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

ARK YOUR CALENDARS! It's time to celebrate Purim like it's never been celebrated before!

First, a little holiday refresher: Purim is an unusual holiday in many respects. To begin with, Esther is the only Book of the Bible in which God is not mentioned (hard to believe isn't it?). Also, Purim,

like Chanukah, is viewed by our tradition as a minor festival. Purim was elevated to a major holiday because of the Jewish historical experience. Over the centuries, Haman became the embodiment of every anti-Semite in every land where Jews were oppressed. The significance in Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become-a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival against all odds.

So, we are obligated to rejoice at this holiday, not just for our peoples' survival but for our freedom to be Jewish. Please join your Temple Emanuel family for an evening that is sure to entertain people of all ages. We begin by donning a costume (you can be in the parade), continue with a shpiel that will delight (performed by students from our very own Confirmation Academy), and – age permitting – imbibe at our martini bar!

So come one, come all to celebrate our Jewish heritage in style on March 14, 2006!

### HOLD THE DATE!

A Weekend not to be missed!! Reach for the Stars 2006 Featuring singer/songwriter Rick Recht for Shabbat Live on Friday, April 21 Casino Night with headliner Gabe Kaplan on Sunday, April 23

> Watch the mail for your personal invitation. Plan to attend and bring your friends. Reach for the Stars benefits the Temple Emanuel StarLight Foundation For more information (856)489-0029 x68.

### SEE INSERT IN THIS MONTH'S LIGHT FOR MORE DETAILS

### Tuesday, March 14 Purim at Temple Emanuel

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6 pm —Haman's Hoagies Crafts & Games \$10/family (choice of veggie, tuna & turkey hoagies)

6:45 pm — Festive Costume Parade

7 pm — Megillah Reading & A Dr. Seuss Purim Shpiel

After the Shpiel — Mordechai's Martinis Hosted by Rabbi Jerry David Purim Celebrants over 21 \$10/person

RSVP to Haman's Hoagies 0r Mordechai's Martinis at 856- 489-0029

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Celebrating our past...Committing to our future

by Joyce C. Hoff



Where the large snowstorm we had in February – the one where snow and ice actually stayed on the trees and bushes for almost two days creating a beautiful winter wonderland. It was on that Monday after the storm that I decided to take a different road to work in Cherry Hill from my home in Marlton. Anyone who has to make that short ride, even on a good day, knows what a mess it can be on a bad day. As I quickly realized, choosing a different route under uncertain conditions, proved to be a wonderful experience. It was an experience that left me excited about making a change, although a small change, one that took me on a snowy back road to experience a magical winter scene.

Change! That sometime dreaded word. Some are resistant to change and others embrace it. As your president, my goal is steer our Temple's "ship" to ensure that the changes we experience are positive. As we experience change at Temple Emanuel it is my goal to keep all of

our members updated along the way.

To that end, I'm so pleased to share that we have hired a permanent Director of Early Childhood Education. Lyn Harley came to Temple Emanuel in late August to help transition change in our Pre-School. In her quiet, friendly, reassuring way she stepped into the role of Interim Director. It was evident from the start that Lyn would be the positive, creative and capable presence our Pre-School needed. She won the hearts of our children, their parents and our wonderful teachers. We were thrilled when Morah Lyn expressed a desire to make her temporary position permanent. And so it goes, Lyn Harley is now our "official" Director of Early Childhood Education. Stop by and meet her. If you know of anyone with infants, toddlers or pre-school age children encourage them to come in, meet Lyn and take a torus Walapame Lyn and heat of luck in your now position.

tour. Welcome Lyn and best of luck in your new position.

PRESIDENT'S Message

Another change I would like to share with you is the shifting of some positions on the Executive Board of Temple Emanuel. Robin Miller has stepped into the position of VP of Membership. This position is crucial to maintaining the health of our congregation, ensuring that our programs meet the needs of our members, and helping to recruit, integrate and maintain our membership. Robin is actively seeking committee people to round out her team of committed volunteers. You can reach her at 609-685-1819 or via e-mail at rooka6969@aol.com. You will be pleasantly surprised by how much fun you will have serving on a committee run by Robin.

Stepping into the role as VP of House (building and grounds) is Adrienne Mintz. Adrienne has served on this committee for many years and is very familiar with the needs of our physical plant. She is now the keeper of the thermostat keys, so be very nice to Adrienne when you see her. If you have an interest in this aspect of Temple life, Adrienne can be reached via e-mail at ahoffman@asmgraphics.com . We are very proud of our building. Maintaining and improving it remains one of our prime responsibilities. Your input is always appreciated.

In the case of Temple Emanuel these changes are exciting, positive and provide us with new opportunities. I encourage you to face each day with the opportunity for change even if it is just a new driving route to work.

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Save a life...Give blood! Please take time on Sunday March 5, 2006 to donate blood. The American Red Cross will be here from 9 am- 2:30 pm. Call now to make an appointment! (856) 489-0029 or schedule your appointment on the internet at www.pleasegiveblood.org/donate code 6C31. Thank you for making a difference.

### Memo from MAYDA

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s a member congregation of the Union for Reform Judaism, Temple Emanuel supports many URJ initiatives. At the Biennial in Houston this past November, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the URJ,

spoke of an initiative geared to strengthening our movement's commitment to Outreach. He recognized that many Reform synagogues serve a diverse population: Jews and non-Jews, young and old, interfaith and Jewish families, those new to Judaism and those who are considering conversion. His goals included creating a synagogue community where rich and poor, old and young, meet in equal dignity; and to make it a place of both believing and belonging – a place that welcomes all, that embraces all, and that softens the rough edges of our abrasive world.

We at Temple Emanuel have always embraced these ideals, and are delighted that the Union will be helping us with new ideas and resources. Rabbi Yoffie closed his Shabbat morning speech with the following: "In a little more than a quarter of a century, our Reform Movement has made the once radical idea of Outreach into a central pillar of Jewish life. In the process, we reached out to the affiliated and the unaffiliated, to the intermarried and the Jew-by-choice. And in so doing, we shared with others the beauty of Judaism and strengthened our destiny as a holy people."

I like the message of the following poem, and want to share it with you.

I look forward to seeing you at Temple Emanuel.

