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

hat do social action and youth group have in common? WINSTY!

WINSTY stands for "Winter Institute" and it is a regional youth group event when our teens venture out into the community to make a difference. This year, our youth group, TEFTY (Temple Emanuel

Federation of Temple Youth), is hosting this incredibly important, and fun, event. There is quite a bit of preparation that goes into hosting a youth group weekend retreat, including (but not limited to): providing meals, working on services, and hosting the many students. Temple Emanuel's dedicated Youth Committee and our youth group members have been working on this for months to ensure a high-quality program. I, personally, am grateful for all their hard work and dedication and want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Youth Committee and the incredible teens of TEFTY!

WINSTY is an exciting opportunity for our young people to meet and interact with teens from across the region, as well as to do some meaningful work in the community. We appreciate, in advance, the support the congregation gives these teens during WINSTY. Through your encouragement and participation we send an important message to our young people that we value them and value what they are doing. If you are able to assist with any facet of this weekend, please contact our Youth Director, Sandy Umansky at sandyumansky@comcast.net, or me at (856)489-0029 x16.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!! Reach for the Stars 2006 April 21-23

To join one of our committees contact Mayda Clarke at mayda@templeemanuel.org

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Rabbi Geri Newburge & Rabbi Eric Goldberg

On the birth of their son

Jay Bertram Goldberg

Friday, December 9th 1:57 am 7 lbs, 7 oz., 20 inches

WE WISH JAY LONG LIFE, GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS ALWAYS

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Celebrating our past...Committing to our future

by Joyce C. Hoff

PRESIDENT'S Message

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Every two years, the URJ holds its convention in a different city. This year more than 5000 Jews gathered at the George Brown convention center in downtown Houston. I had always heard a lot about Biennials, but never had been able to attend one. Imagine celebrating Shabbat with that many people. It was an incredible experience, especially watching the teens and college aged kids join in the celebration - all future leaders of

Reform Judaism.

But what had a significant impact on me was our day trip to the Houston Head Start program. You may remember that Temple Emanuel "adopted" this Head Start program after Hurricane Katrina displaced families from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The Houston Public Schools absorbed 26,000 children into their system, with Head Start providing a program for 3, 4 and 5 year old children to prepare them for entry into school.

Through the generosity of you, our members, we were able to send a significant amount of money and gift cards that personally impacted at least 80 families. At a lunch that we attended at the Houston District School Headquarters we met many of the Katrina families your gifts had touched. The people were so thankful and we were so humbled. Believe me when I tell you that putting a face on the devastation that this hurricane left on these families could break your heart. At the same time the event was very uplifting. People were so grateful to have escaped with their lives and have their families intact. It made me think how lucky we are and reminded me to enjoy the small things in life.

As we enter the secular New Year, I would like to personally thank all of you who made some kind of contribution to the Katrina Relief Fund. Your gifts truly made a difference. As time eases our collective memories and Katrina leaves the news, please try to remember the people that are living day to day. I know I will never forget them.



A Blessing For Your Blessing New Baby Shabbat Friday, January 6th, 2006



New parents, new grandparents, new aunts and new uncles – bring your little one to services on January 6 at 7:30 pm for a special blessing. All babies, born in the past year, will be called with their families to the *bimah*, pulpit, to be blessed in front of the open Ark. Let's help to welcome the newest additions to our world and ask for a blessing of long life, good health and happiness. Visitors to Temple Emanuel are invited to be part of this meaningful service. If a friend, neighbor or relative had a Jewish baby, let them know that they are invited to come and have the child blessed. Questions? Call (856) 489-0029.

Memo from MAYDA



s we greet 2006, I think about resolutions (which usually do not take me long to break) and about the year past and the year ahead. I have come to realize that it is usually all about perspective --a lot like the man with no shoes being unhappy until he sees the man with no feet. I read the following story, author unknown, which I think best describes this notion.

One day a father and his rich family took his young son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night in the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

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"Very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon.

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless.

His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude toward life, you've got everything!

You can't buy any of these things. You can have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, etc., but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing!

Our Temple Emanuel family is here to provide a caring, positive environment in which to explore your Judaism and its relevance in your life. Join us and take advantage of all we have to offer.

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel.

