

From the Rabbi's Study

by Jerome P. David, D.O.

A Thanksgiving Story"

"E.J. Montini, a columnist for The Arizona Republic tells this poignant story.....

young woman named Debbie left a voice-mail message for him. The thirty-second message began with these words: "Mr. Montini, my name is Debbie. I am dying of liver cancer, and I just wanted to thank you very much for your articles. Now that I have so little time, I am thanking all the people who have done something special for me in my life"

This woman, Debbie, asked for nothing and did not leave a number. She obviously did not expect a return call. On one of her last days, she spent thirty precious seconds – perhaps maybe a few minutes when adding in the time to collect her thoughts and get the telephone number – of a stranger who incidentally did something for her. Mr. Montini marvels that she thanked a person she did not know for doing a job he gets paid to do.

Quite often, when someone thanks us, we are quick to brush it aside with "there is no need to thank me" or "I did not do anything." Instead, we might choose to offer a more affirmative response:

- ...You are welcome.
- ...It's my pleasure.
- ...I appreciate your acknowledgment.
- ...It is I who should be thanking you.

One of the most profound gifts we can give to another is to say, "Thank you. You made a difference in my life."

Our Jewish tradition teaches that there is a need to say "thank you," and giving someone that opportunity is something in itself. When people thank us for what we might perceive to be insignificant, we need to recognize that it is less them thanking us than our enabling them to express gratitude.

The Thanksgiving holiday, which might very well be derived from the Jewish festival of Sukkot, is all about gratefulness. It reminds us of God's miracles that greet us every day. On Thanksgiving day and every day, we thank God for the blessings in life, and remember to thank those who add blessings to our life.

Happy Hag Ha-o-da-yah (Thanksgiving)!

Have a bountiful Thanksgiving!

PRESIDENT'S Message



ne recent Saturday I was having tea with a young teacher from our Religious School. I had the pleasure to get to know her when she chaperoned the Confirmation trip to Israel last December. She was relating to me how hard she tries to get her 7th grade students to think of Jewish role models they could emulate and the difficulty they have in identifying them. Pop culture icons were easy and so many wanted to be "just like them."

So how do we get our kids to be familiar with Jewish role models and philanthropists? How do we encourage our children to be givers? Wonderful teachers in our Religious School are a great start. Adding information about philanthropists to the curriculum is another. Identifying current programs supported by philanthropy is also a great way for our kids to learn about giving and the difference one person can make in the life of another.

Two of the more famous Jewish philanthopists in recent history are Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt. In 2000 these philanthropists founded, in cooperation with the Israeli government and Jewish communites around the world, Birthright Israel. The Birthright Israel program has, since its founding, received, and spent, over \$200 million on free life changing trips to Israel for young adults. One need only to speak with someone who has taken advantage of this program to get the sense of this life altering experience and how much stronger they are connected to our land and our people.

I am proud to say that Temple Emanuel also benefits from the generosity of benefactors. For each of the past four years, a family in our community has generouly donated funds to underwrite an 8th grade trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. The students benefit from this unique opportunity to experience and learn about this horrific time in history with their Jewish peers and Rabbi Debbie Cohen. It helps them to internalize the information and provides them with information in a context that is hard to imagine when reading a book.

Generosity is ingrained in the culture of Temple Emanuel. There are many families whose contributions underwrite cultural activities and religious experiences. This funding enables us to maintain a wonderful level of education for every age group at Temple Emanuel. It is through the collective generosity of all of our members that we achieve our far reaching goals of excellence.

Last year, after Hurricane Katrina, a student working on a Mitzvah Project for his Bar Mitzvah turned his idea of filling bookbags into a huge fundraiser for the evacuees of New Orleans and the Gulf region. Not only did his mitzvah project impact him, but inspired all of us looking for a way to help in a devasting time.

I recently attended a party and spoke with another of South Jersey's philanthropists. He told me how he and his wife teach their very young children the meaning of giving by putting a Tzedakah Box on their Shabbat table each week. It is their hope that their children will learn, from a young age, the importance of giving and of being responsible for others.

