## Temple Emanuel

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

need our high school students!

During the four days of teacher's convention, a group of high school volunteers, a few chaperones, and I will travel to Baltimore to do *tikun olam* (fixing the world). Our time will be spent volunteering for two truly impor-

tant organizations and causes. One is Project PLASE, a transitional home to help rehabilitate individuals as they reenter the work force, the other is an environmental project to protect and preserve land.

In addition, we will celebrate Shabbat with Jewish teens from the area. The trip includes social time with these peers as well as an outing in Baltimore (Inner Harbor) on Saturday night. If your high school student is interested, please contact me at (856) 489-0029 x16 or <u>gnewburge@templeemanuel.org</u>. This is a thrilling opportunity for everyone. I know of no other similar opportunity that exists for our teenagers. You don't want to miss this exciting time (and help others)!

Rabbi Israel Salanter said, "One should be more concerned with spiritual than with material matters, but another person's material welfare is one's spiritual concern." Our kids will experience this first hand. Join me for this amazing trip. You'll want to be part of this unique social action and fun experience.

Shanah tovah! A sweet, happy, & healthy New Year to you!

JOIN US.... HELP US WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS AT A SHABBAT FAMILY DINNER AND SERVICE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. SHABBAT DINNER - 6 PM NEW MEMBER SHABBAT - 8 PM Shirei HaYeladim (our Children's Choir) will participate in the Service

We will have an Arts and Crafts table for our children at the dinner Our New Members will be our guests at dinner and will receive a Shabbat gift from our Temple.

Reservation form can be found in this issue of The Light.

### COME TO A "FUN-RAISER" EVENT

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TEMPLE EMANUEL KARAOKE IDOL NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

8 pm - HORS D'OEURVRES 9pm-MIDNIGHT - BUFFET AND DESSERT BYOB, Set-up provided

NO TALENT REQUIRED OR TURNED AWAY!!!

Audience decides the winger so bring your cheering section!!!!

\$35 per person

Come and have a great evening, singing, laughing and having fun.

See enclosed flyer

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Celebrating our past...Committing to our future



C elebrations abound in the month of October, both personally and at Temple Emanuel. As Matt and I celebrate our son Philip's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday we wonder where did the years go? Our last baby is going to be old enough to drive a car. So now we have to worry about another Hoff child out on the roads. I'm sure many of you know exactly how we feel.

I also celebrate my birthday this month (we don't have to go there). I remember when years seemed to take so long to go by and now they're over in a blink. I'm just thankful to make it to another one -- with almost the same color hair as last year. With fall in full pursuit and the beach and the hot summer becoming a distant memory, I have found sharing the balance of the holidays with you especially fulfilling.

Sukkot is always magical. Rabbi Debbie Cohen has created so many ways for you and your family to celebrate this holiday. "Pizza in the Hut," a Sukkah Hop and an old-fashioned Hayride and campfire are all planned, hopefully under a full harvest moon. I encourage you to join us and enjoy this wonderful holiday, Temple Emanuel style.

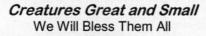
PRESIDENT'S Message

Just one week later, one of my favorite holidays, Simchat Torah, takes place in our Sanctuary. The Consecration of our Kindergarten students is the evening's highlight. Although my own children participated so long ago, I still attend each year just to see the little ones on the Bima receiving their own mini Torahs. It never fails; at least one of the kids opens the scroll to see how long they are!! I still have my mini Torah from so long ago in Kansas City, Missouri.

When the holidays are over, our clergy and staff will probably take a sigh of relief, but for the rest of us, the holidays are just the beginning of an exciting program year chock full of activities and offerings to excite and titillate.

The very first, **Temple Emanuel Idol!** -- A FUN Raiser will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Co-chaired by Adrienne and Rob Mintz, the committee has been working throughout summer to create a funfilled social evening. Come and meet new friends or bring along your old friends – just come!! We will have karaoke for singing along with, good food and drink (BYOB) and most importantly, we will have a good time. Thankfully, no talent is required, so I hope you will join me in a song!

Make 5767 the year you become more active at Temple Emanuel and find more of what you are looking for. L'Shalom,





On the week that we read about Noah's Ark, we will create our own Noah's Ark – right here at Temple Emanuel. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, goldfish, iguana, ferret. . . for a special Blessing of the Pets on **October 29 at 1:30 pm** in the temple parking lot.

Please, if your pet would not have done well on Noah's Ark (if he or she is aggressive or unfriendly to strangers), do not bring him or her to the Blessing of the Pets.

If you plan on participating, please RSVP to (856) 489-0029.

We will be collecting animal food and toys to donate to the local shelter.



### Tell me and I forget; show me and I remember; involve me and I understand. - Anonymous

Memo from MAYDA

Involvement. What does it mean to be involved at Temple Emanuel? Does it mean that you are concerned for our Temple community and the future of the Jewish people? Does it mean that our mission – to insure the perpetuation of the Jewish people and to cultivate a love of our Jewish heritage: God, Torah and Israel – resonates for you? Consider this your personal invitation to become involved and find what so many have already found -the power of community.

This month, I am beginning my 8<sup>th</sup> year as Executive Director at Temple Emanuel. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with countless devoted, caring, capable dedicated members involved in areas and issues that interest them. There are no code words or special handshakes. All members are invited and encouraged to become involved and begin to understand the sense of belonging that comes with involvement. The formula is simple -- raise your hand when volunteers are sought, make a phone call to the office or to one of the clergy or members of the Board of Trustees, send an e-mail to me at <u>mayda@templeemanuel.org</u> or just walked up and join in. Please consider what part you want to play in our future, and like the Nike folks say – Just Do It!!

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Temple Emanuel depends on the involvement of as many members as possible. The opportunities for participation are infinite. Our clergy and officers are always eager to speak with you about your interests and help guide your energies in the right direction. Synagogue membership mirrors the effort one puts into other aspects of one's life. You get out of it what you put into it.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you often at Temple Emanuel.

B'Shalom,

Mayda

### Calling All Bookworms

If you love reading, join us at the Temple Emanuel Book Club. Each month, Rabbi Geri Newburge, Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, discuss a popular book with Jewish interest. To fit your schedule, the book will be discussed twice, once on Sunday and once on Monday. You need only come to one of the discussions. Call 856-489-0029 to Register. Contact Rabbi Cohen for a full year's calendar.

Upcoming books:

October 22 & 23 – Rabbi Deborah Cohen, Rashi's Daughters: Book 1 - Joheved by Maggie Anton

Rashi, one of the greatest Jewish scholars who ever lived, had no sons, only three daughters. Much has been written about Rashi and his grandsons, the Tosafot, but almost nothing of his daughters. Legend has it that they were learned in a time when women were forbidden to study the sacred texts. Rashi's Daughters tells the story of these forgotten women.

November 19 & 20 - Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, The Bread Givers by Anzia Yezierska

Conscious of her outsider status, a Polish immigrant Anzia Yezierski, a writer in a foreign language, a Jewish female, takes us inside an early twentieth-century American immigrant Jewish family, a family without a son to lighten their load or brighten their lives. Sarah, the narrator, describes with urgency and in detail the lives she, her sisters, and her mother live to support their revered, torah-reading father: their crowded shared rooms so he can study undisturbed; the numerous jobs all but he work to maintain the family and support his books, charities, and manner of dress; his constant and often impossible demands. Through profuse and perceptive dialogue, Anzia Yezierska brings to life a heritage whose strength, wisdom, and idiom continue, seventy years later, to enrich North American culture and language.





