within Rabbi David's persona is a burning desire to give back to Judaism, the Jewish Community and to Israel.

Rabbi David realized that it was very important to make sure that the historical facts of the Holocaust are not forgotten. What better way than through the public school system. He served on the N.J. Commission of Holocaust Education, speaking very passionately in favor of its implementation in the N.J. schools.

The resolution was passed!

#### **Accent The Positive**

The Holocaust is an integral part of Temple Emanuel's curriculum. They escort students to the Holocaust Museum in Wash., DC, commemorate Kristallnacht and Yom ha-Sho'ah. Rabbi David said, "It is important to remember, but we also need to emphasize the positive-a remnant survived and started up again. Jewish life flourishes in Israel and the USA."

Temple Emanuel encourages their students to continue on to confirmation and to 11th and 12th grades. At this stage of their education, Temple Emanuel tries to prepare its students to be able to answer challenges to their religious views. They will encounter Pro-Palestinian students, Holocaust Liars (as Rabbi David labels the deniers) and others on college campuses who are trying to question and shake the foundation of their Judaism, their understanding of the Holocaust and their views on

#### **Eretz Israel**

Rabbi David is also very passionate about Israel. He has been there at least 13 times. The trips include taking confirmation classes and congregational groups to experience first hand the wonders of Israel. Visiting Israel is a profound experience that no Jew should miss.

To date, Rabbi David has hesitated going to Eastern Europe and Germany because he realizes it would be a very emotional and very personal trip. But now he is starting to feel it is time to make this trip.

#### When Jerry Met Peggy

Rabbi David met Peggy when he was a freshman at the University of Cincinnati. She was still a high school senior and was visiting the campus of the U of C. They were married when he was 21 and she was 20. They have a family that would make any parent proud.

Ben is married to Lisa, and he just accepted an Assistant Rabbi's position in Roslyn Heights, NY. Lisa is the Acting Director of the College Outreach Program of the URJ. It is called KESHER. Jonathan is an architect and is engaged to Jaime. He lives in the Village in NYC. Adam just graduated from Rutgers University and will be a teacher of Elementary Education.

#### **But Something Has Always Been Missing**

Rabbi David said, "Not having grandparents has been a big void in my life." His parents were hesitant to talk about them when he was growing up. He started asking questions at age 5 but all he was told was, "They were killed." Even though his mother felt guilty all her life, realistically, there is nothing they could have done. Politicians could have, but didn't. Rabbi David's message is, "All people who are fortunate to have grandparents should take the time to enjoy them."

#### Rabbi David On Elie Wiesel

The day Elie Wiesel came to Temple Emanuel, turned out to be a great day for Rabbi David.

When asked about his encounter with Elie Wiesel, Rabbi David replied, "I spent a lot of quality time with Elie Wiesel. For some reason we really, really connected." Elie Wiesel's relationship with presidents started with a close relationship with President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Wiesel spoke about the different presidents and their attitudes towards the Jewish community.

Rabbi David remarked, "Wiesel is a man of deep wisdom and understanding and yet is still so down to earth and so humble."

#### **Hobbies**

Rabbi David finds time to work out and enjoys gardening. "It's good to connect with the soil." He has a very large and interesting collection of dreidels in his study and at home.

Kol Emanuel choir members admire Rabbi David's very fine singing voice and are always asking him to join the choir.

Rabbi David has served on many Boards in leadership positions. He currently is on the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees and the Federation Board of Trustees. He also has served on the JCC Board and on the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

#### 3000 And Still Counting

Rabbi David estimates he has conducted approximately 3,000 bar/bat mitzvahs over the last 30 years at Temple Emanuel.

We all wish Rabbi David many more healthy years as he continues his devoted and caring service to Temple Emanuel, the Jewish community and Israel.