Chayda

P.S. To conserve energy this winter we will be setting our thermostats at 68°. Please plan accordingly when coming to the Temple. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Get out the Popcorn and Enjoy!

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

On January 22, we will present "Time of Favor." Is today's fanaticism tomorrow's policy? In a West Bank settlement, Rabbi Meltzer has a grand design: he's building a movement "to pray at the Temple Mount." This movie won best picture and multiple other awards in 2000 from the Israeli Film Academy. Snow date: February 12.

LIFELONG Education

by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen Director of Lifelong Education



I n fifth grade, I went on a Shabbaton retreat with my family sponsored with my childhood congregation, Temple Isaiah in Columbia, MD. Although it only lasted one night, I have remembered it for many, many years. At the retreat, we got to know our rabbi in a more relaxed setting and meet many new families. I remember that several of my religious school classmates also went on the retreat. By the end of the Shabbaton, they were no longer just classmates but friends. Several of these friends later attended my Bat Mitzvah, went through Confirmation with me and traveled with me to Israel on a teen tour. Two attended David's and my wedding.

I have attended and staffed many retreats during my years in rabbinical school and the rabbinate. It is amazing how, in a short period of time, a retreat can foster a sense of community, new friendships and an atmosphere for self-reflection

and education. Retreats give families a chance to relax together, escape the distractions of everyday life and participate in meaningful activities with one another.

Temple Emanuel is planning a family Shabbaton retreat in March. The retreat will take place at Appel Farm in Elmer, NJ – about 45 minutes from Cherry Hill. Appel Farm is a beautiful facility; each family will get its own private dorm space. This Shabbaton is open to the whole congregation. We will have activities for children, adults and families together. Baby-sitting will be provided at certain times for our youngest participants. Our services will be relaxed and interactive. There will also be plenty of free time and opportunities for sports and other outdoor fun.

I hope that many of you will be joining us at this Shabbaton. I look forward to a Shabbat of family worship, informal study and, most importantly, fun. You can find details for the Shabbaton on a flier in this issue of the Light. Please feel free to talk to me if you would like further information.

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Great Stories of the Prophets with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD, Rabbi Deborah Cohen and Rabbi Geri Newburge

Tuesdays 1-2 pm (see schedule below)

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

January 3	David and Goliath	Rabbi Cohen
January 17	David, Jonathan & Saul	Rabbi David
January 31	Saul's Last Battle	Rabbi David
February 14	David & Bathsheva	Rabbi Cohen
February 29	Solomon & the Temple	Rabbi Cohen

Post B'nai Mitzvah Study Group with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD

Selected Tuesdays, noon to 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.

Adult Education

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Learning is a lifelong experience. Join us as we offer exciting and informative courses to help you continue to grow and learn. To register for a course, call 489-0029.

Courses beginning in January and February:

Today's Diverse Jewish World with Rabbi Debbie Cohen

Selected Tuesdays, 8-9 pm

Join this sensitive discussion of how interfaith and adoptive families, same-sex couples, Jews-by-choice and others contribute to today's Jewish world.

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7

Introduction to Torah Cantillation with Cantor Miriam Eskenasy

Selected Tuesdays, 8-9 pm

Unravel the secrets of chanting the Torah. Learn basic concepts of Torah cantillation. Basic Hebrew reading skills required.

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

New Session of Yoga & Jewish Meditation with Laura Markowitz

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Explore the roots of Jewish meditation and experience the spiritual mind-body connection. Wear comfortable clothes and prepare to have fun!

Next Session: January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2, 9

Fee: \$45/Session

"How-to Do" Workshops: Dinner & Bedtime with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD

Monday, January 23, 9:15-10:30 am

Join us for the last of three workshops on "How-to Do" Jewish rituals and holidays with your family and children. At this workshop, we will discuss dinner and bedtime rituals. We will explore the meaning behind different traditions, learn how to do them at home and talk about ways to make them family friendly. A packet of useful background articles, recipes, blessings and projects will be distributed. Attend one or all.

Continuing Classes Newcomers Always Welcomed

Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Debbie Cohen

Selected Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

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. January 10, 24, February 7, 21

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

Learn lvrit! 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

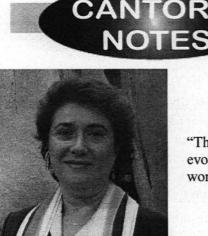
Big Al's Yiddish Club with Al Rubin

Thursdays, 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 almost dead language that was spoken by many people not long ago? Temple Emanuel, of essence of this 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.