Anayda



### The Stranger by Lisa Bock

I was the stranger. A strange young girl from an uncertain background. I met your son. We fell in love. You were patient; You held your breath, waiting. Waiting for puppy love to go away. But the love grew stronger, And the stranger became less strange. I grew to love you, too. Your ways were never strange to me. I saw the bonds within the family, I was awed by your commitment to the House of Israel, I was inspired by your love of Torah, and of God. Perhaps you saw this; perhaps you just hoped-You invited me to Hanukkah, To Passover. To Passover again. To Shabbat dinner. I loved the holidays. I watched while you lit the candles. I imagined that I could do the same. I fell in love with your son, With you, And with your people. I was no longer a stranger. You welcomed me. In the Book of Ruth, Ruth says to Naomi, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God." You became Naomi to my Ruth, I became your daughter. You gave us, the newlyweds, gifts- Shabbat candles, a Hanukkiah, a mezuzah for our new home, all the food and planning for your grandson's brit; a new baby dress for your granddaughter's baby-naming; a beautifully tattered, well-used Jewish cookbook, (with the stains on the pages so I could tell which recipes were the family favorites), boxes of matzo bought on sale for Passover, you gave us your love and advice. But your love of Judaism was the biggest gift of all. Thank you, mom.

LIFELONG Education

by Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen Director of Lifelong Education



The Family Education Committee has planned a wonderful, daylong celebration of Shabbat for March 25. I encourage everybody to participate for there are truly activities for everybody. It can be your "day of rest" or your "day of prayer" or your "day of fun" or your "day of family and friends" or your "day of learning."

A dynamic and extensive program has been planned, including arts classes, text study, sports, dance, music and mitzvah opportunities. You can learn to bake challah or make dolls for Darfur while your child takes a Karate workshop and your spouse studies Torah. You can pitch during a softball game while a friend bakes casseroles for the needy and another friend participates in our Havdalah choir. It is meant to be a stress-free day.

There will be a Kids Kamp Childcare for little ones during all activity times. If you just feel like resting, reading, playing tennis or basketball, you can opt out of any of the sessions. You can learn a little Yiddish, make a family tile for the synagogue wall or talk about Jewish movies.

This day will be a true celebration of Shabbat – a time to explore, rest, and rejuvenate. We will begin with a relaxed Shabbat morning service and end with Havdalah, marking Shabbat's conclusion.

We will be meeting at Appel Farms, a lovely retreat center about 45 minutes from Cherry Hill. (Forty-five is a generous estimate; when we drove to see the site, it took between 35 and 40 minutes.) The facilities include indoor meeting rooms, a dance studio, a beautiful space for services and lots of lovely outdoor spaces. Appel Farms is fairly flat, the meeting rooms are close together and there are sidewalks leading to all activity spaces.

I truly hope that you will join us at Appel Farms. The fee for the day is \$9/individual and \$18/family, plus a potluck dish to share at lunch. You may bring friends and other family. Look for the sign-up sheet in this newsletter. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (856) 489-0029 x 20.

News From RABBI NEWBURGE

"Shabbat Shalom!" This is our greeting, and farewell, on Friday nights, and the first Friday of every month is special at Temple Emanuel. We begin this Shabbat with a Tot Shabbat at 7pm, followed by a wonderful Family Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm. When the family service begins, we also start an "Alternative" Service in the Chapel. People often wonder what "Alternative" means: which is an excellent question. Basically, it is an "alternative" to the family service; I often call it the "Grown-Up Service." All the prayers are participatory and engaging, we include the birthday blessing and have an informal discussion on the Torah portion or current events. Both services conclude at the same time so that everyone can enjoy the *oneg* together, as one community. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful Shabbat service in the future.

### Adult Education Offerings March & April 2006 – To register for a course, call 489-0029.

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A 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! March 16, 23, 20, April 6, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 Fee: \$45/Session

Starting in April:

Introduction to Talmud Study: Tractate Brachot with Rabbi Geri Newburge Study the Babylonian Talmud's development. Learn to navigate this rabbinic masterpiece. Explore Tractate Brachot, which focuses on prayer. Hebrew is not required. April 4, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

> 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. March 7, 21, April 4, 25

### Great Stories of the Prophets with Rabbi David, Rabbi Cohen & Rabbi Newburge Selected Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

Join in exploring the adventures, wisdom and spirit of the Prophets and discussing the life lessons contained in these stories. March 14, 28, April 18

### 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.

### 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. March 14, 28, April 18





a fragment of the Leningrad Codex (about 1000 C.E.)

Dear Congregants,

CANTOR'S

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Do you ever wonder why I chant the Torah on Friday nights? Why, in general, the Torah is chanted? Why do we teach a course at Temple Emanuel on Torah chanting (ongoing through March 2006)?

From the time of the Second Temple, scriptures were always chanted. As a matter of fact, everything read in public was chanted. The Talmud even tells us that "reading without chanting is like a body without a soul." There were many reasons for public readings and speaking to be chanted:

1) to be better heard (in the days before amplification).

2) a chanted verse forms a unit, which allows for coherent delivery in phrases rather than single words.

3) raising and lowering the voice helps enhance the meaning of the text.

4) In order to put correct accentuation in a language not normally spoken. (In Greek and Roman times, Hebrew was considered a sacred language and was not spoken, not so different by the way, from reading Hebrew in 21<sup>st</sup> century United States).

Chanting was thus transferred from generation to generation but never written down until the 4<sup>th</sup> century when the use of the Codex came into use. A "Codex" is in the form of a book containing the entire Bible ("codex" being an old word for "book"). The Bibles in the synagogues were in the form of scrolls,

which meant that one never had an entire Bible together in one scroll. The codex would not have been used in the synagogue, but would have been used as a study Bible by students and scholars. The Codex therefore enabled punctuation and chanting markings for more accurate readings of the bible.

Other languages use accents, such as French (accent aigu, raises the voice; grave lowers the voice). In the Latin Church, accents developed into "neumes" which later developed into our western musical notation system. In our Jewish culture, accents developed into "*Teamim*" or, what we call tropes. And so, the system grew and evolved over the centuries and became different in different parts of the world. There are Yemenite and Iraqi traditions which are basic and less developed. There is a Western European tradition and an Eastern European tradition which are similar. We mostly use the Eastern European tradition which comes to us from Tiberias (in Israel). I will not bore you with all the traditions of torah chanting here. Suffice to know that Jews have been chanting the Bible since the Second Temple times, that we have a highly developed system, that it is a little like putting a puzzle together and that it really tells the story!