Our Religious School, our Social Action Committee and our Caring Community Committee provide many opportunities for our families and our children to learn about giving – giving of themselves, giving of their money, giving of their time – giving. What I know for sure is that everyone can have the opportunity to be called a philanthopist. Please encourage your children to give a portion of their allowance to a Tzedakah project. Consider also giving a portion of your "allowance" as well. Healing the World (Tikkun Olam) is everyone's responsibility.

Join me on my mission to help shape our future and future generations by creating a commitment to others. Think of an action plan and start today!! The world will be a better place because of you.

B'Shalom



Memo from MAYDA

I heard a story about a homeowner who hired a real-estate agent to prepare an ad to sell his home. The homeowner was reading the ad in the paper about his home's many attractive features. He called the real-estate agent to say he no longer wished to sell. When asked what changed his mind, the homeowner said, "After reading your ad, I realized I already live in the house I always wanted to live in.

How many of us take the blessings of our lives for granted? We reach for more without actually looking at what we already have. I think this can be described as "the American way."

At Thanksgiving, we are urged to be thankful for what we have. Many families go around the table with each person saying what they have to be thankful for. In most cases the central focus for thanks is not for the "things" we have, but for the ones we love and their health and well being. Somehow, on this day, the heart speaks and shares its innermost hope – that life is good, so long as we are surrounded by, loved by and cared for by those people who mean the most to us.

There is a Midrash (Kohelet 11:13) that relates the metaphor of a free bird who envies the food of a caged bird. The caged bird replies, "You see my food, but you do not see my captivity."

I keep a copy of this metaphor taped to my computer monitor to remind me daily that one never knows the true facts of another's life and that materialism is really not the most important part of life. Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you and those blessed with loving and supportive family and friends are the richest of all.

Our Caring Community wants to help provide the support you need to feel cared for. If you have a need that cannot be met by a family member or friend, please do not hesitate to call Jane at (856) 489-0029 x15 and share your request with her. She will work with our Caring Community Committee to try to help you. For in the end, its all about feeling valued and cared for – not about who has the most "things."

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

L'Shalom,

Mayda

In Memoriam

CHARLOTTE GOLDSMITH
Mother of Dr. Leonard Goldsmith

BEN KLEIN
Father of David Klein
Step-father of Howard and Paul Kushner

JESSIE PEARL
Wife of Burton Pearl, Mother of Manny Pearl

ALVIN WOLF
Father of Debby Baratz





by Peter Halpern



s you may know, we are starting this year to examine the Mishkan Tefila, the new URJ siddur. We rejoiced just 6 weeks ago in the completion of another cycle of reading and studying Torah. Let me share with you one of the many lovely readings from this Prayerbook, this one based on the Ahavat Olam.

Wisdom and wonder, passion and instruction, story and symbol.

All these things Your Torah gives to us.

And the more we devote ourselves to it, the more it grows and gives.

What could be a truer token of Your abiding love

Than this holiest of Your works, and the living language that gives it form?

Please join with us this year as we study, analyze and enjoy this wonderful new siddur together.

B'Shalom, Cantor Peter

We Want Your Input!

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

Religious School Sub-Committee Chair: Elliott Roth

Next Meeting: November 6 at 7 pm - "Moses, King Arthur, and Harry Potter: Why Bible Stories Matter" with Rabbi Hara Person – All are invited, even if you are not on the committee. The committee meeting will begin at 8 pm.

This committee reviews the curriculum and policies of the religious school, making suggestions and recommendations to improve the educational experience of our young people. The committee meets approximately every six weeks. On the Agenda: Accreditation.

Family Education Committee Chair: Jessica Manelis

Next Meeting: December 4 at 7 pm

Guinness Book of World Records Dreidel Spin, Chocolate Seder, Blessing of the Pets, Sukkot Hayride, Shabbat Around the World, 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.

Adult Education Committee Chair: Kelly Fineman

Next Meeting: December 4 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.