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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 Prayer" - Lawrence A. Hoffman

n my previous articles I discussed some aspects of the quote above. This month I want to focus on music's ability to bond together the worshipping community.

We all come to the synagogue for different reasons. Some come to be inspired by the words of our prayers or the sermon of the rabbi. Others come to be moved by the music, while others are here to simply be with other Jews or for life cycle events (b'nai mitzvah, yahtzeits, baby namings, etc.). Whichever reasons bring us together, once we are in the synagogue, we become one community. Although each one experiences the liturgy differently, we all receive the same information, hear the same song and sing the same melodies together. This creates very strong bonds among us. Singing together strengthens our connection to one another, our trust in one another and our love for one another. Any interaction with others brings us closer to them.

In the years when I performed opera, the cast always rehearsed the opera for a few months before the performances. No matter how large or small the cast of a particular production, strong bonds of friendship always occurred among the singers. As our life paths have taken most of us in different directions, I have not kept in touch with most of my opera friends. A couple of times I had the opportunity to meet some old colleagues and to my amazement and great pleasure that close bond and deep friendship was instantly reestablished!

So it is with our worship experience. When we sing together, we expose a little of our inner selves to other worshippers, becoming a sacred community united in our praise to God, raising our voice in song and filling our hearts with love of God and one another. Let us use this bond to attain a higher spirituality and to make our worship more meaningful!

On December 1, 2005 our children's choirs (Shirei Hayeladim and Sababa) performed Chanukah songs at the "Holiday Lighting Ceremony" at this Cherry Hill Township annual event. Children from Trinity Presbyterian Church also performed. A reception followed and a good time was had by all.



Temple Emanuel Book Club

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 to 10:30 am. You need only come to one of the discussions. Call 856-489-0029 to Register.

Contact Rabbi Cohen for a full year's calendar.

Our next book, scheduled for January 29 and 30, will be <u>The Women who Danced by the Sea</u> by Marsha Mirken, facilitated by Peggy David, MSW, LCSW.

<u>The Women Who Danced By The Sea</u> is the first book of its kind to view the lives of biblical women through the lens of contemporary psychological theories. Each chapter looks at a different foremother and a different issue she must grapple with in order to gain the wisdom to move into deeper relationship with herself, those she loves, and the Divine.

Dr. Mirkin ties their struggles to those of contemporary women and men she has met in her twenty-year clinical practice and looks at what we can learn from their experiences. Our foremothers' stories offer profound lessons in living. Their legacies can guide us as we face similar challenges, have similar sorrows and confusions and find similar hope and blessings on our path to more intimate connection.

On February 26 and 27, join us as Rabbi Debbie Cohen facilitates a discussion of <u>A Literary</u> <u>Murder</u> by Batya Gur.

Israeli writer Batya Gur follows Michael Ohayon, Superintendent of Criminal Investiga-



of Criminal Investigations in Jersusalem, on the trail of murder set within a small, tightly structured community. Here, two professors in the Hebrew Literature Department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem are killed on

one weekend. A complex mystery set in an unusual, well-developed milieu with a full cast of multi-dimensioned characters, <u>Literary Murder</u> is literary pleasure.



by Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

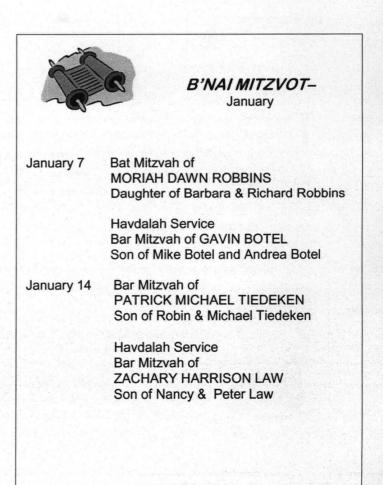


The next Brown Bag lunch meeting of the Henry Raich Senior Group will be held on Wednesday, January 25, at noon. Our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Cohen, is the Assistant Professor of the Coriell Institute for Medical Research. He will speak on the very timely subject of stem cell research, which is being done

at the Coriell Institute. This should be of interest to us all.

