# Temple Emanuel

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# From the Rabbi's Study

by Jerome P. David, D.D.

e Jews have such excellent memories that at the Passover Seder table we recall vividly events that actually occurred over 3,000 years ago. When we read the Haggadah, we remember so well "as if we personally went forth from Egypt."

Some memories are pleasant; others are painful.

We remember our enemies, and what horrible names they are: Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Haman, Titus, Torquemada, Chmelnitzki, Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Hamas. And we have a special Sabbath, Parashat Zachor, to recall Amalek, and what Amalek did to us.

We also remember our friends, the "righteous Gentiles," the farmers, nuns and laborers who put their lives on the line when they rescued Jews during the Holocaust. We are thankful to courageous Danes who delivered their entire Jewish community from Hitler, and we recall with gratitude the people of Bulgaria and Holland.

When the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington, one of the most unforgettable moments of that dedication was the speech by Elie Wiesel. He told of a woman who lived in the Carpathian Mountains during the time of Hitler. She had learned that people in Warsaw were rebelling and fighting back. She exclaimed: "They should be quiet and not protest. The war will end and everything will be alright."

At this point in his address, Elie Wiesel turned to President Clinton, who was sitting on the dais, and said: "I have recently visited in Bosnia and cannot sleep at night. Why don't we intervene? There are those in America today who say we should do nothing about this ruthless slaughter, just as this woman in the Carpathian Mountains counseled inaction in the face of the Nazis."

And then Elie Wiesel resumed his story: "This woman never knew that the war against Hitler had come to an end, for she perished with her entire family in Auschwitz." He paused a moment and concluded: "That woman was my mother!"

Once again the world is witnessing ruthless slaughter, genocide and ethnic cleansing in Darfur. The loss of life is estimated at over 300,000. Our Jewish memory cannot permit us to stand by idly as our neighbor bleeds. In Judaism, the greatest sin is that of apathy, indifference – of silence.

This year at our Seder tables, as we tell the story of our exodus from slavery to freedom, as we remember our history, our traditions and our values, let us also remember those who are still slaves and singled out for slaughter. As a symbol of our care and concern, we are asking that one dollar from each Seder participant be donated to "Dollars for Darfur" and that you include a special Darfur reading (Please check the envelope inserted in the centerfold of this issue of The Light.)

The Baal Shem Tov said: "Forgetfulness leads to exile. Remembrance is the secret of redemption!"

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Reach for the Stars 2006

Singer/Songwriter Rick Recht for Shabbat Live on Friday, April 21 8 pm

Casino Night with headliner Gabe Kaplan on Sunday, April 23

> Reach for the Stars benefits the Temple Emanuel StarLight Foundation

by Joyce C. Hoff



ach April Temple Emanuel sponsors the *Reach for the Stars* Weekend to raise awareness and funds for the StarLight Foundation. As your President, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of the goals of the Foundation and the reasons why every member of our congregation should support the Weekend.

Every budget year, a group of your fellow congregants work tirelessly to put together a fiscally responsible budget for the following year. I have served on this committee for the past five years and know first hand that this devoted group spends more than 50 hours each putting the puzzle pieces together. As part of the budget process we allocate resources to enable families to affiliate with Temple Emanuel and remain members regardless of their financial ability. Our policy is to never deny membership based solely

on financial constraints. We also apportion a sizeable portion of available revenue in support of educational initiatives for members in every stage of their Jewish journey.

PRESIDENT'S Message

The primary goal of the StarLight Foundation is to provide support for the ongoing Jewish education for our children and our adult learners. Each year we place the proceeds from the *Reach for the Stars* Weekend into the Foundation's coffers with the goal of developing a perpetual resource in support of Temple Emanuel's educational, cultural and family life educational activities. In time we will have sufficient capitol to allow the Endowment to help support and sustain the Temple's annual budget and provide financial stability for years to come.

This year we are very pleased to have Gabe Kaplan of *ESPN Poker* and *Welcome Back Kotter* fame joining us for an evening of friendship, fun and entertainment. In our 5<sup>th</sup> year, our *Reach for the Stars* headliner event promises to be exciting and memorable.

There are many ways you can be supportive to your Temple Family and our StarLight Foundation. May I suggest that the best way is to come and enjoy a great evening out with your friends and family, laugh a little, play a little, while at the same time helping Temple Emanuel plan for a vital and thriving future.

Please look for your invitation in the mail and respond positively. Contribute as generously as possible, as this effort will enable us to share with the generations of tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing you not only on Sunday, April 23, but also on Friday, April 21 at Shabbat Alive! with Rick Recht – a musical Shabbat you will long remember.

# Having Fun is As Easy As Aleph Bet

Temple Emanuel invites you to join Aleph Bet, a group of families with infants, toddlers and young children, celebrating our Judaism and socializing together. The group is open to all – Temple Emanuel members, non-members and pre-school families.

On April 20 at 6 pm, the group will host a Post-Passover Pizza Party. Join us for a fun and casual dinner and fun games to celebrate the end of Passover. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Kids under 3 are free.

Mark the calendar for the PAWS Farm Nature Reserve trip on May 7.

Register for these events with Jeanie Blanton in the Pre-School, 856-489-0034, or by calling the synagogue office at (856)489-0029.

Memo from MAYDA



n my family, Passover is a very special family holiday. No excuses (except for the years that our college aged kids were out of the country) are accepted. Everyone is expected at my sister's house for the first Seder.

Oh, what wonderful memories have taken shape at the Seder table. I have three sisters, and amongst us we have nine children. First were the years when we were bringing our newest addition to the table. Those years were soon followed by our children singing the Passover song they had learned in preschool or proudly reading from the Hagaddah for the first time – first in English and as they grew, in Hebrew. Now they come to the table

with their wife, fiancée, boyfriend or girlfriend – some still in college call and ask to bring a friend.

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My sister's table continues to expand as we greet new in-laws and friends joining us to celebrate our favorite holiday. Others are no longer with us, and they are sadly missed. There is no one who was at the table in 1997 who will forget my dad's farewell, as he knew that his courageous battle with cancer was lost and that he would not be with us the following year. He is surely smiling down at us, glad to see that the traditions of our family continue and that the boisterous behavior, the irreverent jokes and the "stuff of memories" continue.

Our family tradition of togetherness is not a new one. My maternal grandmother was the only girl among seven brothers. My great grandmother, our bubbe, would transform our Brooklyn basement into a Passover kitchen. My grandfather would set up police horses and plywood, it would all get covered with lovely tablecloths and dishes and upwards of 50 people would attend – and that was before dishwashers! I recall my great aunts, aunts and cousins standing in a row, each with a dish towel in hand, drying and stacking the dishes used for our Seders. These are great times to bring to mind.

My sister is selling her home and downsizing. This will be our last Passover at the house where we have shared so much. At first this news was devastating, until she reassured us that her new home will continue to accommodate our growing brood.

As you begin to prepare for Passover 2006, consider the traditions you cherish and the memories you are providing. Also consider joining us at the second Seder, to be held at Temple Emanuel on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Our family has attended for the past few years and really looks forward to sharing the holiday and building memories with our extended Temple family.

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel!