News From



Later this month, November 16-19 to be precise, the Union for Reform Judaism is hosting our Regional Biennial in downtown Philadelphia. This is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn, pray, and connect with other Reform Jews from all over the Delaware Valley and beyond; the theme this year is "Meeting at the Well: Honoring our Past, Building for the Future." Some of the biggest names and brightest stars in the Reform movement will be presenting workshops and leading services. Please consider taking advantage of this exciting weekend. You can find additional information online at www.urj.org/pac, or feel free to contact me with any questions, (856) 489-0029 x16, or gnewburge@templeemanuel.org. I hope we will see you there.



Read any good books lately? Join Rabbi Geri Newburge, Rabbi Debbie Cohen and Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, each month to discuss a popular book with Jewish interest. To fit your schedule, the book will be discussed twice, once on Sunday and once on Monday. You need only come to one of the discussions. For a full year's calendar, contact Rabbi Cohen. Call 856-489-0029 to register.

Upcoming books are:

November 19 and 20 – Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, will lead the discussion on The Bread Givers by Anzia Yezierska.

Conscious of her outsider status, a Polish immigrant, writer in a foreign language, and Jewish female, Anzia Yezierska takes us inside an early twentieth-century American immigrant Jewish family. The family is 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.

December 10 and 11 - Rabbi Debbie Cohen will discuss In the Image by Dara Horn

Horn, a journalist and a scholar, debuts with a story that is partly about the Jewish immigrant experience and partly about people seeking love, commitment, and fulfillment, at times within a religious and cultural context. The book opens with the sudden death of a teenage girl, which brings together for a short time the girl's grandparents, Bill and Anna Landesmann, and her best friend, Leora. These lives eventually diverge, with passages alternating between the grandfather's European beginnings and Leora's quest for meaning as a young adult. Horn effectively draws the reader into the losses and desperation felt by these American Jewish immigrants while also portraying them as strong and hopeful people who believe that here is better than there.

New Members

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

Gayle and Robert Clarkson

Adrienne and Sarah

Katrina and Richard Rothstein Mitchell, Raquel and Mia

Genriyeta and Vadim Tarnovsky

Michael and Jane

Margie Trace Alicia

Stephanie and Larry Vitale Clara and Samuel

Rebecca and Kevin Wallace Amber, Rachel and Jonathan



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

New in November: Creation: Religion, Science and Myth with Rabbi Lewis Eron Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, November 21-December 19

How does Judaism balance science with belief? How can one believe both in the Biblical story of Creation and modern science? We will explore what different Jewish thinkers have said and our own feelings and opinions. Study, discussion and debate.

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

Tuesdays, 8-9 pm, began October 10 but newcomers welcome through November

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 a teenager, you can revisit the experience and still participate.

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

Why is there suddenly such a growing interest to learn a virtually dead language? And why, after all these years, does a slowly dying language of the ghetto become so chic? So where do you go to get a taste of the essence of this almost dead language that was spoken by many people not long ago? Temple Emanuel, of course. 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 Join us for the last two Tuesdays of this class, 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. November 7, 14



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

Approximately every other Tuesday throughout the year, 1-2 pm, newcomers always welcome
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. November 7, 21, December 5, 19

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

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. November 7, 21, December 5, 19

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. November 14, 28, December 12

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. Began October 21, newcomers welcome through November.

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. We will pro-rate the fee if you join mid-session.

Gefilte Flicks Movie Series: Young Frankenstein with David Cohen Thursday, November 16, 7 pm (Note this movie is shown on Thursday not Sunday) No need to register.

A young neurosurgeon (Gene Wilder) inherits the castle of his grandfather, the famous Dr. Victor von Frankenstein. Wilder's humor very much stems from his Jewish American background, with quick one liners and clever insights and also borrows from the Jewish myth of the Golem.





hank you, todah raba, gracias, merci beaucoup, domo arigato, danke schon... no matter what the language you use, these words are music to the ears of the recipients. We teach them faithfully to our toddlers, with the age old question, "What do you say?" Then we expectantly wait for their replies, "thank you." Unfortunately, we often get so caught up in the activities of every day life that we forget to thank the people around us. When was the last time you remembered to thank your loved ones or to thank God for the blessings of food, shelter, or the proper functioning of your body?