Dear friends,

A swe enter this new Jewish Year, we think of the many things that make being Jewish unique. Is it the holidays, the food, Israel, our rich musical heritage? Yes, yes, yes and yes! Being Jewish is different for every person. For some it is going to an Israeli restaurant for a felafel. For others it is lighting Chanukah candles, eating latkes or studying Torah. For some it is the comfort of our prayers and songs and for still others it is simply being together with other Jews. One can never have experienced or know everything about Judaism. It is far too broad and all-encompassing. We can only hope to know how much we don't know. I encourage you in this new season to try something new whether it be trying Torah study on a Saturday morning, having a meal at the local deli,

considering joining our Temple choir or attending a service you haven't been at before.

### Am Yisrael Chai. The People of Israel lives!

**Cantor Peter** 

### MEMBERSHIP By Robin Miller

I want to share an experience with you. A few years ago I was one of the Adult Education Committee co-chairs. We wanted to offer a Yiddish class. The first language my dad spoke was Yiddish, so I ASKED him if he would teach aYiddish Class at Temple Emanuel. He was happy to do it, but he warned me that he was not joining MY TEMPLE. After all, he was raised Orthodox and it was just not gonna happen.

I ASKED my mom one day a few years ago to help me everyday for a week at the Temple, because I had volunteered to co-chair an Israeli Art Show. She rearranged everything she had scheduled and came to Temple Emanuel everyday for a week. She worked very hard just because I ASKED her to.

My dad loves his Yiddish class. He loves the people who come to the class. He takes a lot of time off from work to prepare his lessons. Both of my parents have made many new friends. They attend Yiddish class together where they speak Yiddish, laugh and sing on top of their lungs.

Recently, I ASKED my dad to put together a Klezmer band for the last Shabbat in August. Temple Emanuel did not have a Klezmer band of their own, but many people have ASKED for one. The last week of August is a very busy time. Kids come home from camp and families take their vacations that weekend. It is also the time many other families are taking their kids to college. Much of the congregation was busy or away.

Many musicians were away. The week before August 25th we had 17 people signed up for our Shabbat dinner and only half of a Klezmer band. My dad ASKED every musician he knew and was finally able to put together a Klezmer band. I was so moved and inspired that I had our new membership phone squad call and ASK our new members to please come to this event. We sent out flyers ASKING everyone to come to this event. My dad emailed his Yiddish class and ASKED them to come as well.

The result was an incredible evening of casual dining and Klezmer music. My own grand mom sang some Sophie Tucker songs. We served Shabbat dinner to over 140 people that evening. The best part of the evening was that musicians came to play; people came to eat, sing and go to services. My parents have become members and love OUR temple.

I am ASKING each of you to enjoy your membership. Take advantage of all we have to offer. ASK your friends to join you. This is how we get things done.

## **News From**

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## RABBI NEWBURGE

Rock is strong But iron shatters it. Fire melts iron; Water extinguishes fire; Clouds carry away water, And wind drives away clouds; Man can withstand the wind, But fear conquers man; Wine dispels fear, But sleep overcomes wine. And death rules over sleep. But more powerful than all ten Are sweet acts of charity and lovingkindness.

Rabbi Judah bar Ila'i

hese words were recorded by Rabbi Judah bari Ila'i after witnessing the martyrdom of his beloved teacher Rabbi Akiba. As the High Holy Days come to a close. thoughts of a renewed connection with ourselves. others, and our Judaism are fresh in our minds. Nowhere do we see Rabbi Judah's words apply more aptly than in the realm of our Caring Community. We have two truly dedicated chairs, Robin Miller and Adrienne Mintz, who are doing an outstanding job coordinating all of our activities; these activities include meals for those who are ill/have had a recent death in the family, helping people who need rides to services or appointments, and focusing on support for our children and parents.

WE need YOU to get involved with Caring Community, or feel you are in need of its services, please do not hesitate to get in touch

with me (gnewburge@templeemanuel.org, 856-489-0029 x16). Best wishes for a healthy and happy year!

Chicken Soup for the Temple Emanuel Soul

October 19<sup>th</sup> Come Cook, with us At 7pm. It's good for the soul!



The image of Grandma's chicken soup conjures up wonderful smells, delicious tastes and the sweetest memories. Help Temple Emanuel bring some of that goodness to fellow members who may be going through a difficult time. The Social Action committee needs your help preparing chicken soup with all its healing powers for the body and the soul. Spend the evening cooking, sharing tales and making friends while doing a mitzvah. Bring the family and join us as we chop some veggies, put the chicken in the pot, roll the matzo balls and let it simmer, you'll be glad you did!

RSVP by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> via email to Stephanie <u>Wgbunch8@aol.com</u> or phone Rhea 856 346 3620.

## Adult Education Offerings To register for a course, call 489-0029.

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### Adult Confirmation with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD, Rabbi Geri Newburge and Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen

### Tuesdays, 8-9 pm, beginning October 10

Our Adult Confirmation Program revolves around the three pillars of our faith: God, Torah and Israel. We will study each one to better understand Judaism and to explore our personal faith. Developing personal reflections – written, artistic or verbal – on these topics will be at the core of our program. Our year will climax with a Confirmation of Faith ceremony. We will also take field trips to Platt Memorial Chapel and the Sons of Israel Mikvah to study our traditions. **Open to All Jewish Adults at Temple Emanuel**. You do not need to have had a Bat or Bar Mitzvah and you do not need to read Hebrew. If you were Confirmed as teenager, you can revisit the experience and still participate.

### Big Al's Yiddish Club with Al Rubin Thurdays, 7:30-9 pm, Begins October 5

•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. No boring drills. No memorization of words or conjugation of verbs. 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.

### Jewish Humor with Rabbi Richard Levine Five Tuesdays, 7-8 pm

An opportunity to see how humor has enabled our people to laugh at ourselves, our community and our accomplishments, as well as confront the sorrows and setbacks of life, both personal and communal. This is a serious study filled with many chances to smile and to laugh. October 10, 17, 24, November 7, 14

### Mishkan T'filah: The New Reform Siddur with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD, Rabbi Geri Newburge and Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen

Approximately every other Tuesday throughout the year, 1-2 pm, begins in October The Reform movement has adopted a new siddur, *Mishkan T'filah*. Join us in exploring the history and contents of this new siddur. Build familiarity with this new prayer book and grow comfortable praying from it. Hebrew is not required for this class. October 10 & 24

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

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Approximately every other Tuesday throughout the year, noon— 1 pm, beginning in October 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. October 10 & 24

### Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Geri Newburge

Approximately every other Tuesday, 1-2 pm, begins in October and extends to May 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. October 17 & 31

### Introduction to Hebrew with Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen

### Tuesdays, noon-1 pm

Learn to decipher Hebrew and start building prayer book reading skills. An introductory course for the novice Hebrew reader. Textbook fee. Begins October 24.

### Workshops & Movies 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! Session 1: September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 16, 30, December 7, 14 Session 2: begins January 4 Session 3: begins March 29 Fee: \$55/ session

### Gefilte Flicks Movie Series: Ushpizin with Steve Lubetkin Sunday, October 8, 7 pm

Join us for the first movies of our series. *Ushpizin* is a critically acclaimed movie from Israel. Set during the Sukkot holiday, *Ushpizin* takes a revealing and humorous look at the lives of Ultra-Orthodox Jews learning and loving in modern Israel. No need to register.



by Stephanie Ross V.P. Social Action

"Time is money," the expression goes. I can't help but wonder that if time were money, would we be so careless with it? Imagine that if instead of being given 1,440 minutes each day, \$1,440 dollars were deposited into each and every one of our bank accounts each day.