Mayda

BEATRICE AUGUSTINE

Mother of Hal Augustine BERNARD DISNER Uncle of Jackie Palkovicz

SADIE DUMOFF Aunt of Marshall Fineman

RITA FIGHT Sister of Ellie Treuhaft

FAYE FISHER Mother of Andrea Kimball Grandmother of Laura Hoffman, Sheri Greenblatt Howard Kimball, Todd Fisher & Kari Goldberg 書きまた

In Memoriam

ESTHER FROST Aunt of Barry Frost

MAURICE HARTMAN Husband of Phyllis Hartman

SYLVIA HERMAN Wife of Bernard Herman

TOM KASEMEOTES Uncle of Dean Andrew

HARVEY LIPSCHULTZ Father of Todd Lipschultz

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**News From** 

s Rabbi David discussed in his cover article, there is a frightening situation in Darfur. Darfur is located in Sudan, a country in northeast Africa that was for decades engulfed in a civil war between its northern and southern regions. Sudan's National Islamic Front (NIF) government is an oppressive regime that has instigated violence against communities in the south of the country. Government-backed militias have engaged in systematic abuses of human rights against the population of the south, terrorizing its people with kidnapping, slave raids, torture, and massacres. The NIF-backed militias, known as Janjaweed, are now targeting civilians in the Western region of Darfur. The government in Khartoum has facilitated and participated in these atrocities. In the warfare and ensuing famine, the south lost more than two million people (8 percent of the country's population). Now, the situation in Darfur - a region roughly the size of Texas - is also dire.

The Union for Reform Judaism is an active member in "Million Voices for Darfur," an organization committed to peace and justice in the region. On Sunday April 30 there will be a momentous march in Washington, DC to raise awareness. We are hoping to take a group from Temple Emanuel to demonstrate our desire to see peace reached in this region. Please mark your calendars and join us for this important event (we'll leave early in the morning and return in the evening).

Contact Rabbi Geri Newburge at (856)489-0029 x16, or gnewburge@templeemanuel.org for questions or to participate.

Mazel Tov...

Jessica Manelis on her photograph display at the Moore College of Art Harold Rayden on the birth of his great granddaughter, Lauren Michal Berman Rita and Sam Friedman on the birth of their grandson, Jared Asher Berkoff Scott and Alisa Modena on the birth of their son, Max Aaron Modena Audrey Litto on the birth of her grandson, Ryan Luke Jaffe

# Join an Education Committee

The education offerings at Temple Emanuel are We need your advice and suggestions to vast. 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 Rabbi committee chair or Cohen, dbcohen@templeemanuel.org, 856-489-0035.

# **Religious School Committee** Chair: Elliott Roth

Next Meeting: May 1 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 6 weeks.

On the Agenda: Food Policy at the School, Accreditation

## **Family Education Committee**

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NEWBURGE

Chair: Jessica Manelis Next Meeting: May 3 at 7 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 these things are 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 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

# Adult Education

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# April & May 2006 - To register for a course, call (856) 489-0029.

# New Class

## 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

## Continuing Classes

# Yoga & Jewish Meditation with Laura Markowitz

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

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 pm - March 16, 23, 20; April 6, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25 Fee: \$45/Session

## Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Debbie Cohen

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. Selected Tuesdays from 1-2 pm - April 4, 25; May 9 Textbook fee.

## Great Stories of the Prophets with Rabbi David, Rabbi Cohen & Rabbi Newburge

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

Selected Tuesdays from, 1-2 pm - April 18; May 2, 16

# Big Al's Yiddish Club with Al Rubin

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.

Thurdays, 7:30-9 pm

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

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. Selected Tuesdays from noon- 1 pm - April 18; May 2, 16

# Educational and Discussion Group for Temple Emanuel Parents of Teenagers

If men are from Mars and Women are from Venus... Where are teens from?

Join a continuing series of lively discussions and talks on *Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season* for more information on what kids are thinking.

On May 24 at 7:30 pm, recent high school graduates will join the discussion and speak of the excitement, pain and joys of being a teenager. They will share their reflections on peers, parents and real life as a teenager today. The event will be held in the conference room at Jewish Family and Children's Services

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.





## To all Shalom!

I am very excited to tell you about a community-wide event which will take place on May Every two years our entire Jewish community gets together and puts on a Community Concert. This year, we will have our Community Concert as well but it will be different than in the past. The concert will have wide participation from the entire community. There will be one great adult choir comprised of synagogue choir members from the area. In addition to synagogue choirs, anyone who would like to participate in the great choir is welcome. You may rehearse with any one of the choirs participating at any synagogue (see the publicity in the Voice and elsewhere in the April issue of the Light). These various choirs, together with all of you who choose to participate, will raise our voices together to celebrate Yom Yerushalaim on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with one great voice. The music is fun to sing and easy to learn and ample rehearsal time will be available.

Similarly to the adults, our children's choirs will also be participating with 3 songs. Any child from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. who would like to participate in this community event should come to rehearse with me (Cantor Miriam) on every Sunday from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm in the Chapel.

Cantors from area synagogues will also sing together as well as with the other choirs. It promises to be a terrific and very enjoyable community event.

It would be great if many of you participated whether in song or by being in the audience!

Tickets will be available at the front desk at the Temple or through the JCC for a cost of \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. (Tickets for students and children are \$5)

Come celebrate Yom Yerushalaim, support your community, support Jewish music!

**B'shira** 

Cantor Miriam

# PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Passover Service - Thursday, April 13 at 10:30 am Yizkor Service - Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm

# 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.

In anticipation of our Reach for the Stars weekend, our CD this month is a CD of Rick Recht who will be with us for our Shabbat service on April 21st. Enjoy!

Add your voice to the JEWISH COMMUNITY CHOIR at the JERUSALEM DAY COMMUNITY CONCERT Monday, May 22 · 7:30 pm

**Congregation M'kor Shalom** 

We invite you to attend four rehearsals at one of the local choirs listed below to participate in the Community Choir

> Monday, April 17, May 1, 8 & 15 7:30-9:00 pm Adath Emanu-El 205 Elbo Lane, Mt. Laurel

Tuesday, April 25,

May 2, 9 & 16 7:00-9:00 pm Temple Emanuel / Kol Emanuel 1101 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill

Tuesday, April 25, May 2, 9 & 16 7:30-9:15 pm Congregation M'kor Shalom 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill

Wednesday, April 26, May 3, 10 & 17 8:15-9:00 pm Temple Beth Sholom / Mak'helat Bet Sholom 1901 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill

Attendance Required at Combined Dress Rehearsa on Sunday, May 21 at M'kor Shalom, 3:15-6:00 pm

Register online at katzicc.org, request a form at hpozen@jfedsnj.org or call 424-4444 x281



# Read Any Good Books Lately? Temple Emanuel Book Club Invites You To Join

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. For a full year's calendar, contact Rabbi Cohen.

# April 23 & May 1 – Rabbi Geri Newburge \*NOTE THE DATE CHANGE\* Book: <u>The Secret Book of Grazia Dei Rossi</u> 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 16thcentury 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.

# May 21 & 22 - Rabbi Geri Newburge Book: <u>The Conspiracy of Paper</u> by David Liss

Benjamin Weaver, a Jew and an ex-boxer, is an outsider in eighteenth-century London, tracking down debtors and felons for aristocratic clients. The son of a wealthy stock trader, he lives estranged from his family until he is asked to investigate his father's sudden death. Thus Weaver descends into the deceptive world of the English stock jobbers, gliding between coffee houses and gaming houses, drawing rooms and bordellos.

The more Weaver uncovers, the darker the truth becomes, until he realizes that he is following too closely in his father's footsteps—and they just might lead him to his own grave. An enthralling historical thriller, *A Conspiracy of Paper* will leave readers wondering just how much has changed in the stock market in the last three hundred years.

Call 856-489-0029 to Register.