Photo by Phillip Mille

Rabbi David's Heirloom Ring

# New Members We warmly welcome you into our Temple family

**Daniel Baratz** 

Suazanne and Austin Cohen Hannah and Elizabeth

Paula Cohen

Ron Cohen

Debra and Lawrence Goldstein

Evelyn Keller and Todd Holzman

Alla and Alexander Khazan
Sharon and David Renz
Dr. Maurice Rosman
Jaime and Bradley Smith

Wendi and Joshua Wallet

Claudia and Uriel Warszawski



11th grader-Lauryn Cohen places prayers in the Western Wall Written by this year's 2nd grade class

Singles Shabbat

Friday November 11 7:15pm

All singles welcome!

#### Read Any Good Books Lately?

Join Rabbi Geri Newburge, Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, each month to discuss a popular book with Jewish interest. To fit your schedule, the book will be discussed twice, once on Sunday and once on Monday. It meets from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. You need only come to one of the discussions. Call 856-489-0029 to register. For a full year's calendar, contact Rabbi Cohen.

#### November 20 & 21 - Rabbi Debbie Cohen

Book: <u>Turbulent Souls – A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family</u> by Stephen J. Dubner

Dubner takes a searing and poignant look at his upbringing in a large, boisterous and fiercely devout Catholic family and his subsequent conversion to Judaism, the faith his parents discarded in their youth in favor of Catholicism.

#### December 18 & 19 - Rabbi Debbie Cohen

Book: <u>RibCage- Israeli Women's Fiction</u> edited by Carol Diament & Lily Rattok

This book is published by Hadassah and is probably not available at local bookstores. If you are interested in purchasing a copy through the synagogue, please contact Jean Klein, 489-0035.



#### **Torah Portions of the Month**

#### November 5 Noach Exodus 6:9 – 11:32

Two well-known stories are found in this week's Torah portion: Noah and the Ark, and the Tower of Babel. God informs Noah of the plan to destroy the earth and instructs Noah to build an ark and to bring pairs of animals on to the ark. The Torah continues with a listing of the descendents of the sons of Noah. This genealogy is interrupted by the story of the Tower of Babel. All the peoples on the earth had one language. The people decide to build a city to include a tower with a top penetrating the sky. God sees what the people plan to do and turns their one, common language into many different languages (their speech sounds like "babble," from which the tower gets it name), and scatters the people around the earth, thus preventing them from building the tower.

#### November 12 Lech - Lecha Exodus 12:1 – 17:27

God says to Abram: "Lech lecha" meaning "Go forth" from your home and father's house "to a land that I will show you" God promises to bless Abram and make of him a great nation and that his offspring will be as numerous as the stars of heaven. Sarai gives Abram her handmaid Hagar to bear a child. Hagar becomes pregnant and tensions develop. Sarai treats Hagar harshly, and Hagar runs away. An angel of God appears to her and tells her to return, promising her a son, Ishmael. God again appears to Abram -- now 99 years of age. God changes his name to Abraham, meaning "the father of a multitude of nations." God also changes Sarai's name to Sarah. God introduces a sign of the covenant: every male shall be circumcised at eight days

old. God also promises that Abraham and Sarah will bear a son, Isaac, who will carry on the covenant. As the portion ends, Abraham, Ishmael, and all the males in Abraham's household are circumcised.

#### November 19 Vayera Genesis 18:1 – 22:24

Abraham is told that Sarah will give birth to a son. As was promised, Sarah becomes pregnant. Abraham and Sarah have a son whom they name Isaac and on the eighth day of his life he is circumcised. Sarah wants Hagar and Ishmael thrown out of their home so that Ishmael will not have any part of Isaac's inheritance. Hagar and Ishmael are cast out into the wilderness. Ishmael nearly dies but his cry is heard and an angel of Adonai reassures Hagar that Ishmael will live to become a great nation. God decides to test Abraham and commands him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Because of Abraham's willingness to obey God's command, the promise of a great nation described as numerous as the stars in heaven and the sands of the seashore is repeated.

#### November 26 Chaye Sarah Genesis 23:1 – 25:18

In Chaye 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.



Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi David, Rabbi Newburge Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Eskenasy and lay-leaders

Shabbat mornings 9:15 am (except on a few selected holiday weekends)

We read selections from the weekly Torah portion together and have lively and engaging discussion. Newcomers to Torah Study are encouraged to come. Coffee is served - what could better? No registration required.