Judaism teaches us to live each day with gratitude for the good in our lives and to continually add goodness to the lives of others. In fact, gratitude is one of the pillars upon which our faith is based. According to Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis in her book, "The Committed Life," nothing should be taken for granted; a glass of water, a tree in bloom, a beautiful rainbow should all be acknowledged with a thank you to God. The rebbetzin further explains that once we get into the habit of giving thanks, we start to see the myriad of things that others take for granted. She sees this as a guaranteed recipe for a happy life.

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

In Júdaism, we learn that it is our actions that count more than our words. The Social Action Committee is providing opportunities this month for congregants to show their gratitude for their many blessings. Please refer to the insert in this issue entitled, "Feeling Blessed This Holiday Season?" for details on how you and your family can help someone in need at this season.

L'Zecher Olam for an Everlasting Memorial

We record with love and dignity those whose lives are forever remembered in our Temple. The following names of a loved one have been added by a devoted family to be enshrined in our Memorial Chapel.

BEA AUGUSTINE Mother of Hal Augustine

MAE K. ELFMAN Mother of Joel Elfman

SYLVIA E. FAYE Mother of David Faye

KEVIN FLANAGAN Father of Laura Flanagan MICHAEL GARIN Father of Steven Garin

SYLVIA GOTTLIEB

Mother of Franklin Drachman

ARLINE R. HOOTSTEIN Mother of Denise Weinberg

KENNETH LEE HOROWITZ Husband of Carolyn Horowitz



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by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

as we enter November with a chill in the air we get ourselves ready for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. We have family and friends gathering for the next few months and we think to ourselves where did the fall go. Sisterhood had a very busy fall and as usual we a gearing ourselves up for the winter ahead. We have many activities planned to bring us altogether.

Our first Open Meeting/Program of the season will be on Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 pm. Our own Rabbi Debbie Cohen will discuss her new book, *Lilith's Ark-Teenage Tales of Biblical Women*. We will have a brief Sisterhood meeting before the Rabbi's talk, a book signing, and of course, dessert. Books will be available for purchase.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Chasen and DJ Whitley for the lovely brunch on October 15 and our speaker Cantor Peter Halpern for joining us. Also, October brought us our second Party Showcase, which once again was very well attended. Kudos to Debra Berger and committee for all of their hard work on this event.

By now your Hanukkah gift list should be almost finished. Why not shop at the Bazaar. The Hanukkah Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 31. There will be plenty of vendors to purchase from, the Macabbi Mart for the kids and of course, the Spinning Dreidel Café to have a little snack. We hope to see you there!

Save the date: Back by popular demand Sisterhood will be holding another Bingo Night on Thursday January 4. Invitations will be mailed out in December, so watch for yours. If you have any questions please contact Co-Chairs Cathy Krepow, 856-795-7560 or me at 856-482-9146. We are looking forward to a fun-filled evening.

Happy Thanksgiving!



by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

By the time you read this, the November elections are – or will soon be – history. With the elections behind us, this November, we dedicate our Sunday monthly brunch on November 5th to "Jews and Sacred Space: A Brief History of Synagogue Architecture." Our featured speaker will be Dr. Martin Rosenberg, a Professor of Art History at Rutgers University and a member of Temple Emanuel.

During the summer services, Marty presented an abbreviated version of this talk. All who attended his fascinating presentation wanted more details and more information. Now we all have the opportunity to hear Marty's full presentation, as well as a chance to ask questions.

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

Of course there are many ways to become more involved, but since this is the Men's Club column, I have to be biased and suggest that the Men's Club is one of the best organizations at Temple Emanuel. We are small enough so that every member is important and heard, but large enough to have interesting events. If you have never been to a Men's Club brunch, join us and see how great they are.

Our next Sunday Brunch meeting is on December 17th which will focus on "Bible Stories-What You Didn't Learn in Hebrew School." Hope to see you there!!!

Membership

By Robin Miller

I would like to take this opportunity to share my innermost feelings about my position as VP of Membership at Temple Emanuel. On a personal level this position is very, very important to me as an individual.