Looking ahead, our next program will take place on February 15, at noon (as usual).

Hope to see you and greet you on January 25!



SISTERHOOD

by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

appy 2006, Sisterhood is gearing up for the winter months with some new programming. Please save the date, Sunday January 29th at 1:30 pm when Sisterhood will be offering a "Crafty" afternoon. Flyers will be mailed out with all the details. Please join us for what should be a fun-filled afternoon.

We are getting started with our spring committees. Beverly Volpe will once again be chairing our Her Seder. She would like to invite anyone interested in becoming involved with this event to contact her at 856-751-6754. The date of the Her Seder is March 23rd.

I would like to thank Debra Berger, Kelly Fineman and committee for another wonderful Hanukkah Bazaar. It was great to see people shopping for their gifts and eating latkes at the Café.

Remember, we sell scrip and gift cards all year 'round. This program doesn't just help Sisterhood, but the purchaser as well. If you haven't used this program yet and are not sure how it works Jessica Chasen will be glad to help you out. Give her a call at 856-719-1755

Keep warm!

by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

woke up this morning to find the ground covered with snow. It is amazing how fast the seasons change – in under a month the weather went from mild to artic freeze. So now it is time to start enjoying the winter months as we start planning again for the warm days of Spring and Summer.

And we are planning for the warmer days. Every year the Men's Club holds a Golf Outing in June, and this year is no exception. We are still very early in the planning process, and as the participants of the last few years will attest, this is the Golf Outing you will not want to miss. You will be able to sign up starting at our January meeting, and like last year, there will be a discount for golfers who sign up early.

Unlike the seasons which change, the Men's Club Sunday brunches are consistently held each month. You can count on an excellent presentation, a bagel and lox brunch spread and a chance to socialize with other Temple members. On January 8th we are pleased that Paul Jolovitz from WIP Radio will be back again. Two years ago Paul entertained with his amazing sports trivia knowledge – no one was able to stump Paul with his or her ques-



tions. Paul had an answer and an opinion on all sports topics. And as a part time comedian, Paul had us laughing while answering questions. If you have any interest in any sports, you will want to hear Paul.

The Men's Club Sunday brunches are open to everyone. Men's Club members are free, guests are \$5. The business meeting starts at 9 am, and the brunch and presentation follows at 10. I hope to see everyone on Sunday, January 8th.

Having Fun is as Easy as Aleph-Bet

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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.

Join us on January 28 from 6 to 8 pm for a fun, interactive evening for families with young children at our Havdalah Pajama Party. We will learn about the Havdalah ceremony and do a craft, and enjoy music, a story and milk and cookies. You are invited to relax and wear your PJ's.

RSVP to the synagogue office at 856-489-0029, Jeanie in the Pre-School at 856-489-0034.

Save the Date: February 17 – Shabbat Pot-Luck Dinner 6 pm.

Educational and Discussion Group for Temple Emanuel Parents of Teenagers

If you've ever wondered what is going on inside your teen's head, Loren Firstenberg, Psy.D., might be able to help. Dr. Firstenberg will be the speaker at the next meeting of *Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season* on February 28 at 7:30 pm.

Begun last April, *Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season* is a forum for Temple Emanuel members, with teens to meet, learn together and share their experiences. For more information, please contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen, 856-489-0035 or speak with Rhea Brekke, the chairperson for *It's a Growing Season*. Call 856-489-0029 to register.

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Religious School – Dates to Remember

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

January 7 – 5th Grade Trip to the University of Pennsylvania Archeology Museum January 15 – No School, MLK Day January 22 – 6th Grade trip to the National Museum of American Jewish History February 3 – 2nd Grade Shabbat February 5, 12, 26, March 5 – 7th Grade Ronald McDonald House Visits February 5 – 3rd Grade Family Education February 11 – 6th Grade Learner's Shabbat February 19 – No School, President's Weekend



by Stephanie Ross V.P. Social Action

It is the beginning of a new year, a time when we review our lives. We measure the status quo against the yardstick of our hopes and dreams. We set goals for the coming year. It is a time for "refuah shleimah," the renewal of body, mind, and spirit. Perhaps as the new secular year begins, we should pray for a collective "refuah shleimah" when it comes to healing the ills that exist in our world. Judaism demands that we take our prayers one step farther by turning our thoughts into action.