Music on Hold ....

In an effort to increase your appreciation and knowledge of Jewish music, we are 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.

The cd for March 2006 is the accompanying cd of the Shabbat Anthology Volume II published by Transcontinetal Music Publications in 2004. The cd has 33 selections featuring many new compositions such as a new Yis'mechu composed and sung by Rabbi Joe Black, as well as old favorites such as Vay'chulu by Louis Lewandowski. For a complete listing, feel free to stop by my office or e-mail me (meskenasy@templeemanuel.org). Enjoy!

#### Religious School – Dates to Remember

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

March 12 – Purim Carnival March 14 - TE Purim Shpiel & Celebration March 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Polaroid Scavenger Hunt March 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Education

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April 2 – Model Seder April 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat April 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Education April 11, 12, 16, 18, 19 – Passover Break

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### ANNOUNCING OUR SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH GUEST, RABBI SAM JOSEPH

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31 - SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE - 8 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 1 - TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI JOSEPH - 9:15 AM SUNDAY, TEMPLE EMANUEL BOARD RETREAT WITH RABBI JOSEPH - 11 AM

Join us in welcoming Rabbi Sam Joseph to Temple Emanuel for a weekend of learning together. Rabbi Joseph is an engaging speaker who likes to get to the heart of the matter. He cares passionately about religious education and is a very approachable leader in our Reform Jewish community. Rabbi Joseph is a Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. His specialties are synagogue leader-ship development, curriculum development and adult education.

### Temple Emanuel Book Club

Oprah may have her favorites, but Rabbi Geri Newburge, Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, bring their favorite books of Jewish interest to you each month.

On March 19 and 20 Peggy David will lead a discussion of "The Outside World" by Tova Mirvis.

Tzippy Goldman, an ultra-Orthodox young woman, has sat through too many first dates in Brooklyn hotel lobbies. Hungry for life experience, she wants to go to Israel. At the same time, Bryan Miller is searching for more meaning than his modern Orthodox Jewish lifestyle and family provide. He changes his name to Baruch and decides to give up plans to attend Columbia University in order to study the Talmud at yeshiva in Jerusalem. The move leads him to become ultra-Orthodox, and to Tzippy. They find that though they love one another deeply, they must constantly seek a balance between tradition, faith, and the outside world.

On April 30 and May 1 Rabbi Geri Newburge will lead a discussion of "The Secret Book of Grazia Dei Rossi" by Jacqueline Park.

The "secret book" of the title – or *libro segreto*, in the old Florentine manner – is the detailed account of Grazia dei Rossi's exciting and turbulent life, written so that her son might know his legacy. Inspired by a letter written centuries ago by a young Jewish woman to Isabella d'Este, "The Secret Book of Grazia" is a rich and complex work of fiction. This historical novel brings to life the sublime art, political corruption, and religious intolerance of 16th-century Florence from a rarely explored vantage point: the complicated symbiosis between Christian and Jew. Grazia dei Rossi, educated daughter of a wealthy Jewish family, has fallen in love with a young Christian nobleman. Forced to choose between her love and her faith, she chooses love. But her betrothed is whisked away by kinsmen, and the humiliated Grazia is ruined – until fate throws her another chance in the guise of a second marriage proposal, this one from the powerful Judah del Medigo, scholar, physician, and adviser to popes and kings. Under his guardianship, Grazia flourishes as a scholar and scribe, eventually becoming the secretary to Isabella d'Este, where she reenters the world of courts and courtiers.

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.) To register, call (856) 489-0029; a full year's calendar is available from Rabbi Cohen.

### SISTERHOOD

### by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

**MEN'S CLUB** 

W ith spring only a few weeks away, we look forward to the sun shining longer each day, the flowers blooming, and the birds returning from the south. Sisterhood has had a very busy winter and is planning an even busier upcoming few months. Starting off the month is Purim, when each child in the Religious School is treated to delicious hamantashen. I want to thank all involved in providing this wonderful snack to our children.

Spirituality, relaxation and "sisterhood" will be the key catch phrases for Sisterhood Retreat Weekend on March 10th-12<sup>th</sup>. This year's retreat is taking us to Ocean Place Resort in Central New Jersey. Co-chairs Debra Berger, Vivian Newberger and committee have worked months on liturgy, activities, to provide a sense of community for all the attendees. We want to give thanks to Rabbi Newburge and Cantor Eskenasy for all of their guidance and help through the planning and for making this upcoming weekend so special.

Mark your calendars for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and don't forget to RSVP to this year's Her Seder. Beverly Volpe, Sue Levine and committee have worked tirelessly to make this year's event wonderful. We look forward to this Sisterhood tradition and we hope that you join us for an evening of women being together and celebrating Passover.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Chasen for providing us with a morning of relaxation at the end of February. My thanks also goes out to Terry Haber, Lori Wallach and the Religious School Room Parents who distributed the seeds for the holiday of Tu B'Shevat.

### by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

Wery month, as I sit down to write this monthly column, I am amazed at how active our Temple Emanuel Men's Club is. The core of our programming is our monthly Sunday Brunches. One Sunday each month everyone is invited to hear a great speaker while socializing and eating a very delectable Brunch. I wish I could contact every one of you and personally invite you, so please take this as your own invitation to join us at these great Sunday Brunches. You will be glad you joined us.

For our March 19th meeting, three financial experts will be presenting expert advice on how to successfully and profitably manage your finances. You may be just starting a career or planning for college or retirement, I am sure that you will want to come to hear this expert advice.

In April we will be discussing Men and Passover. Rabbis Newburge and David are working with us to make this a very exciting and informative pre-Passover event. Be sure to read the Men's Club column in April for more details. I am sure that you will want to join us on April 9<sup>th</sup> for this. Our goal is that this will be the start of a new annual tradition, and I am sure that you will want to be part of the first annual session.

I hope you have not forgotten that March 31 is the last day to signup and pay for the Men's Club annual Golf outing and receive the early signup discount. Last year we had a lot of fun and this year should be even better. You can sign up any time before the June 7<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing, but the early signup discount is only good until March 31.

For more information about Men's Club and the above programs, please contact me. My email (preferred contact method) is <u>Steve@cyberEhrlich.com</u> and my phone number is 856-424-6669.