We have been members of our congregation since 1994. We joined Temple Emanuel when our three boys were 2, 7 and 9. We initially joined in order to give our children a religious education. Somewhere along the way my path was diverted and I slowly became an active member who participated in many different committees such as Sisterhood, Ritual, Chair of Adult Ed etc.

Temple Emanuel has become a place for me to turn to for Spiritual, Social and Educational experiences. The Temple is very dear to my heart because I have truly grown as a person as a result of taking advantage of my membership. I have made many wonderful friends of all age groups and experiences.

My message in last month's article in The Light was geared toward the power of "ASKING". "Asking" is an amazing way to nurture and grow our Congregation.

My goal as VP of Membership is to keep our Temple alive and vital. In order for that to happen we must grow the number of families that belong to our Congregation.

I am making a passionate and heartfelt plea to all members of our Temple to realize the power that you all possess in keeping Temple Emanuel alive and vital from Generation to Generation. I am personally "ASKING" each member to spread the word about all of the wonderful reasons why new families should join our Temple and become part of our Family.

My goal is to add 30 more families by the next High Holy Day season. I would like to motivate and inspire you all to help me reach my goal.

Save the Date!!

Wednesday, December 13

12:30 pm - 4 pm



Come welcome Hanukkah at a party designed for active adults. We will share a salad bar lunch accompanied by latkes and blintzes, and applesauce and sour cream.

A movie of Jewish interest (title to be determined) will be shown in the Chapel followed by a discussion with Rabbi Debbie Cohen.

Sufganyot (donuts) and coffee will be served.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

\$8 per person

RSVP to the receptionist at (856) 489-0029.

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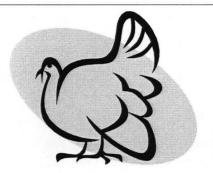
By Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

his fall and winter, there is no better way to spend a delightful afternoon than at our senior group brown bag lunch meeting. If you attended our September meeting and our October Shabbat dinner, you know how enjoyable this can be.

If you missed these meetings, all is not lost, because you can attend our next brown bag lunch meeting on Wednesday, November 15, at 12 noon. Our program will include our speaker, Pamela Rosen Lampictt. She will speak about her political life, as a first year elected N.J. assemblywomen. It should be very interesting and informative.

Because I would very much like to encourage you to attend our noon brown bag lunch meetings, I am listing the dates for the full season: November 15; December 20; January 17; February 21; March 21; April 21; May 16, and June 20.

I look forward to seeing you and greeting you on November 15.



Ideas for enjoying a Jewish Thanksgiving

Reprinted from the Jewish News JULIE HILTON DANAN Special to Jewish News

Thanksgiving. The holiday brings to mind pleasant images of families gatherings around roasted turkey, cranberries and pie.

Perfectly compatible with Jewish observance, the holiday is a traditional favorite of Jewish families. It always falls on a Thursday, never on the Sabbath. The classic main dish is a turkey, available in kosher form. And gratitude for one's blessings is something all Americans can share in feeling and expressing.

Here are a few ideas to make Thanksgiving a special family day:

- ♦ Do good deeds together. The classic Jewish way of enjoying our blessings is to share them with others. You could donate money to organizations that fight hunger, or your time to serve meals at a community Thanksgiving dinner for the needy or to deliver meals to shut-ins.
- Say blessings. I encourage families to say the Hebrew blessings for wine and bread before the festive Thanksgiving meal. Or you could go further and adapt a Hassidic Passover custom of asking everyone present to add a drop of his or her own wine to the goblet before saying the blessing. As you do so, tell one thing that you are thankful for this year.
- Say grace after meals. Through this prayer we can thank God for our many blessings of food and nourishment. Both the traditional and shorter more contemporary versions of the "Birtkat HaMazon" are found in many prayer books.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi has written a special Thanksgiving prayer which can supplement the "Birkat HaMazon." The English version of Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi's prayer reads: "In the days of the pilgrims, the Puritans, when they arrived at these safe shores, suffered hunger and cold. They sang and prayed to the rock of their salvation. And you, standing by them, roused the caring of the natives for them, who fed them turkey and corn and other delights. Thus you saved them from starvation, and they learned the ways of peace with the inhabitants of the land. Therefore, feeling grateful, they dedicated a day of Thanksgiving each year as a remembrance for future generations. ... Thus do we thank you for all the good in our lives ..."