As the song from the hit musical, "Rent" goes, 525,600 minutes, or for the purposes of this illustration, \$525,600 into each of our bank accounts each year. Most of us would agree that if we were each given \$525,600 per year, we would have more than enough to live comfortably and to still have enough to help others in need. Shouldn't the same hold true for time? With over half a million minutes put into our "time banks" each year, shouldn't we all have enough time to do all of the things that we need to do in our lives and still have time to spare to lend a helping hand to someone less fortunate? When you look at it this way, I think you'd agree that even the busiest person should be able to spare a few moments for acts of Gemilut Hasadim (acts of lovingkindness.) Considering the state of the world today, can we really afford not to? After all, how much time does it take to call a sick or elderly friend, relative or congregant, or to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store to donate to the Food Bank?

We live in a complicated world with countless problems. It is easy to feel insignificant because the problems feel insurmountable. Just imagine the power we have in our numbers. We have over 3,000 congregants at Temple Emanuel. Each of us is given 525,600 minutes a year to spend. Collectively, that's more than 1.5 billion minutes each year. When you look at it this way we don't seem so insignificant, do we? One can only imagine how many casseroles could be made for a homeless shelter, letters could be written to soldiers or phone calls to sick congregants could be made in that amount of time! We have the power to make a difference if we spend our time wisely!

At this season we reflect on the past year and look ahead to how we can improve ourselves during the coming year. As you assess your own life, please consider making a withdrawal from your daily time bank to help someone in need. Is there anyone who cannot spare say 120 minutes of their 525,600 minutes during the next year to give back to the community? Please make your commitment of time by completing the form below, and returning it to the office. If you make that resolution today, the Social Action and Caring Community committees at Temple Emanuel resolve to do our best to provide you with a host of opportunities throughout the year to fulfill the mitzvah of Gemilut Hasadim.

### NO TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

Temple Emanuel makes your commitment as easy as banking online!

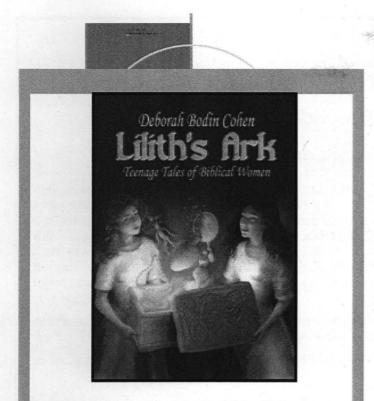
Your yearly bank of time is precious — both to you and to those who would benefit from your volunteerism. Temple Emanuel makes your effort as simple as an online banking transfer of time to a worthy cause.

Throughout the year, the Social Action and Caring Community committees will provide a variety of convenient, meaningful ways that you can make a difference in the community, while enriching your own life too.

TO MAKE YOUR TRANSFER OF VOLUNTEER TIME, PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW!

I pledge to donate hours of my time to Temple Emanuel volunteer opportunities in 5767/2006			
Name:			
Phone:	E-mail:		

Drop this form in the Volunteerism Box or mail to Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



Mazel Tov to Rabbi Debbie Cohen on the publication of her new book, Lilith's Ark, Teenage tales of Biblical Women.

Rabbi Debbie Cohen will be presenting her book and speaking about her journey as a children's author at the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Meeting on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 pm.

Also, she will do a reading from the book at Family Shabbat Services on Friday, November 3 at 7:30 pm.

We are proud that Rabbi Cohen's book has been published by the Jewish Publication Society. JPS is the oldest publisher of Jewish titles in the English language.



INTERFAITH COUPLES GROUP

Become part of our Interfaith Couples Group

Join us for a get-together on Sunday, October 22 at 7 pm

at the home of Marni and Brian Mount.

Peggy and Jerry David will lead a discussion on

"Raising Children in an Interfaith Home"

We'll share our thoughts, have some lively discussion and enjoy some coffee and dessert together.



Please call (856) 489-0029, x10 to RSVP and for directions

## SENIOR SCENE

By Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

e always look forward to our annual Senior Shabbat Dinner and Senior Shabbat Service. It is always an enjoyable evening spent with our Temple family. We eat, we talk, and after dinner, we retreat to our Temple's Sanctuary for a Service led by members of the Senior Executive Board. Make a note of the date, so you do not miss it: Friday, October 20, at 6:30 pm.

We have arranged something new for this year's event. The Temple bus taking people to the evening Service will pick up at an earlier time, making it possible for Seniors to attend the dinner. If you plan to come with the bus, make sure you inform the Temple by calling (856) 489-0029.

There are many enjoyable events to celebrate this month: we start with Sukkot, and then Simchat Torah. Try to partake in as many as you can.



### Ruth B. Wolf Archive Center

ar-chives - n.pl. a place where public records or other historical documents are kept.

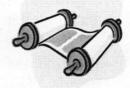
Taking this description and applying it to basic Temple Emanuel, we seek members of the congregation to provide from their collections multiple items. Are you in possession of any flyers announcing <u>congregational activities</u> (not the arms of the congregation), pictures of historic events and the personnel associated with them, documents and artifacts? These items and similar records are sought to enhance the collection in our Archive Room. We respectfully ask that all photos submitted be dated and fully identified on the back. If you care to part with such items, please present them at the Temple office. Our archivists will integrate them into the existing files. They will then be available to persons seeking information about Temple Emanuel's rich history, including those who might need such data for college dissertations or theses.

We are now in the process of better organizing the available past history records on hand. Access to the Archives is available upon written requests, specifying specific date(s) and time(s).

Acting archivists, Nancy and Edgar Wolf, Jr. may be reached at (856) 235-5935 should you have any questions or comments.

### B'nai Mitzvot – October

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Saturday, Oct. 7	Bar Mitzvah of JORDAN SAMUEL GREENE Son of Liz and Bennett Greene
•	Bat Mitzvah of KATHRYN JAN MILLER Daughter of Maria Mendez and Michael Miller
	Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of DAVID AARON PAISNER Son of Jodi and Steven Paisner
Saturday, Oct. 14	Bar Mitzvah of DANIEL PHILLIP BERGER Son of Lisa and David Berger
	Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of LINDSEY MORGAN DUBOFF Daughter of Bonnie and Gary Duboff
Saturday, Oct. 21	Bat Mitzvah of ALYXANDRA SOLOWAY Daughter of Deborah Soloway
	Bat Mitzvah of SARA MECHANIC Daughter of Karen and Steven Mechanic
	Bat Mitzvah of SHAYNA COHEN Daughter of Mary Lou and David Cohen
Saturday, Oct. 28	Bar Mitzvah of ZACHARY MASON GOLDBERG Son of Sara and Arnold Goldberg
	Bar Mitzvah of KENNETH BRANDON ROSENBLATT Son of Donna Rosenblatt and Jay Rosenblatt



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### Membership/Caring Community By Adrienne Mintz and Robin Miller

During the High Holidays we take inventory of our lives. We reflect on the year that has past and make plans for the future. The Membership/Caring Community Committee is doing just that. We are taking the time to review the progress that has been made during the short time we have been in existence and prepare for the future.

It seems that in just six action-packed months we have grown in many directions. The Membership/Caring Community Committee has taken a survey of our congregants and has implemented the programs our congregants were asking for.