As we each think about the adjustments that need to be made in our own lives, I would like us all to consider the life of a great American, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, whose birthday we celebrate on January 16th. He is remembered for teaching us all a valuable lesson about turning adversity into the fuel for the action of social change. His famous, "I Have a Dream..." speech in August of 1963, awakened countless Americans from their sleep of indifference and inspired them to take a stand against the sins of segregation and racism. The ultimate result was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the end of an era of terrible injustice in our country.

Not surprisingly, many Jews were in the forefront of the civil rights movement in America. In fact, some prominent Jews marched arm in arm with Dr. King in his peaceful demonstrations.

Since 1986 when Martin Luther King's birthday became a national holiday, it has been a tradition to honor Dr. King's memory by spending his birthday volunteering to ameliorate a social ill.

This year our Temple Emanuel Youth Group (TEFTY) is doing just that! They are hosting the WIN-STY convention on January 13 - 15. This is the regional youth group's social action weekend. Over 100 members of Jewish, Reform youth groups from our region will spend the weekend doing volunteer work and socializing. They will be involved in many activities. This includes a casserole cooking project to benefit a local community service organization sponsored by Temple Emanuel's social action committee. TEFTY is in need of families to host visiting youth group members, and to help in other ways to make the weekend a success. If you can help in any way, please call the temple office.

The social action committee at Temple Emanuel is committed to providing opportunities for congregants throughout the year to fulfill the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam. One such opportunity will present itself during the months of January and February. We will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to Bookmates, a local literacy program and to schools in need in Camden. Please send your monetary donations to the temple office and place your book donations in the bins in the foyer of the religious school. If you would like to learn more about Bookmates and their volunteer needs, please contact Stephanie Ross at: <u>schleper247@comcast.net</u>.

Caring Community

is a program at Temple Emanuel, focused on meeting the needs of our whole Temple family

The support group for individuals with relationships in transition is resuming. The first meeting of our 6 week session will begin February 9th at 7PM at Temple Emanuel.

If you or anyone you know can benefit from this program please contact Rabbi Geri Newburge at 856-489-0029 ext. 16

PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



It's the start of a new year and the beginning of exciting new adventures for our Pre-schoolers. December passed by in a blur, culminating in our fabulous "Hanukkah Happening." The children ate latkes, tossed rings on the giant Menorah, played the dreidel game, and made crafts, including a Mitzvah project donated to the Saltzman House. A highlight of the morning was the Hanukkah story read by the founder of the Pre-school, Audrey Litto. It is always special when Morah Audrey is here! Our Pre-schoolers were truly immersed in the spirit of the holiday.

Our parents have also been hard at work fundraising for the Pre-school. Our industrious parent committee, chaired by Loren Firstenberg, has already directed three very successful projects, which included Discovery Toys, Artware, and the Bookfair. Thanks to all the parents who supported these projects and helped provide the Pre-school with new toys and books! A special "Todah Robah" is extended to Loren, who put in so much time and effort to ensure the success of these endeavors. Be on the watch for more fun ways to support our school, includ-

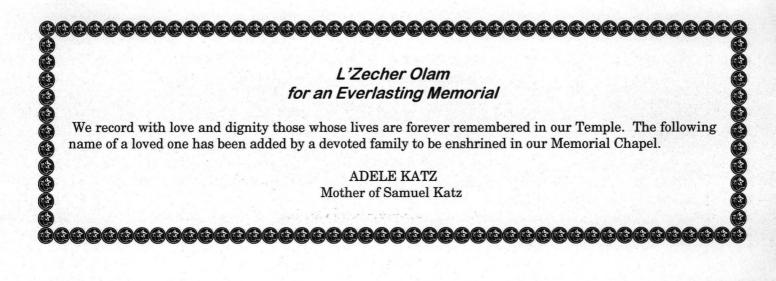
ing the "not-to-be-missed" Pre-school Prom scheduled for April 30th.