This prayer is available in Hebrew and English in a loose-leaf collection, "Hashir Vehahevach" ("The Song and The Praise") through the ALEPH Alliance for Jewish Renewal, alephajr@aol.com.

Create a Thanksgiving seder. In addition to the blessings and customs mentioned above, you could create a Thanksgiving seder plate and place objects on it which signify the blessings of our nation and/or things for which you are personally thankful. Besides displaying and explaining these objects at the meal, you could also read or tell stories of the first Thanksgiving, followed by a retelling of your family's own saga of finding freedom in America. This could be oral, or the more ambitious might choose to create a hand-crafted memory book that is brought out each year.

Round the meal out by singing Hebrew songs of thanks, as well as American folk songs. This type of seder is especially meaningful if shared among families of different religions and backgrounds.

Invite someone far from home to Thanksgiving dinner. Check with your synagogue for ideas. If possible, also invite the person to phone home at your expense. Invite people outside your usual social circle to the Thanksgiving feast. If they are new Americans, they may have much to share about the blessings of this country that we often take for granted.

Religious School - Dates to Remember

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

November 1 – 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Mall

November $5 - 2^{nd}$ Grade Family Education Day 7^{th} Grade Trip to the Liberty

November 6 – Religious School Sub-Committee Meeting

November 8-12 - No School, NJEA

Museum

November 22-26 - No School, Thanksgiving

December 1 – 1st Grade Honoring

December 2-3 – 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC

December 8 – 7th Grade Brendenwood trip

December 17 - Kindergarten Family Education

December 24-31 - No School, Winter Break



Thanksgiving Day Food Drive

As Jews and Americans, we give thanks for the good in our lives. The Temple Emanuel Social Action Committee has asked the Religious School's help in fulfilling the Mitzvah of Thanksgiving. According to the list below, we ask that each student bring in a food item for this project.

All Food Donations Must be Received by Monday, November 20.

Religious School

Kindergarten - Bag of Small Marshmallows
First Grade - Box of Stuffing Mix
Second Grade - Can of Cranberry Sauce
Third Grade - Box of Mashed Potato Mix
Fourth Grade - Can of Yams
Fifth Grade - Can of Corn, Green Beans or Peas
Sixth Grade - Can of Gravy
Seventh Grade - Box of Cookies or Another Dessert
Eighth to Twelfth Grade - Can of Yams

Also Appreciated: Donated Turkeys, "Turkey Bucks" and supermarket gift certificates.

Membership/Caring Community

By Adrienne Mintz and Robin Miller

The Membership/Caring Community at Temple Emanuel would like you to "get to know us so we can get to know you."

As a result of the creative thinking of the Social Action Committee, a "Pledge of Time Card" was distributed at High Holiday services. If you didn't have a chance to complete your pledge card, you can still do so with the form found at the bottom of this page.

Listed below are some of the meaningful ways you can make a difference:

- 1. Drive congregants to Doctor appointments, the supermarket, the bank, Friday night services or other Temple programs.
- Share the experience of lighting Shabbat candles with congregants who cannot attend Friday services.
- Join the Temple Emanuel Phone Squad and welcome new members, invite congregants to exciting new programs, etc.
- 4. Help make Chicken Soup for the Temple Emanuel Soul this is real chicken soup.
- 5. Cook and or deliver meals for those who have had recent surgery or illness.

The Caring Community is steadily growing so we want you to be a part of this meaningful facet of Temple Emanuel. We will be in contact with those who have volunteered time in order to enlist your help as needed.

We must know who needs our services so we can be effective so please feel free to send any information to our new e-mail address caringcommunity@templeemanuel.org.

We would like to thank each and every person who has volunteered their time to help us help each other.

Remember, let us be there for you through the ever changing cycles of your life. Our doors are always open.