### Join an Education Committee

The education offerings at Temple Emanuel are vast. We need your advice and suggestions to make them as meaningful and interesting as possible. Get involved and join an education committee – Religious School, Pre-School, Family Education or Adult Education. For more information about any of these committees, contact the committee chair or Rabbi Cohen, <u>dbcohen@templeemanuel.org</u>, 856-489-0035.

> Religious School Committee Chair: Elliott Roth Next Meeting: March 6 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 – 1. Food Policy for the school 2. Altering Hebrew School Hours on Tuesday and Wednesdays 3. Early Bird Registration Fee

Family Education Committee Chair: Jessica Manelis Next Meeting: May 3 at 7:00 pm

Guiness Book Dreidel Spin, Chocolate Seder, Blessing of the Pets, Sukkot Hayride, Shabbat Around the World, Sukkah Hop, PJ Havdalah Party, and Much More -- all brought to you by the Family Education Committee at Temple Emanuel. Join us and make the fun and learning happen again next year. Come with your ideas and suggestions for making Jewish learning family friendly.

On the Agenda: Planning for Next Year

Adult Education Committee Chairs: Robin Miller and Irene Kauffman Next Meeting: May 3 at 8:00 pm

Help organize our Adult Education Program for next year. Come with your ideas, suggestions and feedback. If you have an idea for a course, we can make it happen. *On the Agenda:* Brainstorming for Next Year's Offerings

### SENIOR SCENE

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

A s we approach spring, we look forward to Purim and Passover. In keeping with these two holidays, the Henry Raich Senior Group has planned a musical program at our next Brown Bag program on March 15 at 12 noon. Our guest will be Cantor Miriam Eskenasy who will present a wonderful afternoon of liturgical music.

We are almost winding down our program season. Please mark your calendars with the remaining dates, April 26, May 17 and June 21.

Hope to see you and greet you, at our next meeting, on March 15!

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#### Mazel Tov...

Marlene and Gerald Jacobson on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruby Isabel Schwartz

Sandy and Phil Umansky on the birth of their granddaughter, Kaitlyn Lil Rochlin

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### Bar-Bat Mitzvahs – March

Saturday, March 11	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of BENJAMIN MICAH LEFLER Son of Don and Cindy Lefler
Saturday, March 18	Bat Mitzvah of SARAH ELIZABETH SACHAIS Daughter of Bruce and Linda Sachais
	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of AUSTIN SALINE Son of Gail and Jeff Saline
Saturday, March 25	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ALEX ROMASH Son of Michelle and Richard Romash

#### by Stephanie Ross

### SOCIAL ACTION

Playing the lottery is a common practice today. People take their chances against all odds in the hopes of becoming wealthy beyond their wildest imaginations. You might say that Purim is the holiday that commemorates when the Jewish people of ancient Persia beat the odds, won the lottery, of sorts. However, the stakes were much higher than material wealth. Thanks to the heroic acts of the Jewish woman known as Esther, Haman's evil plot to annihilate the Jews was foiled. The holiday is named for the lots (pur in Persian,) that Haman cast to determine the date to carry out his plan.

Since the time of Esther, Jews have been commanded to listen to the Purim story as it is recounted in the Megillah Esther. Not surprisingly, we are expected not just to be passive listeners, but active participants in the storytelling. Whenever we hear Haman's name mentioned, we must drown it out with the loud sounds from our groggers. This is to remind us that we must not be silent when we encounter injustice in the world. Some of the most heinous acts in history have been carried out as many good people stood idly by. We all have a responsibility to help correct the injustices that exist in the world.

Jews are commanded to observe the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Adar as a day of feasting and merrymaking and an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor (Esther 9:22.) Customarily, the gifts are of food. These gifts of food are called shaloch manot. In keeping with this tradition, the Social Action Committee is holding a food drive as part of our Purim celebration. This year Purim will be celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Until then, we are collecting nonperishable food items such as: tuna, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, peanut butter, canned stew, chunky soups, etc... We are also accepting monetary donations made out to Temple Emanuel and designated for the Purim food drive. All donations will be forwarded to the Foodbank of Southern NJ. I hope that as you come to the synagogue to enjoy the Purim carnival, shpiel, or the reading of the Megillah

Esther, that you will bring in a bag of food for the needy.



### Registration for the following programs in now under way:

- Kamp Kayeetz program runs June 29<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Pre-School Classes for 2's 3's and 4's for the 2006
   2007 school year
- Kindergarten Enrichment Classes for the 2006 2007 school year
- PACT (Parent and Child Together) Programs (ongoing enrollment):
  - ◆Ima (Mommy) and Me for infants up to 9 months
  - Awaken Your Senses (9 months to 15 months)
  - Toddler Territory (15 months to 28 months)

Please stop by or call our preschool office at (856) 489-0034 for information or to set up an appointment to visit one of our fabulous classes in action.

### PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director

ebruary was such an incredible month, I was almost sorry to see it go! During this "Month of the Healthy Child" our parents and children learned life-changing information about health, emotional development and language skills. Todah Robah to our panelists who participated in our "Healthy Child Forum" and to everyone who attended and supported this event!

This month, as we prepare to celebrate Purim, I focus on this wonderful, joyous holiday as an opportunity to encourage creativity, imagination and fantasy play. Purim is the perfect children's holiday. In addition to noshing on yummy hamantashen and spinning groggers, we celebrate by using our imaginations and dressing up in costume. Through dress-up and fantasy play, children learn to abstract, to try out new roles and experiment with language and emotions.

I look forward to celebrating with the children in the Pre-School at our annual Purim Extravaganza. During this fun-filled morning, the children (in costume) will join Rabbi David on the bima to share his wonderful Purim puppets and crazy hats. It is a favorite day of the year for the children as they "try on" new roles and become someone or something else for the day. Songs will be sung and the name Haman will be blotted out with the sound of homemade groggers.

I share the following poem, may it inspire you and your child(ren) to be whomever or whatever you wish to be, at least for Purim. Hag Purim!

"I Can"

### by Peter and Katie Stewart

I can use my imagination To set a fantasy free I can perform and be someone else The inspiration comes from me

There are places I'll explore That I may never get to see There are people I can play Who I may never get to be Not tomorrow, but today I can through dramatic play



I can be a pirate With my dirty, strong mates Through my spyglass I look for treasure As I sail the seas and straits I can be a princess Beautiful and fair The only entrance to my tower



Is to climb up my long hair I can be a dish Run away with a spoon Be a genie in a lamp Ride a unicorn by the light of the moon

I can dance around Or buzz like a bee I can make people cry, clap, and laugh The inspiration comes from me.