November 5	Noach	Rabbi David
November 12/NJEA	Lech Lecha	Stephen Ehrlich
November 19	Vayera	Rabbi Cohen
Nov. 26/Thanksgiviing	Chaye Sarah	Lay-Leader
December 3	Toldot	Cantor Eskenasy
December 10	Vayetze	Herb Ershkowitz
December 17	Vayishlach	Rabbi Cohen

#### November is Organ/Tissue Donor Month Look for upcoming information For additional info call Gift of Life Headquarters 215-557-8090

On behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the entire family of Reform Judaism, we invite you to join in becoming an organ donor and thus to participate in the mitzvah of matan chaim: the gift of life.

Life, our tradition's highest value, is at the heart of our invitation. By becoming an organ donor you can join thousands who have placed themselves in a position to bring healing, hope and life to others. The UAHC invites you to choose to make this gift so that others may benefit. We invite you to share this discussion and decision with your family, friends and rabbi; as well as your medical, legal and additional health care providers.

Medical technology has given us the means to dignify, sanctify and sustain lives in ways that were impossible just a few years ago. We invite you to bring to that technology a response of holiness, purpose and life.

Jewish tradition teaches that we are partners with God in continuing and sustaining the daily miracles of creation. Organ and tissue donation are an extension of this partnership. Through donation, you have the unique and holy opportunity to give the gift of life and wellness from one of God's creations-you-to another. With your gift, you respond hineni to God's call.

Matan Chaim: the Gift of Life

Organ&Tissue

Share your life. Share your decision.8



by Sandy Umansky

Dear Parents of All Temple Emanuel Youth,

Each of us has a vested interest in our synagogue and in the future of our children. As youth director, I am calling upon you to encourage your child to participate in one of Temple Emanuel's youth groups. My goal is to have every child involved!!

I believe that participating in youth group enhances each child's life. Through self-created services, social action projects, group endeavors like the Purim Carnival, and the enjoyment of seeing their ideas come to life, our youth take ownership of Judaism's future. Youth Group is a social outlet as well -- with meetings, activities, regional conventions, monthly events for fun and entertainment, and, of course, participation in all Temple Emanuel programs.

Now is the perfect time to discover the possibilities of youth group.

Every month flyers are sent to all Temple Emanuel teens and pre-teens; phone calls from dedicated TEFTY Board members encourage all Temple teens to attend and get to know one another. We hope you encourage your child to attend these great events.

Our teens are pulled in countless directions, with studies, sports, clubs, jobs and other extra curricula activities. By sharing in the monthly events and programs of youth group, your children can truly live jewishly and have a great time! Our children are our future.

I look forward to sharing the youth group experience with all of our young people and I hope that this year will find our youth group enhanced by their presence. I have confidence that each of their lives will be enriched by this participation.

I thank you most sincerely, and I know that your children will thank you as well. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

B'Shalom,

Sandy (856) 429-6227

#### TREE OF LIFE ....

#### **Providing Permanence to Your Fondest Memories**

Jerri Pinsky

Chairperson



The events we most look forward to in our lives seem to pass by way too quickly. We spend countless hours in preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, engagement parties, births, special anniversaries or birthdays, only to have them end in what feels like a matter of minutes. What remains are our treasured memories.

During the fall holidays, many members passed by the magnificent space that houses our **Tree of Life**. Each engraved leaf or rock recalls a "simcha" of a fellow congregant. So many of you have honored a loved one with this unique and everlasting tribute.

Is a happy life cycle event coming up in the near future in your family? Now is the time to commemorate that event. It is important that you place your reservation in a timely fashion so that the **Tree of Life** does not fill up without your family being represented.

For more information, or to receive an application, please call Irene Strauss in the Temple office at 489-0029, ext. 12.