	B'Nai Mitzvot– April	
Saturday, April 1	Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN RYAN SPIEGLER Son of Denise Spiegler	
	Bar Mitzvah of ALEX SCHINDLER Son of Meryl and Jeffrey Schindler	
Saturday, April 8	Bat Mitzvah of ALLYSON LYNN OREL- MARON Daughter of Deborah Orel	a la
	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA HARRISON WEINBERG Son of Marci and Howard Weinberg	All a
Saturday, April 22	Bar Mitzvah of JOSHUA NATHAN BUSLER Son of Scott and Marianne Busler	
	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of AARON DAVID WILEN Son of Barbara and Todd Wilen	
Saturday, April 29	Bat Mitzvah of JULIE RUTH WILKINS Daughter of Dianne and Scott Wilkins	
	Bat Mitzvah of ABIGAIL FRANCES MAZZA Daughter of Rebecca Cohn and Mark Mazza	
	Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of EMILY PEARL SCHULTZ Daughter of Carolyn and Fred Schultz	

# SISTERHOOD

by Felice Friedman

It's April, which means Passover is a few days away. As we clean out the chametz, buy our matzah, macaroons and other special food and use dozens of eggs in every recipe, we must ask: where did the time go? The Religious School Coordinators, Terry Haber and Lori Wallach already planned and gave their first Seder of the season. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> the Social Hall was filled with children singing songs, reciting the Four Questions and of course, having a special snack. I want to thank all those involved in this traditional event.

Beverly Volpe, Sue Levine and committee did a wonderful job with the Her Seder on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Again the Social Hall was filled with women of all ages, some with their daughters and some with their granddaughters. We were pleased that you were all able to join us for our 14<sup>th</sup> year together.

It's hard to believe that we have started a new committee for our opening fall event. This year we will be starting off our season with a Fashion Show. We are looking for women to be part of this newly formed committee. Please email Jessica Manelis, our Fashion Show chair, to become involved in what will be a funfilled event. Jessica's email address: <u>alex25@comcast.net</u>.

Save the date, Sunday May 7<sup>th,</sup> for the Sisterhood's Annual Plant Sale. The sidewalk in front of the Religious School will be filled with annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and potted plants for you to purchase. We'll be there all morning so you can shop at drop off or pick up time. Buy your plants from Sisterhood!

Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> will be this years Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation. Invitations will be mailed soon. We hope you can join us for this special evening.

**MEN'S CLUB** 

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board I want to wish you a Happy Passover.

# by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

alling all Fathers, Sons, Brothers, Friends – Join Men's Club on April 9 at 10 am for our first Men's Seder – A Celebration of Generations. Join Rabbi Jerry David and Murray Savar to explore the relevancy of the Seder for today's men. This promises to be the start of new Temple Emanuel tradition, and you will want to be able to say you were involved from the beginning. Call the Temple office for more details and to sign up at (856) 489-0029.

Each year, the Men's Club sponsors two softball teams. Team 1 plays in the JAG's (Jewish Athletic Group) competitive league and Team 2 plays in JAG's social league. Many years one or both of our teams is the league champion. A list of all the games, with locations, is posted on the Men's Club bulletin board at the Religious School entrance.

Our Men's Club also participated in the JAG tennis tournament and I am proud to announce that two of Temple Emanuel's players, Ed Chernoff and Barry Tanner, were the champions!

Anyone up for a fun day of Golf? Join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Men's Club Golf Outing. The full information about this golf outing can be found on a full page display in this issue of the Light. Everyone who enjoys a good day on the Golf Course is welcome to join us. Men, Women, Member and Non-Members are invited – the only requirement is that you enjoy golfing. So invite your friends and neighbors to join you in a fun day.



# TREE OF LIFE

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# Jerri Pinsky Chairperson

As I reflect back on my life, it becomes apparent that the majority of joyful memories happened right here at Temple Emanuel. From my marriage in 1974, my son's Bar Mitzvah in 1990 and Confirmation in 1993, my marriage vow renewal in 2003 and my son's wedding in 2005, this synagogue has been a huge part of my life. Being a member of Temple Emanuel means sharing life cycle events with a large extended family.

The wall outside of the social hall contains our Tree of Life, a space entirely devoted to recording your personal "simchas." There have been many responses to the recent mailing and green reserved dots have been added to our almost full Tree. Do not let your family be shut out. Please join the already engraved leaves so we can share what is happening in your life. For further information, contact Irene Strauss in the Temple office (856) 489-0029 x. 12.

Below are the recent "simchas" of your Temple family.

# LEAVES

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Brenda & Ken Korach	Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Korach

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

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

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, 8, 19 - Passover Break May 1 - Religious School Sub-Committee May 5 – Shabbat Morim May 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Education May 24 - Last Day of School

SENIOR SCENE

> by Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

he Henry Raich senior group's Brown Bag lunch meeting on April 26, will feature Rabbi Geri Newburge. She will speak about Ethical Wills. I am sure that many of us are extremely interested in learning more about this.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you at this meeting. The meeting starts at 12 noon.

Have a Happy Passover.



We warmly welcome our new members into our congregational family...

**Elizabeth and Clifford Levine** 

# A JFCS HAPPENING

Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service invites you join the fun at its 2006 Annual Fundraiser, JFCS Frenzy. The event will take place at the Funplex in Mt. Laurel on April 29 at 8:30 pm, and will include unlimited arcade games, open bar, lavish hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and auctions and raffles. Couvert is \$75 per person, and all proceeds benefit the worthwhile counseling and support programs and services of JFCS. Open to age 21 and older. Contact at 856-424-1333 Beth Wynne or at bwynne@ifedsni.org for more information about sponsorships and attendance. The event is open to the community.

# SOCIAL ACTION

o sooner do we finish celebrating our survival at the hands of Haman in the Purim story, than we begin to celebrate our delivery from slavery in Egypt as we recount the story of Passover. We are commanded to retell the story year after year as a reminder that freedom is precious and is not to be taken for granted. We are also reminded that we each have a responsibility to take action to fight against oppression in the world.

Unfortunately, oppression is alive and well in the world today, more than 3,000 years after the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. In fact, just south of the site of the ancient exodus, in the province of Darfur, Sudan, there exists today oppression of monumental proportions. The local Darfurians are literally running for their lives. For the past three years, the region has been plagued by a humanitarian crisis that has left 300,000 black, African Muslims dead and 2,000,000 displaced In addition, an estimated 500 from their homes. refugees per day are dying from disease, malnutrition and attacks at the hands of Arab Muslims known as the This militia has been enlisted by the Janiaweed. Sundanese government to "cleanse" Darfur of its ethnic, African population (Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/5/06.)

During our Passover seders we recount how God intervened in the most dramatic way and delivered the Hebrews from slavery. The story of the exodus has made great material for movies, not to mention a wonderful career for Charlton Heston! However, today, passively waiting for divine intervention to cure the ills of the world is not an option. Not since Biblical times, has God overtly stepped in to save His creations. Rather, he has given us free will to act justly and instructed us in the

## *by Stephanie Ross V.P. Social Action*

Torah not to commit the sin of indifference. It is a commandment, not a suggestion that we all do our parts to correct the injustices that exist in the world. As God's partners on earth, we must speak up for those whose cries are not being heard from Darfur!

In this issue of The Light, you received a Pesach package entitled, "Dollars for Darfur." It includes an addendum to your Passover seder designed to educate those who sit around your table about the crisis in Darfur. It also includes a tzedakah box to be placed on your seder table. It is our hope that you will donate at least one dollar for each participant at your seder to alleviate the suffering of the refugees in Darfur. Finally, it includes a postcard to President Bush urging him to put pressure on the world's leaders to establish a U.N. force to protect the civilians in Darfur.