I can **Build self-esteem** Fulfill a dream or Shine like a moonbeam



And after I've been every other person I can possibly be I can realize how special it is to be me!



Lyn Harley

Temple Emanuel Aleph-Bet Family Club

# Post-Passover Pizza Party

April 20 at 6 pm Join us for a fun and Casual dinner and fun games to celebrate the end of Passover.

\$5/person — \$15/family Kids under 3—Free

For more information Call the Pre-School Office at 856-489-0034



### Jewish War Veterans Post 126 –Cherry Hill

Sponsors a Touring Bus Trip to ANNAPOLIS The US Naval Academy And the new URIAH P. LEVY Jewish Chapel

### Friday, April 7, 2006

Refreshments will be served on the bus both ways See the Noon Day Formation Lunch & Guided Tour of the Academy **Talk by Chaplain Commander Irving Elson,** Dinner at Mike's Fish House on the River

Join The 120 Jewish Midshipmen At Friday Night SHABBAT SERVICES and Oneg in the new URIAH P. LEVY Jewish Chapel Motor Trip Back to the JCC

Date: Friday, April 7, 2006 Cost: \$58 per person complete Leaves JCC at: 8:00am Returns 11:30pm Dinner \_\_\_Fish \_\_Chicken Mail reservations and checks payable JWV #126 – Annapolis Trip Box 181 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 Questions-856-354-2004 <u>Deadline March 24</u>,



Join us for our Monthly Shabbat Service FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006 7:30 PM Our guest will be Ron Bernstein, Kibbutz Yahel, Israel Ron will talk to us about life on a Kibbutz. We will honor our 4th grade class

### CARING COMMUNITY



For the last several months, Temple Emanuel's Caring Community has been promoting different programs to our congregation. These programs are aimed at helping people experiencing various life changes. This month, on *Friday March 24, we are privileged to welcome Rabbi Diana Monheit* to our synagogue. She serves as the Senior Coordinator of Programs & Training at Jewish Women's International (JWI). JWI is recognized as the leading Jewish organization committed to ending the cycle of family violence and to promoting safe homes, strong women and healthy relationships.

Please join us on *Friday March 24 at 8pm* for an enlightening presentation and discussion on healthy relationships. Bring your sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, friends and

family to celebrate Shabbat and this wonderful learning opportunity.

To highlight some of these important issues is an article by a member of our Caring Community. For more information about Temple Emanuel's Caring Community or this special Shabbat program. Please contact Rabbi Geri Newburge at (856)489-0029 x 16, or gnewburge@templeemanuel.org

### Domestic Violence in Jewish Homes: Fact or Fiction? Written by Leon M. Neubauer, Ph.D.

There are no statistics that point to the exact incidence of domestic violence in Jewish relationships, but from the amount of calls made to Jewish-run hotlines and therapists' caseloads, it is believed that domestic violence in Jewish homes occurs with the same frequency as non-Jewish ones. Research shows that in the general population, about 20 to 25 percent of women experience abuse at the hands of an intimate partner at some time in their lives. Men are also victims, but at a much lower rate (between two and five percent). Notably, domestic violence is about equally prevalent across socioeconomic classes and educational levels.

According to stereotypes, Jewish families are loving and nurturing, and Jewish women are resilient, knowledgeable, and in control of their own lives and the lives of their families. In addition, Jewish women are often in the role of maintaining "shalom bayit," translated as "peace in the home." Consequently, there is shame and disbelief around the issue of domestic violence, which makes it difficult for Jewish women who are abused to seek help. On average, Jewish women tend to stay in violent relationships five to seven years longer than non-Jewish women.

What constitutes domestic violence? Following are some behavioral examples:

- <u>Emotional/Verbal Abuse</u>: name-calling, threats of violence, jokes, put-downs and control issues (being told how to act, dress, talk, where one can go, whom one can see, whether or not one may have a job or money)
  - Physical Abuse: being pushed, shoved, slapped, kicked, punched, burned, choked,

throwing household objects and using weapons against another

 <u>Sexual Abuse</u>: any sexual act, comment or threat that makes the victim feel degraded, humiliated and scared

Domestic violence can lead to adverse effects for adults. Not only can it lead to serious bodily harm, but it is damaging to self-esteem and can increase the likelihood of depression, social isolation, suicidal thoughts and attempts, anxiety, drug and alcohol use, eating disorders and a variety of physical ailments...

Domestic violence can also have a substantial effect on children, and the absence of choice they have when their parents act abusively is unique to a child's experience. Children who witness, or are victims of, abuse are at significant risk to exhibit emotional, academic and social problems. For instance, a child could grow up with lower self-esteem and more fear and anger compared to same-age peers, all of which could have negative interpersonal effects. Additionally, the child could be more prone to physical illness, drug use and engaging in violent behaviors. Interventions should be strongly considered as early as possible for *all* members of the family where domestic violence is evident.

If you would like to receive private and confidential assistance related to the matters discussed above, it is recommended that you contact a mental health professional. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is available 24 hours a day, and they offer assistance anonymously and confidentially at (800)799-SAFE.

Dr. Neubauer is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Audubon, New Jersey. Comments and questions can be sent to <u>Lneubauer04@comcast.net</u>. He can also be reached at (856)607-7325.

### YOUTH GROUP

What do the Purim carnival, Passover candy and spring have in common? They're all fast-approaching! Youth group is always ready to change with the seasons, to tackle new projects and to make new and old members alike feel welcome and comfortable...and Jewish!

March 12<sup>th</sup> is the date; noon to 3:30 pm is the time; Purim carnival is the subject. We hope that every teen and pre-teen at Temple Emanuel will plan to join in this celebration, as everyone has the opportunity to make this event truly successful. All sixth through eighth graders as TEFTY Junior are encouraged to make a booth, share an idea, and come out for a day of fun and frolic.

All TEFTY members – our ninth through twelfth graders – are the very foundation of this synagogue project. Becca Dittrich and Hallie Brettler with Briana Kerensky are coordinating this year's carnival, and they need as many able-bodies and creative minds as possible; please bring your body and mind the temple for this wonderful day.