The newest additions to our Tree of Life include:

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#### **DONORS**

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Berta & Mikhail Muchnik

Bat Mitzvah of Sharon Muchnik Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Muchnik

Linda & Ben Yelowitz

Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Yelowitz



#### In Memorium

HARRY FINK Father of Toby Heflich

STACEY FRIEDMAN Cousin of Wayne Tarken

ALBERT GILBERG Uncle of Lewis Horvitz

PAULINE KOPEIKA Mother of Richard March

NATHAN MINTZ Father of Randy Mintz ALBERT PARKER
Father of Ilene Ganzman

MARJORIE PAUL Wife of Bob Paul

FRIEDA ROSSMAN Grandmother of Amy Kratchman

LEON STOLLOW Grandfather of Wendi Cohen

ELLEN WOLPERT Mother of Reva Budman

# Rabbi E Newburge's

#### Thanksgiving Stuffing

While I try to give "Jewish" or holiday-related recipes most months, I decided that this Thanksgiving recipe is actually Jewish. It was passed from my great-grandmother to my Nana to my father and now to my brother and his wife, and to Eric and me. And it calls for the quintessential Jewish

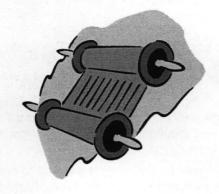
ingredient- schmaltz (chicken fat). I hope you enjoy it as much as we do (we fight over the leftovers)- and don't get your cholesterol checked too close to Thanksgiving!

About 3 loaves of white bread

4 large Onions, thinly sliced

1 small container Chicken fat (schmaltz) (if this is too much cholesterol, you can use ½ the chicken fat and ½ margarine)

Toast bread in toaster oven or regular oven until golden brown. Melt the schmaltz in a skillet and then sauté onions in the skillet. After the bread is toasted, run the toast under a running faucet and then squeeze the water out. Put all the toast into a big bowl and when it's cooled pour the schmaltz and onions over the bread. Mix the onions, schmaltz, and bread together by hand, so it is well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stuff the turkey, and enjoy!



#### November B'Nai Mitvot

Saturday, November 5 Bar Mitzvah of REMY JORDAN KAHN and

Bat Mitzvah of ZOE BIANCA KAHN Children of Michael Kahn and Hope Kahn

Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of SANDRA MICHELLE GOLDLUST

Daughter of Terry and Robert Goldlust

Saturday, November 12 Bar Mitzvah of ANDREW BERGER

Son of Barbara and Jeffrey Berger

Havdalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of DILLON COREY MILLER

Son of Robin and Joe Miller

Saturday, November 19 Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of MARISSA AMBER GOTLEIB and

ASHLEY MORGAN GOTLEIB Children of Mindy and Leo Gotleib

Saturday, November 26 Bar Mitzvah of JORDAN IAN MUCHNIK

Son of Berta and Michael Muchnik

Havdalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of JORDAN SCOTT FRIEDMAN

Son of Felice and Barry Friedman

#### Mazel Tov...

Ceil Keim on the marriage of her son, Jeffrey to Ashley Culpepper

Elaine and Sheldon Belson on the birth of their grandson, Jared Scott Belson

Sheila and Fred Stern on the birth of their grandson, Noah Aaron Delfiner

Georgia and Jay Petkov on the birth of their granddaughter, Marlee Skye Petkov

Leandra and Ira Pintel on the birth of their daughter Leah Norah Pintel

Nan and Art Stein on the marriage of their granddaughter, Eryn Stein to Ryan Kolstein

Lynn and Lowell Sheinkin on the marriage of their son, Matthew Zapp to Elise O'Neill

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#### KOL EMANUEL

by Beth Strum

ol Emanuel began the birthday of the world with Erev Rosh Hashana and Erev Kol Nidre with new members helping us to musically usher in the High Holidays this year. We welcome Jack and Alice Newman, Sonia McCarthy, Debbie Warshauer, Evan Sharps and Nurit Maor. Kol Emanuel thankfully keeps growing and evolving under the brilliant direction of Julia Zavadsky.

Make sure you join us for the next holiday, December 23, when Kol Emanuel will sing on Hannukah.

If you would like to join us, rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm. Those with children who are students can attend choir while the kids are in class!

In our continuing series of introducing our singers to you, we present alto Sonyia McCarthy.

"Everybody in my family loves music," says Sonyia, who grew up in the Ukraine. "My mom has a beautiful voice, and she sang to me."