The social action committee has also enlisted the help of the young people in our religious school to raise money for the cause. Some of the children will be creating and selling, Dolls for Darfur pins. Please purchase the pins and wear them as a testament to your commitment to stop the oppression that exists in the world today.

Can one person make a difference to solve the problems that exist in the world? If you have any doubt, just remember the examples set by Queen Esther and Moses in their own times. The fact that we are still talking about them in our time answers the question. As we celebrate our freedom from oppression so long ago in Egypt, let us put our thoughts into action by helping those fighting for their lives so close geographically to the site of our delivery from slavery.

# The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

# Philadelphia Race for the Cure



# Sunday, May 14 at 8:15 am at Philadelphia Art Museum - Eakins Oval

Please join our Temple Emanuel Team "CHAI" on Sunday, May 14 for **Race for the Cure**. Our team captains are Irene Kauffman and Brenda Korach. Whatever your age, pace or reason, we invite everyone to participate in the 5K Run, 5K Walk or 1 Mile Fun Walk. You can register at <u>www.phillyraceforthecure.org</u> or entry forms are available in the Temple office. Our Team name is Temple Emanuel and our code is "CHAI". We will meet at the Temple at 6 am and go by bus to the Eakins Oval at The Philadelphia Art Museum. Please come out and help support the Komen Foundation in their efforts to raise funds for advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

# PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



he National Association for the Education of Young Children has designated April as the <u>Month of the Young Child</u> to promote the value of early learning. The theme for this year is "Building Better Futures for All Children." When we work together as a team, our parents, Rabbis, and pre-school staff, have the opportunity to significantly enhance and enrich the early learning years of our children.

Temple Emanuel is blessed with many families with young children. Through our preschool we have the opportunity to actually begin the process of educating our children from birth by means of our "Mommy and Me" programs and continuing to educate them through kindergarten.

During this <u>Month of the Young Child</u>, we hope you will come and learn about the truly special place we have created within the walls of our synagogue. This is a place where you

can share your heritage, the holidays and your child's excitement as he/she explores and learns about the world around him/her. Our Rabbis enjoy spending time with our preschoolers whether they chat with them in the hallway, sing with them in a weekly Kabalat Shabbat service, nosh a yummy hamentashen snack, or lead them in a child friendly Passover Seder. It is wonderful to see the children's excitement when they spend time with our Rabbis. Your child's early years are a special time and we hope that you choose to share them with us. If you do, I promise that both your child's life and your life will be enriched.

Our school truly believes in the partnership between our parents and our staff. Prospective families often ask what makes our pre-school so special. My response echoes the comments made by current and alumni families. The "pre-school has a very warm feeling." "The children are so happy and involved. "There is a feeling of belonging, community."

During <u>The Month of the Young Child</u> we hope you will come visit our annual Pre-School at Temple Emanuel Art Show on display in our hallways April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. Each of our preschoolers has created a masterpiece for display. If you have a baby or toddler, now would be a great time to enroll in one of our Parent and Child Together (PACT) programs. If you are unable to visit during the art show, you are welcome to schedule a visit to see the preschool program in action. By observing on a "school day" you will have the opportunity to see and feel what makes this such a special place to be!

For more information call (856) 489-0034.



# Membership Musings by Robin Miller, VP Membership

As the new Membership VP, I can't tell you how exciting it is for me to be involved with strengthening our Temple community and the ties that bind us together. What better place is there to meet everyone and have fun at the same time? I want to get to know **YOU**. I want to know what kind of things you enjoy doing. What would it take to get you more involved in temple life? We need your help, but at the same time, I want you to enjoy what you are doing.

When I first came to Temple Emanuel, I really did not know very many people. I was invited to help on a committee (just as I am inviting you). There is something very special I can't explain, that happens when you start out doing something for someone else but before you know it you are totally engulfed in gifts beyond your wildest dreams. It gives me great pleasure to watch our Temple grow.

A big surprise came as I was serving on various committees and getting involved in really fun activities, I have made my best friends. I have met some very special people that I feel blessed to know. We have a lot of work to do. Our meetings are a blast. Each month we have programs for our own entertainment. One month we will be baking and eating cookies in the kitchen where our meeting will be held. We all can multi task, so why not?

Please feel free to call me at (609) 685-1819 and tell me what kind of project you would like to work on. We have things that can be done from your home. We have huge projects and small projects, and every size in between. You can choose how involved you want to get. Just GET involved!!

If you like to have fun and you have a few moments, please join us at our next meeting. Stop in and do something that will make you feel good inside and out.

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by Sandy Umansky

# YOUTH GROUP

urim is a time of celebrating being Jewish, of being joyous and partying with friends and neighbors. More than 85 teens helped to make this year's Temple Emanuel Purim Carnival outstanding. This was truly a project that succeeded because so many gave so much and cared so much.

TEFTY, our senior high school youth group, under the leadership of Becca Dittrich and Hallie Brettler, coordinated new and exciting booths, decorations, and prizes. TEFTY Jr. stepped up to the plate and many seventh and eighth graders created their own booths and helped to run all the others. Each and every participant deserves a huge thank-you; everyone was awesome, spirited, kind and terrific!



Every family in attendance found fun ways to spend the afternoon, from bouncing in the Moon Bounce to eating Dane's popcorn, cotton candy, and sno-cones, Max and Gloria's pizza, as well as lunches and snacks. Youth Committee volunteers worked arduously at the food stations, under the direction of Barbara Robbins, Kim and Bruce Konefsky, and Wendy Silverberg.

This year we had the incredible Polly Katz and Phyllis Dittrich procure, prepare and present a Raffle Extraordinaire! The baskets were outstanding, as were the volunteers! And everyone got in the Purim spirit, thanks to the music of JK ENTERTAINMENT; Jordan and Debbie Katz volunteered their day to make us all happy.

The pre-school area, set up just for the tiny members of our community, was coordinated by Scott Faye, and manned by wonderful teens.

Words of gratitude and appreciation must be expressed for every single person who helped to make this year's Purim Carnival so outstanding.

Please read the following list of volunteers, and thank anyone on this list when you see them next time at the Tem-



ple: Dan Baratz, Cathy Rosenberg, Polly Katz, Robin Cogan, Ed Cogan, Phyllis & Rich Dittrich, Barbara Robbins, Greg Bruno, Kim & Bruce Konefsky, Susan Heffernan, Evan Sharps, Jordan Katz, Max & Gloria Greenberg, Wendy Silverberg, Briana Kerensky, Becca Dittrich, Hallie Brettler, Lauryn Cohen, Glenn Fritsch, Mallory Katz, Lindsey Katz, Allie Cogan, Jill Cogan, Carolyn Strum, Ben Bry-

man, Abbie Eron, Janna Lambson, Jana Karpf, Dan Fox, Scott Faye, Max Brekke, Sandra Goldlust, Ashley Gottlieb, Marissa Gottlieb, Sami Perzin, Moriah Robbins,



Brandon Sokoloff, Jeremy Keller, Shelby Keller, Max Korach, Sam Korach, Marissa Kuperschmidt, Dan Cohen, Laura Flanagan, Jordyne Goodman, Alex Law, Zach Law,

Erica Leib, Jason Ross, Liz Sillman, Ben Trotenberg, Ben Turchin, Stefanie Jeffreys, Jill Winkoff, Jake Tuff, Brittney Tuff, Alex Roth, Carly McCance, Melissa Simon, Eve Seidman, Emily Schultz, Zach Propp, Samantha Susson, Adam Eichen, Delila Cohen, Jordan Wohl, Lucas Yelowitz, Jordan Friedman, Taylor Brody, Caleb Brody, Alice Theibault, Alex Meyers, Katie Miller, Alyx Soloway, Ross Silverberg, Jamie Silverberg, Jeremy Sharps, Matthew Mazie, Ryan Mazie, Gordon Gips, Dane Berkowitz, Graham Reeeve, Aaron Wilen, Zach Mazza, Abby Mazza, Alyssa Friedberg, Molly Birnbaum, Anna Birnbaum, Alexis Birnbaum, David Gutbezahl, Jordan Muchnik, Jack Pinsky, Jon Swirsky, Sarah Sachais, Kara Lambson.