It is important to remember that the Purim Carnival is run purely for the enjoyment of our synagogue family & friends. There will be booths and games for pre-schoolers as well as for older children. And there will be prizes galore, and oh-so-much food (cotton candy, sno-cones, bagels, Max and Gloria's pizza, lunch and brunch delights – and, of course, desserts).

Please mark your calendars to come and volunteer for the carnival (yes, this does count as community service time, for you younger teens!). And please mark your calendars to attend this awesome day – there are sure to be surprises and fun.

The funds raised from the Purim carnival go directly to youth group scholarships, so it is the fun that keeps on giving!

Passover candy sales have also begun under youth group direction. Remember that any candy that you order will help to benefit scholarship funds and your very own temple.

In addition to these events and projects, youth group also has purely social activities, encouraging our teens and pre-teens to feel comfortable and welcomed at ice skating nights, bowling nights, and movie nights too! Be sure to mark your calendars when flyers arrive, and plan to have a great time meeting new and old friends.

### TREE OF LIFE



Jerri Pinsky, Chairperson

Did you receive the **Tree of Life** leaf application form in last month's mail? Thanks to all of you who responded by purchasing a leaf. If you have been procrastinating, it is not too late. There are still some prime spots left on the **Tree**. Stop by the Temple and reserve your leaf.

Irene Strauss, in the Temple office, is available to help you. Please visit her on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at the synagogue.

The newest additions to the Tree include:

### DONOR

Selma Solomon Kyle & Elliott Roth

Harilyn & Leo Schwartzberg

Robin & Jeff Allen Carolyn & Fred Schultz IN HONOR OF

#### Joyce Hoff

Alexander's Bar Mitzvah Reserved 1 leaf

Seth's Bar Mitzvah Reserved 1 Leaf

Cody's Bar Mitzvah Emily's Bat Mitzvah

### Tuesday, March 14 Purim at Temple Emanuel

6 pm — Haman's Hoagies Crafts & Games \$10/family (choice of veggie, tuna & turkey hoagies)

6:45 pm — Festive Costume Parade

7 pm — Megillah Reading & A Dr. Seuss Purim Shpiel

After the Shpiel — Mordechai's Martinis Hosted by Rabbi Jerry David Purim Celebrants over 21 \$10/person

**RSVP** to Haman's Hoagies 0r Mordechai's Martinis At 856-489-0029

Everybody is Invited — Congregants & Members of the Community Temple Emanuel — 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 856-489-0029

Please jain us for some Dr. Seuss rhymin'

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Migillah reading and shpiel-what a great deal!

# MEN+U: A MEN'S SEDER

JOIN RABBI JERRY DAVID & MURRAY SAVAR FOR TEMPLE EMANUEL'S FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S SEDER

### A Celebration of Generations Sunday April 9, 2006 10am

APPETIZER Sons and Grandsons

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DESSERT Fathers and Grandfathers

ACCOMPANIMENTS Friends, Family, Neighbors

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: RABBI GERI NEWBURGE AT GNEWBURGE@TEMPLEEMANUEL.ORG, (856)489-0029 x16 TO REGISTER: CALL THE RECEPTIONIST AT (856)489-0029

Sponsored by Temple Emanuel Men's Club



### TEMPLE EMANUEL March 2006

Pre-School closing # 1255

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 🕼	Sat
			1 7 pm Men's Study Group	2 7 pm Introduction to Judaism Caring Community 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Club RFTS Meeting	3 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service	4 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
5 9 am Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30 am Budget Mtg. Kindergarten Family Ed Program	6 7 pm Youth Comm. 7:30 pm Men's Post B'nai Mitzvah Class RS Sub Committee	7 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Adult Hebrew 8 pm Adult Academy "Torah Cantillation"	8 6 pm Sisterhood "Hamantashen" Baking	9 7 pm Caring Comm. 7:30 pm SisterhoodBoard Mtg. Introduction to Judaism Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class	10 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service	11 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:15 Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of BENJAMIN MICAH LEFLER Sisterhood Retreat
12 9 am Social Action Book Sale 9:30 am Budget Comm. 10 am Men's Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 12 - 3 pm PURIM CARNIVAL 12:30 pm Chaverim	13 7:30 pm Caring Community Ritual Committee Mtg.	14 <sup>12</sup> Noon Adult B'nai Mitzvah Post B'nai Mitzvah Class I pm Stories of the Prophets Purim Celebration 6 pm Haman's Hoagies 7 pm PURIM SHPIEL AND MEGILLAH READING Choir Practice 9 pm Mordechai's Martinis	15 12 Noon Senior Group Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion 7 pm Men's Study Group Casserole Cooking	16 7 pm Introduction to Judaism Caring Community 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class RFTS Meeting	17 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service 8th Grade Retreat	18 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitrovh of SARAH ELIZABETH SACHAIS 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitrouh of AUSTIN SALINE 8th Grade Retreat
19 9:15 am TE Book Club 9 am Social Action Mtg. 10 am Men's Club Breakfast Meeting 12:30 pm Club Noar 8th Grade Retreat	20 9:15 am TE Book Club 7:30 pm Exec. Board Mtg.	21 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice Adult Hebrew 8 pm Adult Academy "Torah Cantillation"	22 6:45 pm 6th Grade Wrap with the Rabbis	23 5:45 pm "Her Seder" 7 pm Introduction to Judaism Caring Community 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class	24 8 pm Singles Shabbat—Chapel 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Diana Monheit—Guest Speaker Kol Emanuel	25 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of ALEX ROMASH Family Shabbaton at Appel Farm 9th Grade Trip
26 9 am 2nd Grade Family Ed Program 9th Grade Trip	27 7 pm Cooking Class 7:30 pm TE Board of Trustees	28 <sup>12</sup> 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 "Torah Cantillation"	29 7 pm B'nai Mitzvah "Putting God on Guest List" & Caterer's Dessert Reception 7:30 pm Membership Committee	30 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class RFTS Meeting	31 spm Shabbat Evening Service Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Sam Joseph	