We have selected two major areas to build upon. First, the area of Sacred Aging, and second, Parenting- and Childrelated issues.

Under the Sacred Aging umbrella we have set up various committees of service. A Transportation Committee for those who need rides to Services or have a special situation where we can be of assistance. A committee who prepares meals, which are in the kitchen waiting for those who temporarily cannot cook due to an operation or set back or just are in need. We are working together with our Social Action Committee who has prepared Chicken Soup for the Temple Emanuel Soul, which is in our freezer. We are also trying our very best to give support and send cards made with love from our Pre-school children and our own Caring Community members. If we are informed of a situation we are sending cards for happy occasions such as a new baby or house or a sad occasion such as a loss. Card making is one of the "special projects" we do at our meetings. We try very hard to make our meetings a *fun and productive* place to be.

The second area we are working on are Parenting and Child issues. A series of four "must see" programs will be given by Rhea Breeke. Parenting is a rough road and these programs will help you navigate them successfully. A full description of these classes can be found on page 8 of the Temple Emanuel Adult Education booklet. The programs are entitled, Internet Safety and our Kids, Stress and Structure-What is the Right Balance in Your Home, Privacy and Conflict Resolution and Talking with your Teens about Sex. Parents, if you have an area you feel would be important for us to develop please contact Rabbi Newburge with your suggestions.

We are forging ahead in the New Year with the hope of "being there" for our Congregants. We need your help so please find an hour or two to get involved. Your Membership/Caring Community Committee is one of the easiest first steps you can take in helping those in need and meeting new people.

If you are a new member or existing member and want to feel like you "belong" just join in. We welcome you with open arms, yes many sets of open arms waiting to get to know *you*! As we mentioned earlier in this article our meetings are fun and fulfilling. Your involvement can range from one hour to a full commitment.

We must know who needs our services so we can be effective, so please let us be there for you through the ever changing cycles of your life. Our doors are always open.

**Religious School – Dates to Remember** Please mark these important dates on your calendar October 8 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sukkah Hop with Families October 8 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sukkah Build October 13 – Consecration, 7 pm October 13-15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Camp Harlam October 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family B'nai Mitzvah Mall October 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Education October 31 – No School/Teacher In-Service

### Mazel Tov....

Gert and Max Pastelnick on the engagement of their granddaughter, Lisa Klein to Jonathan Lesser Maureen and Ken Huffman on the birth of their granddaughter Susan Michelle Hayes

Trish and Dan Kipnis on the birth of their daughter Eloise Michaela



by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

A s we approach the upcoming holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah we start thinking of new beginnings and the season of fall. Fall - a time for leaves changing, the weather getting cooler and the hectic schedules we all seem to have. Take a little time for yourselves and join Sisterhood for our Paid-Up Membership Brunch on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This year Jessica Chasen and DJ Whitley are co-chairing this event. Cantor Peter Halpern will be our guest. This is a great opportunity to meet and chat with him, as well as learn about your Sisterhood and the upcoming programs we will be having this year. If you haven't called to RSVP already it's not too late, contact Jessica at jesschasen@aol.com. The board and I look forward to meeting you.

Are you having a Special Occasion soon? Please join Sisterhood on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall for our second Party Showcase. We have DJ's, caterer's, photographers, videographers, and vendors who do invitations, centerpieces and a lot more. Debra Berger and committee have been working for months putting this together and we know you won't be disappointed. Remember it's never too early to start planning your special party!

Please save the date! Our first Sisterhood Meeting/Program will be on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. We will have a brief meeting and our guest speaker will be Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen, who will discuss her new book, entitled <u>Lilith's</u> Arc. Postcards will be mailed out this month.

If you have any questions about Sisterhood or ideas about programming please email me at felicef@comcast.net.

### by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

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Think you know a lot about sports?

When was the last time the Phillies won the World Series? When was the last time they played in the World Series?

What years did the Eagles win NFL Championships?

Can you name the cities with multiple Baseball teams?

What American Athlete won the most Gold Medal in the Olympic Games?

On October 22 you can demonstrate your sports trivia knowledge. The Men's Club Sunday brunch at 10:00am will have a sports trivia contest. instead of our usual presentation.

The contest will be simple to play. In groups of four, you will complete with others to see who knows the most about sports. Questions will be asked and the first team to correctly answer the question will be awarded points. At the end, the team with the most points will win.

And there will be prizes for the winning team.

As with all Men's Club Sunday Brunches Business Meeting – 9:00 am Brunch and Sports Trivia Contest – 10:00 am Men' Cub Members – Free, Guests - \$5

Everyone is welcome to participate in this contest. (Yes, you can bring your teenage sports expert.) My recommendation is that you find three other sports trivia buffs and come as a team ready to prove you know the most.

I hope to see every sports enthusiast at our October 22 Men's Club Sunday Brunch.

For question or more information, please contact Stephen Ehrlich (email: <u>Steve@cyberEhrlich.com</u> or 856-424-6669)



### TREE OF LIFE

Jerri Pinsky Chairperson

The beautiful **Tree of Life** across from the Social Hall spreads its branches across the Temple wall. Each golden leaf on the Tree tells a short story about a loved one; a birth, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding, an anniversary or a special achievement.

If you would like to add an accomplishment or mitzvah to a leaf for all to see, contact Irene Strauss in the Temple Office. Below are the recent "simchas" of your Temple family.

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

Jane Deal

Debra and Joseph Finer Brynne

Susan and Mark Forcinito Tabetha, Austin and Jared

**Gail Frischberg** 

Linda Goldberg Ross and Zoe

Sheri and Rand Greenblatt Molly, Ellie and Brittney

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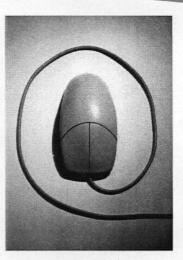
Jerry Rosenberg

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> Steven Savitz Matthew



Parenting Teens – It's a Growing Season Temple Emanuel is pleased to continue its series of programs for parents of Teens. The journey is packed with rough roads and we hope the programs planned will help you navigate them successfully. Programs take place at Temple Emanuel.

> Internet Safety and Our Kids Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm

While on-line computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for young people, expands their horizons and exposes them to different cultures and ways of life, hitting the information highway also exposes them to dangers. Come to this seminar to learn how to make the internet safer for your teen. The presenter at this program is a local police officer involved with computer safety issues.

### PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



September was the month of exciting new beginnings in the preschool. Our children began their school year with excitement and a little trepidation as they separated from their mommies and/or daddies (some for the very first time ever!). But their very experienced teachers smoothed their way, handled their fears, and quickly engaged them in the work at hand, which was enjoying school and playing with friends.

The preschool also welcomed some new teachers, and saw some of our experienced teachers switch assignments.

We welcomed Kim Klein and Michele Susson as our wonderful new teachers of the 4-year-old Travelers class. Gail Rotblat, graduated from being the teacher of the two year old class to teaching the three-day three year old class and Jessica Manelis joined us as the teacher of the two year olds. Michele Schor joined our staff, coming all the way from California to teach our Kindergarten enrichment class and Morah Susie Levy, who works with our two year olds in the morning, joined Morah Icer Litvin and Joshua Jeffries in leading our afternoon enrichment program. Along with teachers Cindy Schiffman and Sally Pomerantz (5 day three year olds), Kathi Stomel and Icer Litvin (4 year olds), Debbie Jeffries and Donna Rosenblatt (two year olds and Shabbat Tots) and our fabulous preschool secretary, Jeanie Blanton, we are blessed with the finest, most enthusiastic, and caring preschool team in all of South Jersey – a truly awesome beginning!