As we look back over the year so far, you cannot fail to be impressed by the many wonderful activities, events and learning experiences our children have been engaged in and how much progress they have made. The school is simply bursting with energy. Behind the scenes are the well-organized and creative teachers who are always seeking innovative and creative ways to expand our children's minds and imaginations. A special recognition goes to our fabulous Pre-school secretary, Jeanie, who handles all our school needs and to the most amazing maintenance staff in the world, who keeps our building in excellent condition and willingly puts together (and cleans up) major events such as a Thanksgiving Feast for 150 people!

In this first month of the New Year, we are looking forward to exciting special events, such as Pajama Day on January 19th, June in January on the 29th (we get to wear our shorts in the winter!) and another wonderful Pre-school dinner on January 20th. We are also thrilled to announce our first-ever Pre-school concert featuring local singer-songwriter, Janet Sclaroff. Janet has written and performed many popular children's songs, including my personal favorite "Tyrannosaurus Rex"! All Pre-school families and friends are invited to attend the concert on Thursday, January 26th at 6:45 pm in the social hall. The concert will be a wonderful way to kick-off registration for the 2006-2007 year, as you will actually be able to register your child or children that evening. If you know of others who are looking for a program for their children, please share the news about our fantastic Pre-school and invite them to come to the concert.

Limited spaces are still available in our two and three year old classes for the school year (2005-2006). Please feel free to call me at 489-0034 or stop by the Pre-school for a visit. I very much look forward to meeting you and your child!

So here's a New Year's resolution that's easy to keep –attend a fabulous concert, invite friends to come with you, and register for Pre-School and Kamp Kayeetz for the 2006-2007 school year on January 26.



Join an Education Committee We need your insights

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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, <u>dcohen@templeemanuel.org</u>, 856-489-0035. A full calendar of committee meetings will be available in September.

Religious School Committee Chair: Elliott Roth Next Meeting: January 23 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. On the agenda – Accreditation Process for the Religious School, Hebrew School hours, fees for late registrants, and more.



by Sandy Umansky

I tis January - winter cold and snow and wind; it is January - a time for Temple Emanuel teens to wake up and make a difference! Yes, each and every single one of you high school students has an opportunity to spend a weekend helping others, learning about your Judaism, and having an awesome social time as well. Temple Emanuel has made a commitment to host a regional convention just for teens. This coming Martin Luther King weekend will find over one-hundred-fifty teens bonding, working, laughing, and growing. Teens from the entire state of Pennsylvania and from southern New Jersey will join together at our synagogue from Friday afternoon through Sunday night. This is an invitation to you, our very own teens, to come out and try this opportunity right at home!

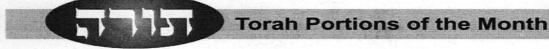
Shabbat evening services will be written and led by Temple Emanuel's Religious and Cultural Vice Presidents, Abby Eron and Janna Lamson. We hope that our congregation supports this creative effort and plans to attend services with their families. The teens will have their own Shabbat morning services, created by our Regional Religious and Cultural Vice President, Jill Cogan, which will be truly unique and memorable. Saturday and Sunday afternoons will be the highlight of this great weekend; each day is packed with community service activities.

Saturday night is just for fun, a great social activity that will let all of our teens unwind and get to know each other better. Sunday night concludes with dinner at Temple Emanuel. The good feelings and the warmth and the knowledge that teens can change the world and have an incredible time while doing it are worth everything! Priceless!

Applications for WINSTY are available at the Religious School Office. There is still time for you to join in the experience. Please consider jumping in and expanding your horizons... one weekend at a time! If you have any questions, please contact me at the Temple (856) 489-0029.

This weekend is structured for our high school teens; it is still inspirational for all of our youth to participate in services and to recognize future goals and aspirations, to learn from our older students and to strive to be like these great leaders!!

See you at WINSTY, January 13. I can't wait, and I know that you will be glad you joined in!



January 7 Vayigash Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Vayigash tells of Joseph's reconciliation with himself, his brothers, and his father. It raises timeless questions about the human potential to change. The famine continues. When the Egyptians ran out of money with which to purchase bread, Joseph agrees to trade food for livestock. When the livestock was depleted, Joseph traded bread for land. In this way all the money, flocks, and land in Egypt came to be owned by Pharaoh.