It is also imperative that special gratitude be expressed for donors for our first-ever raffle: Shop Rite of Cherry Hill & Ravitz' mascot, Scrunchie, Ser-

vuss Station Beauty Salon, Blink Salon, Mitch Cooper, The Active Edge, Evan & Bonnie Sharps, Bernards Salon, Andy Weiner (Wildwood Water Park), Acme Market, Bruce and Kim Konefsky, Stop & Shop, Phyllis Dittrich and Polly Katz, Kosta Boda, Stephanie Weinberger, Candy Mania, Zallies ShopRite of Berlin.

Their generosity helped to raise money for scholarship for all youth group programs and events. Thank you so much!

And we have the following people to thank for the mini-carnival preceding the Purim Schpiel: Becca Dittrich, Allie Cogan, Jill Cogan, Carolyn Strum, Hallie Brettler, Zoe King, Lauryn Cohen, Abby Mazza, Scott Faye, Janna Lambson.



# **Torah Portions of the Month**

## April 1 Vavikra

# Leviticus 1:1-5:26

We begin reading the third book of the Torah, Leviticus. Leviticus contains many of the laws and precepts of Judaism. It also contains a description of the system of sacrifices that was, for the Israelite community of the time, the primary way of worshipping God. In Hebrew this book and its first portion are called Vavikra meaning, "And [God] called." The parasha opens with God calling to Moses and explaining the various sacrifices. Five different sacrifices are described: the burnt offering--olah: the meal offering -- minchah; the sacrifice of well-being -zevach shelamim; the sin offering--chatat; and the guilt offering-asham.

## April 8 Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Parashat Tzav (literally "command") reiterates of the system of sacrifices used by the Israelites to worship God. This parasha teaches about the meaning of holiness in that if something is deemed holy, anything touching it shall also become holy. Similarly, if something is deemed unclean, anyone who touches it is also considered unclean. There are prohibitions against eating the fat of any animal, against eating animals that have not been ritually slaughtered, and against consuming blood.

## April 15 Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach Exodus 33:12-34:26

According to tradition, on the Shabbat during Passover, Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs) is read. Ascribed to King Solomon, Shir HaShirim reminds us that Passover marks the beginning of our journey. We cannot be satisfied with having escaped from Egypt but must actively engage in the difficult work of becoming a free society and a

community of faith. The counting of the Omer that marks the days between Passover and Shavuot reinforces this idea. We are reminded in this Torah portion that "six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor." In Deuteronomy we are commanded to "observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt." Ultimately it is the celebration of Shabbat, the symbol of our physical freedom that is the key to our spiritual redemption.

## April 22 Shemini Leviticus 9:1-11:47

This week's parasha begins on the eighth day (havom ha'Shemini) of the ordination ceremonies of the kohanim. Moses tells Aaron exactly how to make certain sacrificial offerings so that the Presence of God will appear that day. The parasha also deals with the laws of kashrut, describing the animals, birds, fish and insects that may and may not be eaten (kosher means "proper or fit").

## April 29 - Parashat Tazria-Metzora --Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Each year, according to the Jewish calendar, 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 in order to make sure that the entire Torah is completed. This week's Torah portions are Tazria and Metzora. Tazria relates to the ritual cleanliness of a woman after giving birth. The second parsha Metzora deals with treatment for a type of tzara'at which appeared occasionally on houses. Metzora also mentions ritual immersion for the first time - bathing in water in a certain manner to purify a person, cleansing him or her from a physical impurity.



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?

April 1 Vayikra April 8 Tzav April 15Chol HaMoed Passover Rabbi Newburge April 22Shemini

Rabbi Sam Joseph Leader, TBA Steve Ehrlich

April 29 May 6 May 7 May 20

Tazria/Metzora Acharei Mot/Kedoshim Deb Fave Emor Behar/Bechukotai

Rabbi Cohen Cantor Eskenasy Rabbi David

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*"WOMEN UNITE!"* Temple Emanuel Sisterhood's Retreat in Long Branch, NJ.

# Infertility Support Group from Jewish Family and Children's Service

Couples who are experiencing infertility go through much pain. You may feel that you are the only one, but you are not alone. Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern New Jersey understands your struggle and we are here to support you. Please join others in a safe, supportive environment when JFCS presents a six week Infertility Support Group, *Seeds of Hope*, on Wednesday evenings, beginning April 26, 2006 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Service, Suite 702 Birchfield Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Registration is \$90 and scholarships are available. For more information, call Rena Essrog at 856-778-7775.

Caring Community plays a vital role in our congregation and congregants' lives. One of the areas we are focusing on is *bikkur cholim*, visiting the sick. Here is one of Caring Community's success stories, a thank you note from Shirley Chess:

"Dear Rabbi Newburge,

Thank you so much for all your calls and good wishes. I really loved the card from teh 7th graders and hope you'll tell them it definately helped me feel better. And the art work was great too! Many, many thanks!"

Please contact Rabbi Geri Newburge if you would like to get involved with this special part of our Temple Emauel family. (856)489-0029 x16 or gnewburge@templeemanuel.org



# COMING ... TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU ....

# FREE TAY-SACHS AND CANAVAN SCREENING DURING MAY

**NTSAD** FREE Tay-Sachs and Canavan Screening will be available at area synagogues, community centers and hospitals throughout May. For a complete list of testing sites and times contact 215-887-0877 or <u>ntsad@aol.com</u> or visit <u>www.tay-sachs.org</u>. Carrier screening is a simple blood test performed by a certified technician and sponsored by National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association of Delaware Valley (NTSAD-DV), a nonprofit health organization. One in 35 Ashkenazi Jews is a Canavan carrier; one in 27 is a Tay-Sachs carrier.

- You must be tested for both diseases; carrier status for Tay-Sachs has no bearing on carrier status for Canavan.
- Carriers are healthy individuals. The only way to know you carry the gene defect is to be specifically tested for it.
- Both Tay-Sachs and Canavan cause progressive neurological deterioration and are fatal in childhood. No cure
  or treatment is available.
- Affected children are most often born into families with no known history of the disease. Without screening, families are unaware that the deadly gene has been passed along for generations.
- ♦ When both parents test positive for the same gene, there is a 25 percent chance with each pregnancy that their child will be born with the disease.
- Carrier couples are encouraged to consult with a genetic counselor and physician to explore their many
  options to have a healthy family.
- These diseases are most prevalent, but NOT exclusive to the Jewish population; interfaith couples and Jews
  by choice should be tested.

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# ARE YOU A CLOWN? JOIN TEMPLE EMANUEL'S NEW MITZVAH CLOWN TROUPE!

# CLOWN TRAINING APRIL 30TH 9 AM TO 4 PM

Temple Emanuel is searching for clowns with a good heart. Our new mitzvah clown troupe will go to local hospitals and nursing homes to spread humor and joy. Mitzvah Clowns, a national organization, will be coming to Temple Emanuel to run a day-long clown school. Learn clowning techniques, how to put on clown make-up and, then, visit a site for a mitzvah trip. The \$36 fee covers the cost of clown make-up and some costuming. Participants are encouraged to bring costume items that they would like to wear. For students in grades 4 and above and for adults. (It is recommended that students in grades 4 & 5 have a parent participating with them.) Mitzvah Clowns is an excellent mitzvah project for B'nai Mitzvah students!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT RABBI COHEN AT 856-489-0035 DBCOHEN@TEMPLEEMANUEL.ORG.