We were also very proud to inaugurate our brand new, beautiful parent lounge with a "Crying Mothers and/or Fathers Breakfast" on the first days of school. Throughout the year our lounge will be the site of exciting programs geared to topics of interest and need for parents, including a bulletin board for parent-friendly information.

Other changes at the Preschool include a water cooler to replace sugar-laden juice, a fantastic Conversational Hebrew program for our threes and fours taught by Hebrew Specialist, Esther Rabizadeh, and the wiring of each classroom for the Internet in order to teach all of our children computer basics.

The Preschool welcomed Cantor Peter, and we are excited that he will be a regular part of our Shabbat program, teaching the children songs and prayers in Hebrew. He joins Rabbi Newburge, who is coordinating our Shabbat service program by working with a class each week on a rotating basis to prepare them to be the "Shabbat Leaders." Rabbi Cohen celebrates Havdalah with our children each week, and Rabbi David is a special weekly visitor to a different class each week. We are so glad to have such wonderful support from our clergy!

The children celebrated Rosh Hashana and learned that we taste apples dipped in honey to symbolize a sweet New Year. This year promises to be especially sweet for all of us as we appreciate the blessing of freedom and the joy of seeing our children grow physically, emotionally and intellectually. I have certainly added a prayer of thanks for enabling me to taste the sweetness of being part of the family at The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel!

L'Shanah tovah tikatayvu - May you be inscribed for a good year in the Book of Life!

Remember...Registration for our preschool program is always open and ongoing provided we have spaces available. Spaces are still available in our new, innovative Kindergarten Enrichment Class. We have some great new PACT (Parent And Child Together) programs including Mommy/ Baby Yoga and "Save My Sanity" Yoga for Moms. Call the Pre-School office at (856) 489-0034 for detailed information on classes, schedules and availability.

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### Please Register us for the family Hayride:

Family Name: Address: Phone Number: # of Adults: Amount included:

# of Children:

Return your form to 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Make your check out to Temple Emanuel

## Family Hayride at Springdale Farms

October 7 at 5:30 PM \$13/Adult \$11/Child Children Under 2 — Free

One of the annual family highlights of the year at Temple Emanuel. A relaxed evening together. Always a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the holiday. Please join us as we pick pumpkins, have a camp-fire complete with hot dogs and toasted marshmallows, and celebrate Havdalah together. Please register using the above form.

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Hey kids... We WANT you! For an around the world adventure! PM Kindergarten Enrichment Program (for those children in AM Public Kindergarten)

### at

Temple Emanuel 1101 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 Call 856-4898-0034 for details! Join your friends in exploring the world through art, music, food, drama and much, much more!



### Announcing --New Hearing Assistance Devices

To assist those who may have difficulty hearing in our Sanctuary, we are proud to

announce that we have installed a new, state of the art digital hearing assistance system. Headsets are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary. The procedure for using these devices is simple. Just ask one of our Ushers for a hearing assistance device. Each device, headset and the bag in which it is enclosed is numbered. As they are very expensive, we are hoping to ensure that they are returned to their proper location after each Service. The Usher will ask you for your car keys (can't go home without them) or something else that will remind you to return the device. When you return it at the end of the Service, your "possession" will be returned to you. For your

convenience, there is a numbered index card in the bag for you to return with the hearing device. If you have any questions, contact Mayda at (856) 489-0029 x13. Happy Listening!!

### *An Invitation from Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Joanne Rosen, VP/Education*

Temple Emanuel is a growing "Family of Friends." Our congregation offers so very much – quality religious education, meaningful services, activities for people of all ages and, perhaps most importantly to young families, a sense of community. We strive to make membership and Jewish education attainable for every Jewish family and are constantly looking for new ways to reach this goal.

We are pleased to announce a new initiative at the congregation called "Friends become Family." We are encouraging families with students in Kindergarten through Third Grade to reach out to their unaffiliated friends and to invite them to join our Temple Emanuel family.

As an incentive, your family and the family that you recommend will receive a 50% discount on religious school tuition for each family's child in Kindergarten through Third Grade. Your friends, when joining the congregation, must mention your name in order for both families to receive the tuition discount.

Please ask your friends to call Jane Vortreflich, our Program Administrator, in the Temple's office at 856-489-0029, x 15. She will be happy to meet with tem, give them a tour of the building and explain membership. Please know that Temple Emanuel has subsidized membership support for those who require it. We look forward to welcoming your friends as new congregational members. Please let us know if you have any questions about this new initiative.

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## YOUTH GROUP

It is the very beginning of a new year, a time for self-evaluation and contemplation. It is the time for new adventures and new opportunities as well. All of these firsts can be found in youth group. Temple Emanuel offers unlimited choices for students of all ages and all grades, from pre-school through senior high school. Each group has outstanding events, social action programs, hands-on activities, and the lure of making new friends and spending time with old friends.

Our senior youth group, TEFTY (Temple Emanuel Federation of Temple Youth), spent their first get-together in Philadelphia. They ate at the Hard Rock Café and then went from land to sea, touring the city on Ride the Ducks, quacking all the way. This social event will be followed by a hauntingly good night on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now and rsvp when you get your flyer.

October 29<sup>th</sup> will be an opportunity no college-bound student will want to miss: a discussion and presentation by Temple Emanuel's Barbara Pachter. Flyers will be forthcoming.

Senior youth group will also be attending regional events in October, including Leadership Training Institute and a fund-raising concert. Flyers will be available soon for all of this.

As you can see, youth group can be as all-encompassing as an individual chooses. Deciding what to do and when to do it can help in life-choices in the future. Doing something can help make each teen better-focused and more in touch with themselves. So many benefits from youth group!

TEFTY Junior, our middle school youth group for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, focuses on the social aspect of being a teen... especially at the beginning of each school year. 21 TEFTY JR. members had a great night at Fuddruckers; they also helped to plan up-coming events, expressing their ideas and wishes for projects and activities. A haunted hayride is coming up on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, so look for the flyers soon.

Just as we have monthly fun-get-togethers, we also seriously stress helping others through tikkun olam. TEFTY is now collecting discarded cell phones; a portion of the proceeds from this collection will be donated to Israel. Please drop off your used cell phones now. You will be helping our teens help others.

I hope that all of our kids will decide to try youth group. If you are a parent reading this, my hope is that you will encourage your child to come out for youth group. The leaders of tomorrow, the synagogue presidents and committee directors, all come from our own children...when they are inspired and motivated, when they see how powerful they can be when they act together. I hope that this new year brings wonderful changes for all of us.

### For High School Graduates: A Year of Growth and Study in Israel

Carmel: A Progressive Beit Midrash and Israel Study Program, is the Reform Movement's one year accredited college program. Students complete coursework at the University of Haifa while studying at the Reform Movement's Lokey International Academy of Jewish Studies at the Leo Baeck Education Center. They will form a vibrant progressive Jewish student community while enhancing their spiritual identity and personal connection to Israel. Carmel graduates return from their academic experience in Israel better prepared for North American university life, a year of academic credit from the University of Haifa and strong connections to Israel that will last a lifetime.