January 14 Vayechi Genesis 47:28 – 50:26

Vayechi means "and he lived" and refers to Jacob having lived in Egypt for 17 years. Old and ill, Jacob senses that he is about to die and makes Joseph swear to bury him in Canaan, the place of his birth. The brothers send Joseph a message informing him that their father's final instructions were for Joseph to forgive his brothers. Joseph assures his siblings that they have nothing to fear. This portion and the book of Genesis end with Joseph's death at the age of 110.

January 21 Shemot Exodus 1:1 – 6:1

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

January 28 Va'era Exodus 6:2 – 9:35

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



Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturdays 9:15 am (except for a few selected holiday weekends; see schedule below)

Our Shabbat Morning Torah Study group is lead by Rabbi David, Rabbi Newburge, Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Eskenasy and lay-leaders. Newcomers to Torah Study are encouraged to come. We read selections from the weekly Torah portion together and have lively and engaging discussion. Coffee is served - what could better? No registration required.

January 7	Vayigash	Rabbi David
January 14/MLK Weekend	Veyechi	TBA
January 21	Shemot	Rabbi Cohen
January 28	Va'era	Steve Lubetkin
February 11	B'sehallach	Cantor Eskenasy
February 18	Yitro	Stephen Ehrlich
February 25	Mishpatim	Rabbi David
March 4	Terumah	Deb Faye

Music on Hold

In an effort to increase your appreciation and knowledge of Jewish music, we are now playing different cd's every month on our telephone answering system. When you call the Temple and are put on hold, take the time to listen and enjoy the varied musical styles of our rich heritage. Each month this column will contain information about the current selection played. It is my hope that sharing this music with you will enrich and increase your love of Judaism and Jewish music.

This month's selection is the music sung at the 68th Biennial Shabbat Services, November 2005, in Houston, Texas. The melodies range from being 50-60 years old to contemporary; from a typical mix of North American and Israeli, to Yemenite and European Sephardi melodies. Utilizing different styles of music which work well together in a single service has become one of the great joys of Reform worship Enjoy!



YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOU WINSTY CONVENTION AT TEMOLE EMANUEL 1/13- 1/15

- *HOSTING Families are needed to house teen participants (including our own Temple Emanuel teens!) Host families provide: housing for Friday and Saturday nights, transportation to and from the Temple, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, a place to take a break on Saturday afternoon, and Saturday dinner. *Volunteer host families host only male or female guests. Also, please note: It is possible that not all volunteer host families will be necessary, based upon the number of participants.
- MEAL ASSISTANTS We need volunteers to help with Friday Shabbat dinner, Saturday lunch, Sunday lunch and Sunday dinner. These volunteers will assist with food preparation, serving, and cleaning up.
- CHAPERONES We need chaperones (must be 21 years old or older) for projects both inside and outside the Temple building.

Call Sandy Umansky (856) 429-6227.

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CULTURE SHUK EVENT

The Tri-County Board of Rabbis Culture Shuk will take place at the Betty & Milton Katz Jewish Community Center on Saturday, February 25, at 7 pm. The event will feature discussions and forums with many local rabbis. Choose from a selection of topics and teachers and spend an evening learning, munching and celebrating Judaism with our South Jersey Jewish community. For more information contact Jean Klein at (856) 489-0035.

Havdalah Pajama Party January 28 6 to 8 pm

Join us for this fun, interactive evening for families with young children. We will learn about the Havdalah ceremony and do a craft. Enjoy music, a story and milk & cookies. You are invited to relax and wear your PJ's.



RSVP to Synagogue office at (856) 489-0029 or Jeanie Blanton in the pre-school, (856) 489-0034.



Family times, such as meals and bedtime, can be enriched through Jewish ritual, traditions and prayers. At this workshop, Rabbi Jerry David will explore how to make the sometimes ordinary and mundane parts of daily life imbued with increased meaning.

Monday, January 23 from 9:15-10:30 am Register through the synagogue (856-489-0029) or pre-school office (856-489-0035).



Many Jewish recipes do not meet the requirements of a low fat or low carb diet. Learn some delicious recipes that do and how to transform old family recipes into new, healthier ones. Eat samples and go home with new recipes and ideas. 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 5 Company. To register, call 856-489-0029.