A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS SUPPORTING THIS CLOWN TRAINING.

# I want to be a CLOWN!

Name(s):

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Amount Included (\$36/person):

PLEASE RETURN TO TEMPLE EMANUEL, 1101 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO RETURN YOUR FORM EARLY.





# Elite Graduation April 28 at 8 pm

Come celebrate Shabbat with our 12th graders graduating from ELITE and their families. Our students will lead the service and share their reflections on this special milestone.

Benjamin Bryman Scott Faye Heather Goldsmith Andrew Jaskol Briana Kerensky Jordan Miller Abby Eron Jason Gerber David Gutbezahl Jana Karpf Janna Lambson Benjamin Shore

Jeremy Winter





# A SPECIAL PASSOVER PULL-OUT

We wish you a Joyous and Healthy Holiday!



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# Passover A Holiday of Learning



Passover has always been my favorite Jewish holiday. As a child, I looked forward to seeing my grandparents, eating the special foods and especially searching for the afikomen. As a college student with a political bent, I challenged my parents with questions about modern day slavery and oppression, suggesting new rituals and prayers for Israel and women and the environment. (During this period, I purchased "The Hagaddah of the Liberated Lamb" — a vegetarian option.)

But, as a Rabbi and Jewish educator, I have come to appreciate Passover for its emphasis on

education. The seder focuses on transmitting our traditions and values to our child. It is a wonderful learning opportunity for all ages. I urge you this year to take some time to focus on one or two readings in your Hagaddah and what they mean to you. The Hagaddah is a evolving document it is meant to be made your own.

In the spirit of education, Temple Emanuel offers you this newsletter insert about Passover. Read through for ideas about making your Passover holiday unique and special. I wish you a very happy, joyful and meaningful holiday.

# Chad Gadya – An Allegory of our History?

The traditional Passover song Chad Gadya might seem simply like another way to keep children involved during the seder. But, it may have a deeper meaning. Some scholars suggest it is in fact an allegory of Jewish history, with each verse representing a different power who controlled the Promised Land. The kid, of course, represents the people Israel. Share the following list during your Passover seder. Perhaps, older children might enjoy researching a little bit about the different nations mentioned and sharing it at the seder.

A cat came and ate the kid A dog then bit the cat The dog was beaten by a stick The stick was burned by fire Water quenched the fire An ox drank the water A shochet slaughter the ox The angel of death killed the shochet God destroys Angel of Death Assyrians Babyloniams Persians Greeks Romans Muslims The Crusaders Ottoman Empire Final Redemption

# **Just the Basics**

Pesach, known as Passover in English, is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the seder (meaning "order") and a festive meal; the prohibition of chametz (leaven); and the eating of matzah (an unleavened bread). On the eve of the fifteenth day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, we read from a book called the *hagaddah*, meaning "telling," which contains the order of prayers, rituals, readings and songs for the Pesach seder. The Pesach seder is the only ritual meal in the Jewish calendar year for which such an order is prescribed, hence its name.



The seder has a number of scriptural bases. Exodus 12:3-11 describes the meal of

lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs which the Israelites ate just prior to the Exodus. In addition, three separate passages in Exodus (12:26-7, 13:8, 13:14) and one in Deuteronomy (6:20-21) enunciate the duty of the parents to tell the story of the Exodus to their children. The seder plate contains various symbolic foods referred to in the seder itself. (From the URJ Web-Site)

# Miriam's Cup — A Partner to Elijah

A Miriam's Cup is a new ritual object that is placed on the seder table beside the Cup of Elijah. Miriam's Cup is filled with water. It serves as a symbol of Miriam's Well, which was the source of water for the Israelites in the desert. Putting a Miriam's Cup on your table is a way of making your seder more inclusive. It lets people know that at your table, the words of girls and boys, women and men, are welcome. It is also a way of drawing attention to the importance of Miriam and the

,"If it wasn't for the righteousness of women of that generation we would not have been redeemed from Egypt" (Babylonian Talmud, Sotah 9b).

other women of the Exodus story - women who have sometimes been overlooked but about whom our tradition says. There are many legends about Miriam's Well. It is said to have been a magical source of water that followed the Israelites for forty years because of the merit of Miriam. The waters of this well were said to be healing and sustaining. Thus Miriam's Cup is a symbol of all that sustains us through our own journeys, while Elijah's Cup is a symbol of a future Messianic time.

# When and how to use your Miriam's Cup?

As Miriam's Cup is still a new addition to the seder, its use is not fixed. Some fill Miriam's Cup at the very beginning of the seder. Miriam, after all, appears at the very beginning of the Exodus story (watching over her brother Moses in the Nile). Starting with Miriam's Cup is also a way of letting people know right from the beginning that your seder is going to be a fully inclusive one. Also, since Elijah's Cup comes at the end of the seder, it is nice to use the two cups as a frame for your seder and begin with Miriam.

Others fill or raise Miriam's cup after the recitation of the Ten Plagues and before dayyenu, which carries the story of the Exodus through the crossing of the Red Sea and into the wilderness, moments during which Miriam played an important role. Others use Miriam's Cup along with Elijah's Cup towards the close of the seder, with Elijah representing the herald of the messiah, and Miriam, a prophet urging us to do the work to bring about redemption. Another suggestion is to close the seder by passing around Miriam's Cup for every one to take a drink, and commit to carrying the seder's themes with them beyond the night of the seder.

# **Know Your Terms**

Pesach - Passover.

Seder - Literally: order; refers to program of prayers and rituals for the home celebration.

Haggadah (pl. Haggadot) - Literally: telling. It is our duty to tell the story of Passover, particularly to the children.

Matzah - The unleavened bread eaten in recollection of the hurried departure from Egypt. The eating of matzah is obligatory only at the seder. During the rest of Pesach, one may abstain from matzah as long as all chamets is avoided.

*Chamets* - Leavened bread and anything made with wheat, rye, barley, oats, and spelt unless supervised to ensure that it has not leavened.

The Four Cups - Each has a specific place in the service. The first serves as the Kiddush; the second is taken at the conclusion of the first part of the seder; the third is the cup marking the conclusion of the grace after the meal; the fourth cup comes at the conclusion of the seder. The four cups are said to refer to the promises of redemption made by God to Israel.

The Four Questions - Questions asked at the seder. The answers to the questions form the rest of the Haggadah. **The Cup of Elijah** - Elijah is the herald of the Messianic Era when justice and peace will be realized.

*Karpas* - A green herb such as parsley or a green vegetable such as celery or watercress. It symbolizes spring.

*Maror* - The bitter herbs such as horseradish symbolizing the bitter plight of the enslaved Israelites.

*Charoset* - A mixture of fruits, nuts, and wine. Its color and consistency is a reminder of the bricks and mortar used by the Israelite slaves. **Shank Bone** - Symbolic of the paschal sacrifice.

**Egg** - Represents the additional Passover festive offering, the "*chagigah*," in the Temple.

Afikoman - A Greek word meaning "dessert." We make the matzah the official dessert of the seder meal. To keep the children alert during the seder, the *afikoman* is hidden. The children find it and the leader of the seder must redeem it.