In the Ukraine, where music is greatly appreciated, Sonyia started playing piano at the age of six. She began singing in the school choir in first grade, and later joined the girls' ensemble.

"My father started to collect Yiddish-Klezmer music, taping to a tape recorder songs from different sources. It was not easy to find in The Soviet Union during the sixties, but that's what I was exposed to," she explains.

"My inspiration came from many people who surrounded me. My Mom, especially. And my music teachers, my school choir teacher, and my classmates-friends who had beautiful voices. We always had the radio on in the house, and I knew by heart most of the folk and pop songs, and the singers and the composers," she remembers.

Sonyia and her husband joined the Temple Emanuel about a year ago, and enjoyed listening to the choir, especially during the High Holidays.

What she enjoys most about singing with the choir is the "warm, friendly and supportive atmosphere... and the wonderful music."

# Thanksgiving Day

## 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 21.

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 Sisterhood Presents:

# Sunday

November 6, 2005 10 am - 2 pm

Having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Sweet 16 or any other type of occasion... then you don't want to miss out!

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\*For more information, call: Debra @ 856-384-0058

#### FREE ADMISSION

Temple Emanuel 1101 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



# Noah's Ark's Blessing of the Pets November 6, 1:30 pm Temple Emanuel Parking Lot

On the week that we read about Noah's Ark let's create our own Noah's Ark – right here at Temple Emanuel. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, goldfish, ijguana, ferret. . . for a special Blessing of the Pets. If your pet would not have done well on Noah's Ark (if he or she is aggressive or unfriendly to strangers), please do not bring him or her to the Blessing of the Pets.

If you plan on participating, please RSVP to 489-0029. We will be collecting animal food and toys to donate to a local shelter.

# Family Tile Workshop

with artist Donna Moskowitz
Sunday November 20
Arrive between 2 and 3 pm \$18/Tile

Have you seen the beautiful family tiles at the Religious School entrance? Create one with YOUR family's name and Jewish images that are important to you. Leave your family's mark at Temple Emanuel.

Proceeds from the day will support educational programming at the congregation. The tiles are 8 inches by 8 inches, if you would like to plan out your design in advance. To register, please call 856-489-0029.

# Come Spin with Temple Emanuel!

Guinness Book of World Records Dreidel Challenge

Help Temple Emanuel capture the world record for most dreidels spinning at the same time. The current record is 535 dreidels, held by University of Maryland Hillel. Invite your friends & family!

December 18, 1 pm

More details in the next Light. Call (856) 489-0029 to register.

To join the planning committee for this Guinness Book challenge, contact Jessica Manelis or Rabbi Cohen, (856) 489-0035.



## BRINGING ART & JUDAISM TOGETHER.



# Studio Arts & Jewish Memories Rachel Bomze, MFA

A multi-media studio arts class, including drawing, printmaking and painting. Create a book or box to display cherished Jewish memories. Rachel Bomze teaches art at several local universities. In this course, she will combine her love of art and Judaism together. Learn new artistic skills, think about your Jewish identity in a different way and leave with a beautiful heir-loom art project.

\$35, includes basic supplies Selected Wednesdays, 9:30-11 am November 16, 30, December 7, 14, 21 To register, call 856-489-0029

#### SCROLLING THROUGH LIFE: THE FIVE MEGILLOT



The five scrolls: Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther—reveal the lessons for life. Let's "scroll" through them together.

> with Cantor Miriam Eskenasy Tuesdays 8-9 pm November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

Call the Synagogue office, 856-489-0029, to register.

# TEMPLE EMANUEL November 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 Noon Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class Post Bnai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Stories of the Prophets 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Adult Academy	2 7 pm Men's Study Group	3 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class Reach for the Stars Steering Comm. Mtg.	4 6:30 pm Shabbat Around the World Dinner 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service Shabbat Around the World with Children's Choir Alternative Service	9:15 am Torah Study 5 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of REMY JORDAN KAHN and Bat Mitzvah of ZOE BIANCA KAHN 5:15 pm 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of SANDRA MICHELLE GOLDLUST
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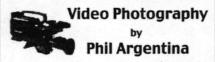
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