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Pre-School closing # 1255

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN RYAN SPIEGLER and ALEX SCHINDLER
2 10 am RS Model Seders 11 am Board Training 12:30 Club Noar 7 pm Chocolate Seder	3 7 pm Youth Committee Family Ed Comm. 7:30 pm Men's Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 8 pm Adult Ed Comm.	4 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice Adult Hebrew 8 pm Adult Academy	5 7 pm Men's Study Group	6 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Mtg. Yoga and Meditation Yiddish Class RFTS Mtg.	7 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service 4th Grade Shabbat Alternative Service Guest Ron Bernstein Kibutz Yahel Nfty-Par Spring Kallah	8 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of ALLYSON LYNN OREL-MARON 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA HARRISON WEINBERG Nilty-Par Spring Kallah
<ul> <li>9 am 2nd Grade Family Ed 10 am Men's Club Break- fast Meeting 10:30 am Finance Comm.</li> <li>Nfty-Par Spring Kallah</li> </ul>	10 7:30 pm Exec. Board Mtg.	11 Spring Break No School	12 Passover Ist Seder	13 Passover 2nd Seder 10:30 am Passover Service 6 pm Congregational Seder	14 7 pm Jr. Congregation 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Shabbat Simcha Kol Emanuel	15 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
6 Spring Break No School	17 7:30 pm Men's Post B'nai Mitzvah Class	18 Spring Break No School 12 Noon Post B'nai Mitzvah Class Adult B'nai Mitzvah 1 pm Stories of the Prophets 7 pm Casserole Cooking 7:30 pm RFTS Mtg.	19 Temple Office Closed 7:30 pm Yizkor Service	20 6 pm Aleph Bet Pizza Party 7 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30 pm RFTS Mtg. Yiddish Class	21 6 pm Reach for the Stars Shabbat Dinner 7 pm Tot Shabbat 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Reach for the Stars Shabbat with Guest: RICK RECHT	22 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Scrvice—Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA NATHAN BUSLER 6:15 pm Havdalah Scrvice Bar Mitzvah of AARON DAVID WILEN
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30 9:15 am TE Book Club 10 am Mitzvah Clowns 12:30 pm Chaverim 4 pm Pre School Prom					10 m	



**Ouestions?** Call Beverly Volpe at 751-6754 or Sue Levine at 772-1183

# Her Seder

### A community Passover gathering

-Gather with mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends -Celebrate the festival of freedom and joy through the voices of women -Enjoy a delicious, full-course meal including appetizer, salad, soup, entrée and dessert. (Vegetarian entrée available on request.) -NEW THIS YEAR: Children's meal

# Thursday, March 23, 2006 5 pm-Registration 5:45 pm-Seder begins

(As this is a catered affair, reservations must be made in advance. No walk-ins accepted.)

### **Registration deadline: March 3**

To respond, please detach and return this form with your check payable to "Temple Emanuel Sisterhood" to Jessica Chasen, 7 Woodbrook Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043

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YOUR GUESTS: Please provide the name, address, phone number and email for each guest you are paying for. If any of your guests is a child, please tell us her age.

Additional seating preferences: List name and phone number. (12 per table maximum)

# Chocolate Seder April 2 at 5:30 PM



Experience the Passover Seder like never before. Learn about and taste the symbols of Passover — just made of chocolate. Chocolate covered matzah, chocolate eggs, bitter chocolate, chocolate for dipping, Elijah's cup filled with chocolate milk . . . An event for families and individuals of all ages.

- \$5/Individual or
   \$10/Family
- Sponsored by Family Education at Temple Emanuel.
- Please note: The seder does not include dinner. It will last about 1 hour. So, enjoy having your dessert before dinner.

For questions contact: Rabbi Geri Newburge at gnewburge@templeemanuel.org, (856) 489-0029 x16

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To register: call the receptionist at



**Torah Portions of the Month** 

#### March 4 Terumah

#### Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

God says to Moses, "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from any person whose heart is so moved." The gifts to be accepted include a variety of precious metals, yarns, linen, animal skins, wood, oil, spices and precious stones. Moses is to accept these gifts in order to construct a sanctuary, "Let them (the Israelites) make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." God details to Moses how the Tabernacle and its contents are to be made. An ark is also to be built which will house the Tablets of the Pact (i.e. the tablets with the Ten Commandments), which God will give to Moses. The ark is to be kept in the innermost chamber of the Tabernacle, called the Holy of Holies.

#### March 11

#### Exodus 27:20-30:10

God tells Moses to instruct the Israelites to bring olive oil for lighting the lamp of the "mishkan" (the sanctuary). The lamps, which are to be the responsibility of Aaron and his sons, are to burn from evening until morning. The parasha describes the special garments that the "kohen gadol" (high priest) must wear when he approaches the alter to officiate in the sanctuary. Aaron and his sons are ordained as "kohanim" (priests) through a seven day ceremony involving washing, dressing, anointing them with oils and offering various sacrifices. The parasha ends with instructions for building an altar at which incense is to be burned every morning when the lamps are tended.

### March 18 Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35

Tetzavah

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

#### March 25

#### Vayakhel-Pekude

#### Exodus 35:1-40:38

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



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

March 4 Terumah with Deb Faye March 11 Tetzavah with Rabbi Cohen March 18 March 25

Ki Tisa, Leader TBA Vayakhel/Pekude with Cantor Eskenasy



Please join your Rabbis and Cantor for our annual Congregational Seder to be held on *Thursday, April 13* at *6 pm* in our Social Hall. Our seder will include a complete Kosher Passover meal by "Norm the Caterer." We will read from the Haggadah, sing holiday songs and watch children's smiling faces as they search for the afikomen. Please invite your friends and family.

Reservations must be received by April 7. Please complete the form below and mail to the Temple Office. For more information call (856) 489-0029 x 13 or e-mail mayda@templeemanule.org.

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<ul> <li># Adults @ \$40 per person</li> <li># Children @ \$20 per person (12 and under)</li> <li># Toddlers no charge (4 and under only, please)</li> <li>Total Amount Enclosed \$</li> </ul>	
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Rest \* Parents & Children \* Fun \* Temple Emanuel \* Sports \* Outdoors \* Friends

## Shabbat: A Day-Long Celebration March 25, 10 am to 5:30 pm

Prayer \* Community \* Seniors \* Crafts \* Discussion \* Peace \* Judaism \* Music \* Relaxation

Bake Challah Or Relax at Yoga & Jewish Meditation Or Play Softball Or Sing & Pray Or Make a Family Tile for the Synagogue Or I cam Karate Or Study Torah with Rabbi David Or Do sraeli Dance Or Craft a Family Shabbat Heirloom Or Do a Mitzvah for the World Or Just Hang Out with a New Friend!