Applications are available online now. For more information, visit www.carmelisrael.org, or contact Lyle Rothman at LRothman@urj.org or 212.452.6572

### **High School**

## Sukkot & Simchat Torah

### Sukkot & Simchat Torah Events

October 6 6 pm Pizza in the Hut & Sukkah Decorating

7:30 pm Shabbat & Erev Sukkot Services

October 7 5:30 pm Sukkot hayride at Springdale Farms

October 8 9 & 10:45 am 3rd Grade Sukkah Hop

2:30 pm 7th Grade Sukkah Build

7 pm Gefilte Flicks showing Ushpizim

### October 13 7:30 pm

Shabbat, Simchat Torah services & Consecration for all new students to our school



Each week, I make the trek to ShopRite to purchase my family's weekly food. (I often see some of you shopping there as well!) Being a vegetarian, I spend a lot of time in the produce department. I purchase neatly packed bags of lettuce and crates of grape tomatoes and mushrooms (already Sukkot Idea: Bring sandwiches one evening & have your family dinner in our congregational sukkah!

(Call first to check the congregational calendar.)

cut). All the loose produce goes quickly into plastic bags. I am clearly no farmer. (I did, though, go apple picking with the 7th grade class last month and invite you to join me in picking

pumpkins at the congregational hayride.)

Clearly, most of us no longer live an agrarian lifestyle. The closest that I get to "working the fields" is passing Springdale Farm on my way to the congregation. Yet, agriculture was what made Sukkot the biggest festival in ancient Judaism. Our ancestors were deeply tied to the rhythm of the land. Their prayers our prayers by extension — were connected to the natural world. After Sukkot, our prayer service includes a pray for rain, as the rainy season begins in the land of Israel after the holiday. Today, though, we reap our crops at the grocery store and you can bet, if it's raining, we are going to grumble when we get out of the car and fumble with our umbrella.

In a world where you can turn darkness into light with a flip of a switch, it's hard

to appreciate the wonders of nature. That's the beauty of the Jewish holiday Sukkot. When we enter our sukkah, we become like the ancient Israelites — opening ourselves up to the elements and appreciating the natural world. Sukkot reminds us of our dependence on God's gift of Creation. Of the earth. The land and the seas. The light bearers of the sky we know as the sun and moon. The birds and animals and insects. And us: the humans God invited to share this planet and God's universe.



(Adapted from an article on JewishFamily,com)

## Sukkot

## ...On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Sukkot, seven days for God. -Leviticus 23:34

The Festival of Sukkot begins on Tishri 15, the fifth day after Yom Kippur. It is quite a drastic transition, from one of the most solemn holidays in our year to one of the most joyous. Sukkot is so unreservedly joyful that it is commonly referred to in Jewish prayer and literature as Z'man Simchateinu, the Season of our Rejoicing. It lasts for seven days.

Sukkot is the last of the Shalosh R'galim (three pilgrimage festivals). Sukkot has a dual significance: historical and agricultural. Historically, Sukkot commemorates the forty-year period during which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Agriculturally, Sukkot is a harvest festival and is sometimes referred to as Chag Ha-Asif, the Festival of Ingathering.

The word "Sukkot" means "booths," and refers to the temporary dwellings that we are commanded to live in during this holiday in memory of the period of wandering. The Hebrew pronunciation of Sukkot is "Sue COAT," but is often pronounced as in Yiddish, to rhyme with "BOOK us."

In honor of the holiday's historical significance, we are commanded to dwell in temporary shelters, as our ancestors did in the wilderness. The temporary shelter is referred to as a sukkah (which is the singular form of the plural word "sukkot"). Like the word sukkot, it can be pronounced like Sue-KAH, or to rhyme with Book-a. The sukkah is great fun for the children. Building the sukkah each year satisfies the common childhood fantasy of building a fort, and dwelling in the sukkah satisfies a child's desire to camp out in the backyard. The commandment to "dwell" in a sukkah can be fulfilled by simply eating all of one's meals there; however, if the weather, climate, and one's health permit, one should spend as much

## Why the Lulav?

In the Torah, we are commanded to shake 4 natural items together on Sukkot: an etrog and the branches of a palm, myrtle and willow. These Four Species have been imbued with much significance in our tradition.

1. The four species represent the four-letter Name of God, with the Palm being the letter vav. If for no other reason, the four must be held together while waving for the Unity of the Name.

2. There is a masculine-feminine symbolism within the Four Species. The lulav is obviously a masculine symbol and the etrog, with the form of a breast, is obviously feminine.

3. Each of the four relates to a particular limb through which man is to serve God: "Etrog refers to the heart, the place of understanding and wisdom. Lulav refers to the backbone, uprightness. Myrtle corresponds to the eyes, enlightenment. Willow represents the lips, the service of the lips (prayer)."

4. Taste represents learning. Smell represents good deeds. The etrog has both taste and smell. The lulav has taste but not fragrance. The myrtle has smell but no taste. And the willow has neither. Each represents a different type of man. Some have both learning and good deeds; some have one without the other; and some have neither. Real community is found in their being bound together and brought under one roof.



# So, You want to build a sukkah...

**The Site:** To build your own Sukkah, first select a site that has nothing hanging above it -- i.e. a roof or a tree. The Sukkah floor space must be at least 27 inches by 27 inches -- the minimum space for most people to sit with a small table.

The Walls: A "kosher" Sukkah needs at least two complete walls and a small part of a third wall. The walls can be of any material, as long as they are sturdy enough to withstand a normal wind. The walls should be at least 38 inches high. You don't have to build walls especially for the Sukkah; you can use the side of a building, or even a hedge of bushes. And if you can find an area that is already enclosed by 2 or 3 walls, then your job will be that much easier!

**The Roof:** The Talmudic term for roof material is S'chach, from the same root as the word Sukkah. The roof must be made from material that grows from the ground -- i.e. branches or leaves (but not metal, or any food). If you're using unfinished boards, they cannot be wider than 15 inches. Also, the material must be presently detached from the ground -- i.e. don't just pull a tree over your sukkah. The roof must be sufficiently covered so that it gives more shade than sun during the daytime. Yet it should be sufficiently open so that the stars are visible through the roof at night. Since the Sukkah is designated as your "home" for the next seven days, it is customary to decorate it nicely.

### How to Wave a Lulav and Etrog

It is a mitzvah to wave the lulav on Sukkot.

The blessing is: "Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us concerning the waving of the lulav."

On the first day of waving add:

"Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustenance, and permitted us to reach this season."

Before the blessing, the etrog is held with its pittam (stemlike protrusion) pointed downward. After the blessing, it is inverted so that the pittam faces up. At this point you wave/shake the lulav and etrog in following manner:

I. Stand facing east.

2. Hold the lulav out to the east (in front of you) and shake it three times. Each time the motion of shaking should be a drawing in to you--reach and draw in, reach out and draw in, reach out and draw in.

3. Repeat the same motion three times to your right (south), behind over your shoulder (west), to your left (north), raising it up above you, lowering it down below you.

## Family Fun on Sukkot & Simchat Torah

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## Simchat Torah — Our Celebration of Learning

Simchat Torah, Hebrew for "rejoicing in the Law", celebrates the • completion of the annual reading of the Torah. Simchat Torah is a joyous festival, in which we affirm our view of the Torah as a tree of life and demonstrate a living example of never-ending, lifelong study. Torah scrolls are taken from the ark and carried or danced around the synagogue seven times. During the Torah service, the concluding section of Deuteronomy is read, and immediately following, the opening section of Genesis, or *B'reishit* as it is called in Hebrew, is read.