# Remember Darfur This Passover

Slavery and genocide still exist today in the Darfur region of Sudan. This year, remember the people of Darfur during your Passover Seder. In this issue of the Light, you will find an envelope with prayers for Darfur to be read at Passover and a Tzedakah box to fill at the Passover Seder for the people of Darfur. Please include Darfur this year at your Seder.

# The Search is On — For Chametz A Great Ritual for Children

Searching for Chametz (leavened bread) on the night before Passover and burning it on the day of Passover is fun tradition for all ages. Children, though, especially enjoy it. Many families do not do this ritual because they do not know about it. Here are the details.

# Here's How:

- After nightfall on the night before the Passover Seder, we search our homes for chametz (leavened grain products).
- Prepare a candle, a feather or old toothbrush, some newspaper, and a small bag.
- Place pieces of hard chametz that does not make crumbs (a bit of bread can be used) in ten different places around the house. The chametz can be wrapped in paper.

Turn off the lights in the house, and light the candle.

Recite: "Blessed are you Adonoy our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to burn chametz."

During the search, it is only permitted to talk about things directly related to the search.

- Walking with the lit candle, search through every room in the house, looking in all corners, for chametz.
- When a piece of chametz is found, use the feather or toothbrush to sweep it into the newspaper. Put all the found chametz into the bag.
- When all the chametz has been found and gathered, the following is said: "Any leaven that may still be in the house, which I have not seen or have not removed, shall be as if it does not exist, like the dust of the earth."

In the morning, the chametz is burned.

Before burning chametz, recite: "All leaven and anything leavened that is in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, observed it or not, removed it or not, shall be considered nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth."

# 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.

# **Temple Emanuel**

Please sign me up for the Chocolate Seder:Family Name:Telephone Number:# of Adults:# of Children:Amount Enclosed:\$5/Individual\$10/Family

# Please Join Us for<sup>2</sup>Temple Emanuel's **Pre-School Prom!**



*Sunday* April 30, 2006 **4-7pm** 

Dress Up or Not! Just Join Us!

All families, friends and children are welcome to this community-wide event in Temple Emanuel's Social Hall.

The evening will include buffet-style dinner, dancing, prizes, photography, a basket raffle and much more... Proceeds directly benefit our Pre-School

For more information, please call Jeanie at 856-489-0034 or Loren at 856-810-0454. Purchases made prior to Friday April 7, 2006will include 5 free raffle tickets. Please drop form and check for payment to Jeanie in the Pre-School office or mail to:The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel1101 Springdale RoadCherry HillNJ08003

Family Name:

Phone Number:

Ticket Prices: \$18 for 1-2 people, \$36 for 3-4 people, \$52 for 5-6 people

Number of Children attending age 2 years and under (Free Admission)

- Number of Children attending age 3-12 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Teens and Adults attending
  - We would like an appointment for formal family portraits between 3-4 pm. We have enclosed the sitting fee of \$35.

We have enclosed \$15 for a CD of the candid pictures that will be taken during the event by Blue Jeans Photography.

Total Enclosed:	(Please make checks payable to Temple Email	nuel)

Please reserve our table for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

We would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

(We will be seating tables of 10.)

# Temple Emanuel

# April 2, 2006 10 -11:30 am

Both Sunday School sessions (Pre-School Sunday-6th grade) will meet together at 10 am in the Social Hall, where they will join our Rabbis and Cantor in celebration of the festival of Passover. <u>Please do</u> <u>not bring your child before 10 am. Students should look</u> for their teachers at their class designated table(s).

Parents are encouraged to attend this special event. However, please allow all students to take

their seats before filling in empty spaces. Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to

# Note the Schedule Change

Sponsored by: Temple Emanuel Sisterhood



Summer 2006 Fun PACT(Parent and Child Together) Classes

The Pre-School XX At XX Temple Emanuel

Ima (Mommy) and Me (Infants up to 9 months)

- Do you have a baby between birth and 9 months?
- Are you looking for fun and informative mornings out with your baby?
- Do you want to meet other moms and babies?

volunteer, please call Bonnie Sharps at 986-0415.

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Temple Emanuel's *Ima (Mommy) & Me* class is for you. It is a class for moms and their babies between birth and 9 months of age to get together and have a great time. The whole spectrum of fun is covered from songs to finger plays, to music, and information. Each week a speaker will present information and materials relevant to this age level. Topics may include safety, dental health, and developmentally appropriate toys to name a few.

# Awaken Your Senses (9 months to 15 months)

The program will focus on gross and fine motor activities that will stimulate your child's senses, peak curiosity, and encourage exploration. In addition to providing a playful, active and comfortable environment that promotes positive socialization for the children, it is our hope that this class will provide a relaxed setting that promotes a sense of community for parents and caregivers of same-age children.

# Toddler Territory (15 – 28 months)

Each week an exciting theme will be explored at every sensory level of development. Enjoy songs, activities, and fun as you and your child meet new friends. Toddler Territory is a wonderful introduction to our Pre-School program. This is a delightful age, so come explore this territory and savor the experience.

> We hope you will use our PACT classes as a meeting place from which play groups, play dates and new family friendships will evolve. Temple Emanuel Membership is not required. Please call us at 856-489-0034 For Information on Dates and Times





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@templeemanul.org.

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# Shabbat Simcha April 14 8pm

Join us for the re-consecration of your marriage vows on this special Shabbat.

It is traditional to reconsecrate ones vows on the Shabbat during Pesach. Please join us on the bimah and under the Huppah for this *Shabbat of Love*. As our celebratory gift you will have the opportunity to take a couples' picture under our beautiful Huppah.

RSVP to the Receptionist at (856)489-0029 x 10, or receptionist@templleemanuel.org



The Aleph Bet Family Club is a social club for families with young children affiliated with Temple Emanuel and the Pre-School at Temple Emanuel. Our events are also open to members of the greater Community.

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

RSVP by sending a check, made payable to Temple Emanuel, to 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, or dropping your payment off to the synagogue or pre-school office.

Please register us for the Aleph-Bet Pizza Party: Family Name: Phone Number: # of Adults: # of Children over 3: Amount of Money Included:

# YOM HASHOAH PROJECT

# "FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WE MUST BEAR WITNESS." (Eli Wiesel)

**WHAT:** The Social Action Committee is sponsoring our annual clean up of the Holocaust Memorial Monument.

WHEN: April 23 from 9 am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Cooper River Park - The monument is across the street from the former Temple Emanuel.

**WHO:** We need volunteers to assist with the annual maintenance of the beds surrounding the monument. Please bring your "green thumbs" and garden tools and join us as we beautify the monument and memorialize those who died.

Please contact the temple office if you plan to attend at:(856) 489-0029. We will gladly accept donations to be used for maintaining the monument. Such donations should be made to Temple Emanuel and designated for the Holocaust Memorial.



QUESTIONS? Contact Stephanie Rossschleper247@comcast.net



There is no greater role than to be a teacher. . .

# Temple Emanuel's Shabbat Morim Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

# May 5

7 pm Tot Shabbat Honoring for Pre-School

7:30 Family Service Honoring for Religious School & Adult Education 3rd Grade Honoring

Musical Contributions from our Students & Children's Choir

# TEMPLE EMANUEL APRIL 2006

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# Golf Outing

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

# Wednesday Pl June 7, 2006 Go

Registration: 7 AM Shotgun Start: 8 AM



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For more information contact Steve@cyberEhrlich.com 856-424-6669

## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Temple Funds provide a beautiful way to remember someone special and at the same time, help to maintain several worthwhile synagogue projects. Deadline for insertion in The Light is the first day of the previous month. Minimum contribution is \$10.