\$9/Individual \$18/Family Kids Kamp Childcare available for \$10/family Bring a dairy or parve dish or dessert to share at the pot-luck lunch (No red meat or poultry)

Appel Farms is located 45 minutes from Cherry Hill. The site is not hilly & most activities will take place indoors & close together. There are tennis and basketball courts — so bring your rackets and basketballs!

To register, fill out the attached form and return to the Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 Questions? Contact Rabbi Cohen at 856-489-0035

### Clip & Save For the Day of the Event

10am	Registration
10:30 am	Camp Style Shabbat Service
11:30 am	Session
1 pm	Pot-Luck Lunch
2 pm	Session
3:30 pm	Session
5 pm	Havdalah
5:30 pm	Farewell

### Rules for the Day

You do not need to commit to the whole day — Participate when you can! You can opt out of going to a session at any time — feel free to use the tennis or basketball courts, take a walk, read a book orjust relax. Have Fun!

### Directions to Appel Farms

Take 1-295 South to Rt. 42 South toward Atlantic City. Exit at Rt. 55 South (Glassboro Nineland). Exit at #45 for Clayton, Glassboro and Centerton. Take a right off the exit ramp onto Rt. 553 South toward Centerton for 3.7 miles to traffic light at Rt. 40. Turn right onto Rt. 40 West toward Elmer for 1.8 miles to traffic light. (The Elmer Diner is on your right). Continue straight through light for 50 yards, then veer left onto Rt. 649 toward "True Value" (leave Rt. 40, do not follow arrows to right). Continue past SJ Hospital-Elmerto stop sign, bear right. Continue to next stop sign, bear right onto Shirley Rd. (Rt. 611). Appel Farm is one mile onleft.

# Sign-Up Form for Shabbat at Appel Farms

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#### Session II: 2 pm

Israeli Dance with Cantor Miriam Eskenasy\_\_\_\_\_ Family Tile Workshop (\$18/fee) with Jessica Manelis \_\_\_\_\_ Great Jewish Movie Scenes\_\_\_\_\_ Yoga & Jewish Meditation with Laura Markowitz\_\_\_\_\_ Big Al's Introduction to Yiddish with Al Rubin\_\_\_\_\_ Kids Kamp Childcare with TEFTY\_\_\_\_\_

#### Session III: 3:30 pm

 Romance & Shabbat: A Text Study with Rabbi Cohen\_\_\_\_\_

 Shabbat Heirloom Craft with Barry Pisetzner\_\_\_\_\_

 Softball Game with Phil Umansky\_\_\_\_\_

 Casserole Cooking with Sheila Stem\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Havdalah Choir with Julia Zavadksy\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Kids Kamp Childcare with TEFTY\_\_\_\_\_\_

Return to Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

### SHALOCH MANOT – PURIM FOOD DRIVE

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- "U" is for the unselfish heroism of Esther who stamped out hate.
- "R" is the racket we make to Haman's name obliterate.
- "I" is for the injustice we still fight against in the world to date.

### "M" is for the merrymaking we do to celebrate.

Jews are commanded to keep the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Adar as a day of feasting and merrymaking and of giving gifts of food to one another and to those in need (Esther 9: 22). The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive to benefit the Foodbank of S.J. as a way of helping congregants to keep the commandments specified above. Please make food donations such as: tuna, mac & cheese, powdered milk, peanut butter, chunky soups. Food donations should be placed in the bins in the religious school and monetary donations sent to the temple's office before March 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll take care of delivering the food, the merrymaking is up to you!

QUESTIONS? Contact Stephanie Ross - schleper247@comcast.net

### EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!



The Social Action Committee's book sale to benefit BookMates a local literacy program, was postponed due to inclement weather. The sale has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 in the temple's library. Please join us, we have a great selection of books. Many thanks to all who donated books!



### SPREAD THE WARMTH

Knitting is the latest craze, It is a great way to relax after busy days.

The Social Action Committee challenges all knitters young and old, Listen carefully because our proposal is bold.

We all start knitting hats, gloves, scarves, and such, Be sure to be creative, and add your personal touch!

Donate your creations by the High Holy days in the Fall, 613 knitted items, the number of mitzvot in the Torah is what we would like to collect in all!

Just as we are taught to wrap ourselves in the Torah's mitzvot, We hope to wrap the needy in warm scarves, hats & coats.

If you would like to join us in our knitting quest, Just turn in your knitted creations to the temple office, and we will store them with the rest.

So start your needles clicking, "ready, set, and go," Rest assured your efforts will show you care to someone that you don't even know!

Questions? Stephanie Weinberger wgbunch8@aol.com Stephanie Ross schleper247@comcast.net



# GolfOuting

### Wednesday June 7, 2006

Registration: 7 AM Shotgun Start: 8 AM



Sign Up for a great day of Golf at Ramblewood Country Club

### Play Golf and/or be a Sponsor

**Gold Sponsor**---\$1000 One foursome, listing as a Gold Sponsor, one month ad in the Temple Emanuel Light and a Plaque recognizing your sponsorship.

**Silver Sponsor**—\$800 One foursome, listing as a Silver Sponsor and a Plaque recognizing your sponsorship.

Bronze Sponsor---\$600 One foursome and listing as a bronze sponsor

All Foursomes include Greens Fees and Lunch for four Golfers

Single Player---\$150 Greens Fees and Lunch for one Golfer

Lunch Sponsor---\$500 Listing as a Lunch Sponsor and a Plaque recognizing your sponsorship.

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### Lemon-Poppy Seed Cake

Here's something a little different from hamantashen for your Purim treats! Recipe from "Foods From Eastern Europe Add Variety to Purim Menus" by Judy Zeidler.

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 1/4 cups cake flour (see note)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds

- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- Confectioners' sugar

Cream butter in mixing bowl. Gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy. Beat egg yolks in separate bowl until light and lemon colored;

Blend yolks thoroughly into butter mixture.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add poppy seeds. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with milk, blending well.

Beat in lemon peel, lemon juice, vanilla and lemon extract. Pour batter into well-buttered, lightly floured 4 1/2-by-8 1/2inch loaf pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 40 minutes, or until loaf pulls away from sides of pan and tester comes out clean.

Let cool on rack. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar before serving.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Note: Although you will not get the same result, you can substitute 1 cup minus 2 tablespoons sifted all-purpose flour for each 1 cup cake flour.

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