Sukkot celebrated gifts of God which meet the needs of the body. Simchat Torah celebrates gifts of God which meet the needs of the spirit and the mind. The word Torah encompasses the entirety of Jewish tradition. So vast and rich is Torah that no one definition has ever been able to adequately contain its es-

Taffy Apples are a traditional Simchat Torah treat. At some congregations, children march with taffy apples on a stick during the Simchat Torah celebration. Its fun to make some at home. **You will need:** 

- I-quart pot.
- wooden spoon,
- glass of cold water.
- I2 popsicle sticks,
- wax paper.
- I cup brown and white sugar,
- I/2 cup white vinegar,
- I/2 cup write vinegal
   I/2 cup water, and
- I2 apples.



### Instructions:

In the pot boil the white sugar, the brown sugar, the vinegar and the 1/2 cup of water. Cook until the mixture becomes syrupy

Drop a small amount of the mixture into cold water and remove. If it cracks between your fingers, it is ready, if it doesn't, cook some more and test again. Turn stove off when the syrup is ready. Insert popsicle sticks into the apples and dip into the syrup. Let apples cool on the wax paper.

sence. A traditional way of expressing the uniqueness and importance of Torah is to use metaphor and analogy to compare Torah to something else vital. Our third set of "definitions" reflects this approach to Torah. Torah is somewhat like each of these but even more.

When we read the last of the weekly portions and reroll the scroll and begin to read again from the beginning, we remind ourselves that the study of Torah is an unending process. On Simchat Torah when we parade the sefer Torah around the synagogue with song and dance we are declaring how lucky we are that the Torah is ours.



## PIZZA IN THE HUT

Friday, October 6 5:30 pm Sukkah Decorating 6 pm Shabbat Sukkot Pizza Dinner

A family friendly welcome to the holiday. Temple Emanuel invites you to be our guest for pizza & decorating the congregational sukkah. A festive Shabbat Sukkot service will follow.

No fee, but please return the below form so we can order enough pizza.

## Pizza in the Hut Sign-Up Form

Family Name: # of Adults:

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Phone Number: #of Children:

Please return to Temple Emanuel by September 29. Questions? Call 856-489-0029



## Gefilte Flicks — Now Showing: UShpizin October 8 at 7 pm

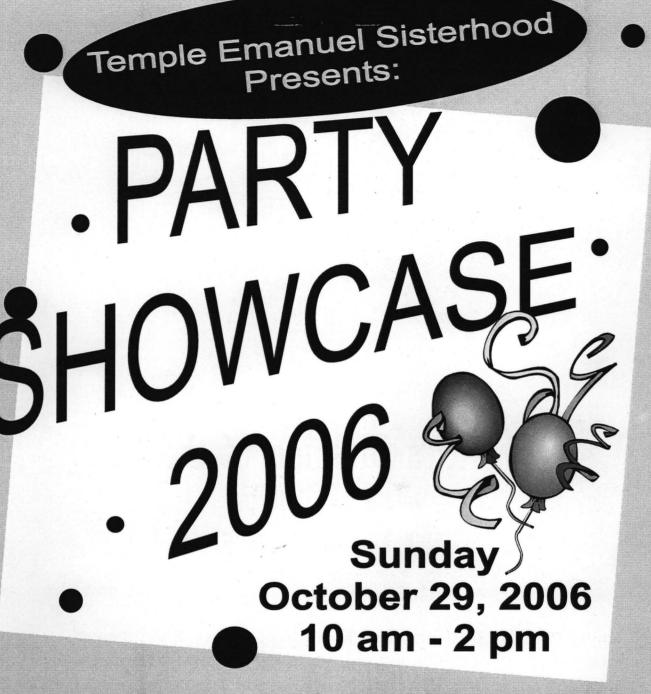
Join us for the first movies of our series. *Ushpizin* is a critically acclaimed movie from Israel. Set during the Sukkot holiday, *Ushpizin* takes a revealing and humorous look at the lives of Ultra-Orthodox Jews learning and loving in modern Israel. Won the Israeli Film Academy's best actor award in 2004 and nominated for two other awards. No need to register. A discussion afterwards will be lead by Steve Lubetkin.

### From Steven Rea of The Philadelphia Inquirer:

"With humor and grace, *Ushpizin* - written by the actor Rand and directed by Giddi Dar - does what the best movies can do: take viewers to what might be unfamiliar places, into a culture with unique customs and traditions, and show, through drama and comedy, how the fundamental truths of the human experience need no translation."

Our next film will be Young Frankenstein on Thursday, November 16, with Discussion Leader David Cohen.

Next Movie: Young Frankenstein on Thursday, November 16.



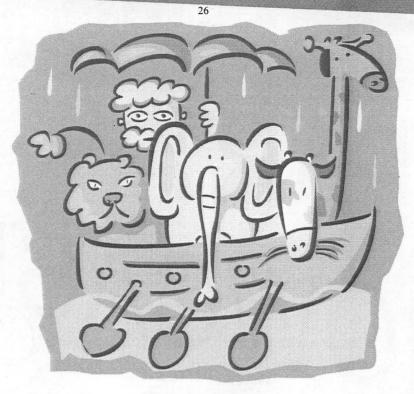
Having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Sweet 16 or any other type of occasion... then you don't want to miss out!

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

## FREE ADMISSION Temple Emanuel 1101 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



## Noah Ark's Blessing of the Pets October 29 1:30 pm Temple Emanuel Parking Lot Open to the Community 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill

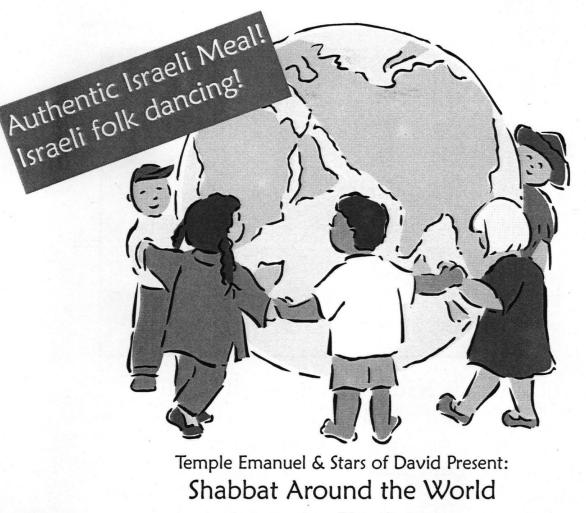
Let's create our own Noah's Ark – right here at Temple Emanuel. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, goldfish, iguana, ferret. . . for a special Blessing of the Pets. The service will include a blessing for ill pets.

If your pet would not have done well on Noah's Ark (if he or she is aggressive or unfriendly to strangers), do not bring him or her to the Blessing of the Pets.

If you plan on participating, please RSVP to (856)489-0029.

We will be collecting animal food and toys to donate to a local shelter.





## Israeli Shabbat

November 3 6 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Service

This year at our annual Shabbat Around the World, we are going to celebrate the culture of Israel. Come to our Israeli Shabbat and enjoy Israeli style chicken sandwiches, falafel, hummus, pita, stuffed grape leaves, tambouli and more. We will even have an Israeli favorite — chicken schnitzel (chicken nuggets) and french fries! Our evening will include Israeli folk dancing — novices & folks with two left feet certainly welcome! At the service, Rabbi Cohen will read a selection about Israel from her new teen novel, *Lilith's Ark.* Everybody is invited to the Shabbat around the World Service, regardless if you attend the dinner.