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# Rabbi E Newburge's C Jim Cohen's Sephardic Brisket

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2 dried pasilla chiles
1 4-pound brisket
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste Flour for dredging
1/4 cup olive oil
2 onions, diced
2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger
4 cups chicken or beef stock or water
1 cup orange juice
1 cinnamon stick
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon peppercorns
4 tea bags from strong black tea
2 cups dried pitted prunes

2 cups dried apricots

 Soak the peppers in lukewarm water for 30 minutes. Seed, remove the stems and chop into tiny pieces.

2. Season the brisket with the salt and pepper and dredge with flour. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy roasting pan and brown the brisket on all sides. Remove from the pan.

3. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

4. In the same pan, over medium heat, sauté the onions and ginger until the onions are transparent. Add the pepper and deglaze with the orange juice. Reduce for a few minutes. Add the brisket and enough stock or water to cover. Add the cinnamon stick, bay leaf and peppercorns. Cook, uncovered, until the brisket is tender, about 3 hours, turning at half hour intervals. Remove the cinnamon stick and bay leaf. Puree the sauce in a food processor or blender.

5. Cool and refrigerate a few hours or overnight. Remove the congealed fat that float on the top of the liquid.

6. A half hour before serving, bring about 4 cups water to a boil. Steep the tea bags in the water to make a strong tea. Discard the tea bags. Put the prunes and apricots in the tea to plump for about half an hour. Then drain them. Reheat the brisket, the sauce, and the plumped fruit. Serve with saffron rice, mashed potatoes, or couscous.

Yield: 8 servings From: Jewish Cooking In America With Joan Nathan



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Passover 2006

Dear Member of the Temple Emanuel Family,

As we celebrate the liberation of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt at Passover, it is customary to think of others who are oppressed. This year at Temple Emanuel, we have undertaken a project for Passover designed to focus attention on the humanitarian crisis that currently exists in Darfur, Sudan.

Please take a few minutes prior to your Passover Seders to review the enclosed information about the situation in Darfur. We hope that after doing so, you will be moved to join us in incorporating information about those who are suffering today in Darfur into your Seders. It is our hope that in this way we can raise awareness and inspire people to act to ameliorate the situation. We are also attempting to raise money to aid the refugees.

We wish you and your family a joyous Pesach celebration. May you be surrounded by loved ones as you recount the history of the Jewish people. As you count your personal blessings, may you be inspired to take action to help those who are not so fortunate this Passover season.

L'Shalom,

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace prizewinner once said, referring to the victims of genocide, "Let us remember what hurts the victim most, is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." Therefore, it is essential that we put our empathy for the victims in Darfur into action. We can only wonder how many Jews would have been saved during the Holocaust if the world had been awakened from its slumber of indifference sooner.

- 1. Place the tzedakah box provided with this packet on your Seder table as a reminder to make a donation of one dollar per participant at your Seder to the **Dollars for Darfur** campaign. Please make donations payable to Temple Emanuel and designate the donation on the memo line to the Dollars for Darfur campaign. Forward your collected donations to the Temple office.
- 2. Sign and mail the **Million Voices for Darfur** postcards that we have provided in the packet. This is a national campaign to urge President Bush to take a leadership role in forming a multinational force to protect the people of Darfur.
- 3. Come to the **Million Voices for Darfur Rally** to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the Temple office for the specifics regarding the bus that will be going to join the national rally to focus attention on the genocide in Darfur.
- 4. Buy and wear a **Dolls for Darfur** pin. The pins are being sold by Temple Emanuel's Social Action committee and our teenagers in the Religious School. Use it as a conversation starter to educate others about the crisis.
- 5. Educate yourself about the crisis by visiting the following websites: <u>www.savedarfur.org</u>, <u>www.ajws.org</u>, <u>www.jewishsouthjersey.org</u>.

Wishing you a Happy Passover filled with security, love and freedom.

# **Temple Emanuel Passover Project**

# Darfur: A Present Day Story of Genocide and Slavery

We gather each year with our family and friends at Passover Seders, to celebrate the delivery of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt over 3,000 years ago. We are commanded to retell the story year after year as a reminder that freedom is precious and is not to be taken for granted. We are also reminded that we each have a responsibility to take action to fight against oppression that exists in the world. Jews are taught that indifference is a sin. We must not stand by as the blood of our brothers is spilled!

Unfortunately, oppression is alive and well in the world today. In fact, just south of the site of the ancient exodus of the Jewish people in Egypt, in the province of Darfur, Sudan, there exists oppression of monumental proportions. For the past three years, the region has been plagued by a humanitarian crisis that has left an estimated 300,000 African people dead and 2,000,000 displaced from their homes. In addition, an estimated 500 refugees per day are dying from disease, malnutrition and attacks at the hands of Arab Muslims known as the Janjaweed. This militia has been enlisted by the Sudanese government to "cleanse" Darfur of its ethnic, African population.

During our Seders we recount how God intervened to deliver the Hebrews from slavery. In our day passively waiting for divine intervention to cure the ills of the world is not an option. God has given us free will to act justly and instructed us in the Torah not to commit the sin of indifference. As God's partners on earth, we must speak up for those whose cries are not being heard from Darfur! As we celebrate our freedom from oppression so long ago in Egypt, let us put our thoughts into action by helping those fighting for their lives so close geographically to the site of our delivery from slavery.

# A MOTHER'S KISS

In Cherry Hill, NJ, a mother kisses her sleeping child good night, She gazes at the angelic face and smiles with delight.

Thousands of miles away in Darfur, Sudan, a mother kisses her sleeping child good night,

She gazes at the gaunt, little face and trembles with fright.

In Cherry Hill, NJ, a mother kisses her child as he leaves for school the next day,

She calls, "Do well on your test, and remember, after school you have a date to play."

In Darfur, Sudan, a mother kisses her child at the start of a new day, "Stay close to me," she warns. "If they come, grab your baby sister, and run away."

Later that day in New Jersey, the child bounds off the bus and runs home for a snack,

In Darfur the child has no food, and his home is gone because his family was attacked.

At dinnertime, the child in New Jersey says, "Mom, I had a very bad day," "I got two wrong on my test, I hated my lunch, and my best friend could not play."

In Darfur, Sudan there was no dinner, and the hungry child cried, "I had a bad day,"

"My father, brothers and sisters were killed by strangers, only mom and I got away."

That night, in Cherry Hill, NJ, the mother tucked her child into bed, "I promise to love and protect you as long as I live," she said.

In Darfur, "I love you, but I can't protect you, and I don't know how long I will live," the mother's cries,

She prays that the other mothers of the world will somehow hear her, "Please somebody help us before my whole family dies!"

# PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN DARFUR

Please consider starting a new tradition at your Seder this year. Place a bowl of sliced radishes on your Seder table. After eating the Hillel sandwich, distribute the radishes to all participants. Pass a bowl of salt water around the table.

# **RECITE THE FOLLOWING:**

The red color of the radish symbolizes the blood of the innocent people that has been spilled.

The bitter taste represents the hardship that the people of Darfur and the oppressed everywhere are facing.

The salt water represents the tears being shed by all who are being oppressed.

Dip the radishes in the salt water and eat.

# **RECITE THE FOLLOWING PRAYER:**

What shall I ask You for, God?
I have everything.
I sit here in the comfort of my home surrounded by loved ones.
I sit here celebrating my freedom and security.
There is nothing that I lack.
Therefore, I ask for only one thing.
I ask this not for myself alone;
It's for all of the mothers, fathers and children everywhere.
Not just in this land, but in all lands hostile to each other.
I would like to ask for peace, tolerance and harmony.
Yes, it's peace and freedom I want for all.
I vow to do my part to achieve this.

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