TEMPLE EMANUEL January 2006

Pre-School closing # 1255

RS Closing # 2638 Tues/Wed evening #638 Afternoon and Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day No School	2	3 12 noon Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 1 pm Stories of the Prophets 7 pm Choir Practice Adult Hebrew 8 pm Adult Academy Today's Diverse Jewish World	4	5 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation	6 pm Israel Trip Family Shabbat Dinner 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service—New Baby Shabbat Children's Choir 7:30 pm Alternative Service	 9:15 am Torah Study 9:45 am 5th Grade Archaeological Trip 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of MORIAH DAWN ROBBINS 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of GAVIN BOTEL
8 10 am Men's Club Breakfast Meeting 10:30 am Finance Comm. Meeting Tefty-Tefty Jr. Ski Trip	9 6 pm Exec. Board Meeting 7 pm Youth Comm. Meeting	10 I pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Casserole Cooking Choir Practice Adult Hebrew 8 pm Adult Academy Today's Diverse Jewish World	11 7 pm Men's Study Group	122 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation Sisterhood Board Mtg.	13 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service honoring Martin Luther King Day WINSTY CONVENTION AT TEMPLE EMANUEL	14 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of PATRICK MICHAEL TIEDEKEN 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ZACHARY HARRISON LAW WINSTY CONVENTION AT TEMPLE EMANUEL
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22 10:30 am Caregivers Support Group 6th Grade Trip to Jewish History Museum 12:30 pm Club Noar 7 pm Gefilte Flicks	9:15 am How to Workshop—Dinner and Bedtime 7:30 pm Men's Post B'nai Mitzvah Class RS Sub Committee	24 I pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice Adult Hebrew Adult Academy Today's Diverse Jewish World	25 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion 7 pm Men's Study Group	26 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30 pm Yiddish Class Yoga and Meditation Membership Committee	27 7:15 pm Singles Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service	288 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 6 pm PJ Havdalah Party
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Pre-School closing # 1255

TEMPLE EMANUEL

Family Shabbaton At Appel Farm

Overnight March 24-25

> 6 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Saturday

For more information or to volunteer to help plan the retreat, please speak with Rabbi Debbie Cohen, 856-489-0035, or Jessica Manelis.



Leave the hustle and bustle of home behind for a relaxing and fun Shabbaton with your family. Jewish learning, informal prayer services, art, music and outdoor activities will make this overnight special and meaningful. We will stay at the Appel Farms Art & Music Center in Elmer, NJ about 45 minutes from Cherry Hill. Experience a stressfree Shabbat with your family. Each family will have a large, heated, dormitory space. Families of all ages are invited to participate. Kids' activities and baby-sitting will be available.

Costs: Adults - \$85, Children over 5 - \$75,

Children 1-5 \$60, Infants under 1 \$35.

Please sign our family up for the Family Shabbaton:Name:Phone Number:E-mail:# of Adults:# of Adults:# of Children over 5:# of Children 1-5:# of infants:Please attach a check made out to Temple Emanuel.

Return to the Religious School.

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 The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel
 Registration Kick-Off Party

 Featuring a Concert by Famed Local Artist
 Janet Sclaroff

 Thursday, January 26th
 Temple Emanuel Social Hall

 Registration begins at 6 pm
 Concert promptly at 6:45 pm

 §5 per family with advance reservation
 §8 per family at the door

 Come register your child for the 2006–2007 school year and enjoy a
 fantastic concert by famed local artist, Janet Sclaroff. Registration open to all who attend. Please call the Pre-School Office at (856) 489-0034 for details and/or to make your reservation.

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Rabbi E Newburge's C

This month's recipe is courtesy of Holly Friedman. She claims this dish, given to her by a friend, is "fabulous." It is rich, creamy, and not low-fat. Enjoy!

Custard Noodle Pudding

1 lb fine noodles ¼ lb butter 2 c sugar ½ c raisins 1 tsp vanilla ½ lb pot cheese or dry cottage cheese 6 oz cream cheese 6 eggs 1 quart milk



Preheat oven to 350° . Boil the noodles until done, and drain. Add the butter and stir until melted. Then add the sugar, raisins, cottage and cream cheeses. Mix well. Beat the eggs in a separate bowl and combine with milk; stir into the noodles. The dish will be very loose. Pour mixture into a 13 x 9 greased pan and bake for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

(The dish can be modified using less milk and/or sugar).

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