\$12/Adult \$6/Child Children under 3: Free

Shabbat around the World — IsraelFamily's Name:Phone Number:# Adults:# Children:# Adults:# Children:# Amount enclosed:

Please make your checks out to Temple Emanuel and return to 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 by October 27.



## Books & Kids – They Go Together

Visit by Rabbi Hara Person, Editorial Director of the URJ Press Monday, November 6

### 10 am

### Choosing Quality Books for your Child

Rabbi Person will share her approach to choosing relevant, meaningful and engaging Jewish books for young people. She will bring examples of what to look for in a book, criteria to consider and how to choose between two books on the same topic.

### 7 pm

### Why do Bible stories matter to our children?

Why do bible stories matter for our kids? How do we choose what version to share with them? What are the underlying messages of these stories and their relationship to child development? Rabbi Person will talk about these questions and more. This presentation is sponsored by the Religious School Sub-Committee. A sub-committee meeting will directly follow the presentation and all participants are invited to attend.

RABBI HARA PERSON IS AN EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS, INCLUDING STORIES OF HEAVEN AND EARH: BIBLE HEROS IN CONTEMPORARY CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

# Temple Emanuel One Congregation, One Family.



## NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006

 6 pm Shabbat Family Dinner 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service Shirei HaYeladim will be participating

Please join us to celebrate Shabbat with our new members and their families at our Shabbat Family Dinner including an arts and crafts table for our children

Cost: \$18 per adult / \$7 per child (4-12) No charge: Children under 3 (No charge for New Members and their families)

Rabbi Jerome P. David • Rabbi Geri Newburge • Rabbi Debbie Cohen **Cantor Peter Halpern** 

Temple Emanuel New Member Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 27, 2006

Please complete and return this form to: Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003

Name:

#Adults #Children #Children under 3

Amount Enclosed

Telephone:

Please note: No charge for New Members and their families



## Temple Emanuel's

## TZEDAKAH COLLECTIVE FAMILY WALKATHON

This walkathon is an excused absence from Sunday school and counts towards community service hours—so come join us, do a mitzvah, and have fun!!

### Sunday, October 22, 2006 WHEN: 9-11:30 am

### WHERE: Cooper River Park

New Location: Starts at the covered picnic area at Rte. 130 & South Park Blvd. (Distance - 4 miles around the river)

#### COST: Suggested minimum - \$18 per family

We encourage walkers to obtain additional individual sponsorship. Maybe someone would "hire" you to walk for them!

**PURPOSE:** To raise money for T.E's Tzedakah Collective Fund Since 2002 it distributed over \$15,000 to many charities, like South Jersey Food Bank & Habitat for Humanity

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-register via mail call the temple office @489-0029 or register at the park on event day

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For more information about this innovative program, or to see how you can become involved, contact Jennifer Weiss at 856-424-1333.

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## Rabbi E Newburge's C I 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour 2 tablespoons wheat germ (optional) 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon baking powder

- 6 small Rome, Granny Smith, Yellow Delicious, or other low-moisture apples
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Friday night October 5 begins our fall festival of Sukkot. . Every year our 7<sup>th</sup> graders visit Johnson's Farm to pick apples to commemorate this special season. For many of us, apples represent the abundance of the fall harvest and the sweetness of the Jewish new year, so I couldn't resist this recipe.

### Heavenly Apple Cake

4 large eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9-inch springform pan.

Mix the flour, wheat germ, salt, and baking powder in a bowl and set aside.

Peel, core, and slice the apples into eighths and place in another bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

In a third bowl, beat the eggs until foamy. Add the vegetable oil and 1 3/4 cups of the sugar; beat well. Stir in the vanilla. To the egg mixture; alternately add the dry ingredients and the orange juice. Pour half the batter into the prepared pan. Cover with half the sliced apples.

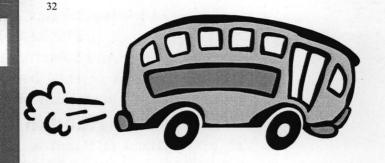
In a small bowl, mix the remaining 1/4 cup sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle half over the apples. Cover with the remaining batter.

Starting at the outside of the pan, neatly place the remaining apple slices in overlapping concentric circles. Sprinkle with the remaining cinnamon sugar mixture.

Put some aluminum foil on the bottom of the oven in case the batter leaks. Bake the cake on the middle rack for 1 1/4 hours, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a rack before you carefully remove the cake from the pan.

From the Jewish Holiday Baker





# Alternative Break

We are running an exciting new program this fall for our high school students. All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join Rabbi Newburge for a trip to Baltimore during Teacher's Convention (November 8-12, 2006). Our time will be spent volunteering for two very important organizations and causes; the first is Project PLASE, a transitional home to help rehabilitate individuals as they reenter the work force, and an environmental project to protect and preserve land.

In addition, we will celebrate Shabbat with other Jewish teens from the area. The program also includes social time with these peers as well as an outing in Baltimore on Saturday night.

Get on our bus and join this new and unique venture! (Plus, it can't hurt for the college applications.) *Click on www.templeemanuel.org for more details!* 

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**Torah Portions of the Month** 

#### October 7

### Special Reading for Sukkot

This Shabbat we read a Special Torah Reading for Sukkot from Leviticus. It begins with laws pertaining to the sacrifices brought to the Temple in Jerusalem. It then gives an overview of the Jewish festivals: Shabbat, Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashana and blowing the shofar, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and its offerings, and the commandment to wave the Lulav and Etrog.

### October 14

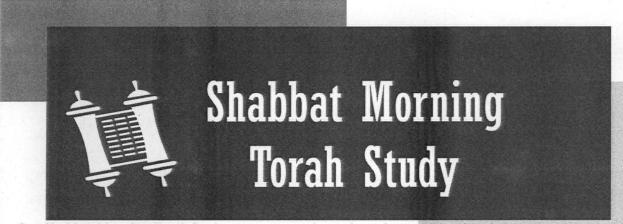
Special Reading for Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah On Simchat Torah we read V'Zot Habracha to complete the Book of Deuteronomy and thus the whole Torah. This Torah portion begins with the blessing of Moses, right before he dies, for the Jewish people and each tribe. Then Moses ascends Mt. Nebo where God shows him all of the land the Jewish people are about to inherit. He dies, is buried in the valley in an unknown spot, the Jewish people mourn for 30 days. The Torah then concludes with the words: "Never again has there arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Almighty had known face to face ..." and then we start again the yearly cycle of reading the Torah with the reading of Bereshit, Genesis!

### October 21 – Bereshit Genesis 1:1 – 6:8

"Bereshit bara Elohim et ha-shamayim v'et ha-aretz.... ""In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." So begins the book of Genesis, the first of the Five Books of Moses. Genesis 1:1-2:3 tells of how God created the world. God separates light from darkness, day from night and land from water. God makes the earth sprout trees and plants, and sets the sun and the moon in the sky. Fish and birds, creeping creatures, cattle and wild beasts are created by God before God makes man and woman, who are created in God's image and are to rule over the whole earth and all that is in it. As God creates each of these things, God pauses to see that they are good. Having finished the work of creation on the seventh day after beginning, God blesses the seventh day and declares it holy.

#### October 28 Noach Exodus 6:9 – 11:32

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



Our Shabbat Morning Torah Study group meets throughout the year. During the summer, we meet at 10 am. During the school year, we meet at 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?

October 7 October 14 October 21 October 28 Sukkot Simchat Torah Bereshit Noach Led by Deb Faye Led by Stephen Ehrlich Led by Rabbi Newburge Led by Rabbi David

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