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 5767/2006-2007. | | |
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| Name: | | | |
| Phone: | E-mail: | | |

Drop this form in the Volunteerism Box or mail to Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08033



Temple Emanuel & Stars of David Present: Shabbat Around the World

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 — Israel

Family's Name:

Phone Number:

Adults:

Children:

Children under 3:

Amount enclosed:

Please make your checks out to Temple Emanuel and return to 1101 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 by October 27. Att: Shabbat Around the World



s fall quickly turns into winter, our year quickly flies by. We all want to fit the most in to every day, to accomplish the most tasks, to do the most mitzvot, to be there 24-7 for our friends and family. The pressures from school, from college applications and interviews, from social events and activities all become part of our every breath. And still, we want to stretch our minds, our hearts, our minutes...and just enjoy being us.

This is a daunting task for every student and for every adult, as well. This is where Temple life enters the picture: Temple Emanuel is a safe place where no judgments are made and there is no pressure to be someone else. Joining groups and assisting with programs opens new doors for everyone who reaches out. The good feeling of Tikkun Olam, repairing our world, gives each of us a sense of purpose, a reassurance that we can help the world and make things better. This is where Youth Group becomes significant.

I sincerely hope that each of you, our TEFTY Junior members, from sixth through eighth grade, and our TEFTY members, ninth through twelfth graders, have experienced something extraordinary when you have come to youth group events and programs. I am asking each of you to encourage as many of your friends as you can to come along with you on the road to learning and loving being Jewish through youth group.

Where else can you plan your own Shabbat service, write your own newsletter, design your own clothing line, and decide which charity your entire group can help? Youth Group is empowering. But even more important right now in your busy lives, youth group is fun. Meeting new friends and socializing at monthly events, going to regional conventions, marathons, services...all fun!

TEFTY Junior and TEFTY Senior joined forces for a hauntingly exciting night at the Wachovia Haunted House. Look for next month's activities in a flyer arriving very soon. Eleven TEFTY-ites attended our regional Leadership Training Institute, where each was inspired to become stronger executive board members. This was followed by an all-night dance marathon. Mixing social life and learning is the key to making our teens want to extend themselves. We are anticipating our fast-approaching Regional Convention, Fall Kallah; this will be held in conjunction with our Reform Movement's Biennial in Philadelphia.

We are also planning our own first-ever Dance-a-thon, scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2007. Every student – even pre-schoolers – will be invited to participate to raise funds for Israel and scholarship. Please mark your calendars for an afternoon to be remembered!

Thank you for your interest in Youth Group...now all you have to do is join in!!

We're Hoping for 100% Participation

Each year the President of Temple Emanuel has the responsibility of asking our Temple Emanuel family to make a pledge on Yom Kippur to assist us in meeting the ever growing needs of our congregation and continue to provide the myriad of programs our congregation enjoys.

This year Joyce Hoff eloquently described our Temple's needs, and spoke of the fact that dues and fees alone cannot sustain our congregational family. We rely on the generosity of those who can to help us help those in less fortunate circumstances.

We count on 100% of the congregation making a pledge according to their ability. If you have not yet returned your form indicating the amount you intend to pledge this year, please do so as soon as possible. Also consider folding down or circling the CHAI tab, as it represents life -- and will help sustain us. We are counting on you!!!

Temple Emanuel Life-long Education

The First Jewish Representative Lewis Charles Levin was the first lew elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was the American Party candidate from Pennsylvania in 1844. He was born in Charleston South Carolina, on November 10, 1808. He graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) with a law degree. He was a founder of the Native American Party and published and edited the Philadelphia Daily Sun. Levin was relelected twice before being defeated in 1850. He then returned to the practice of law in Philadelphia until his death on March 14, 1860.

The First Jewish Senator The first lew elected to the U.S. Senate was Florida Democrat David Levy Yulee. Yulee was first elected in 1845 and served until 1851 and then served another term from 1855 to 1861. He was the son of Moses Elias Levy, a Moroccan lew who made his fortune in timber in the Caribbean, then bought 50,000 acres of land near Jacksonville, hoping to create a New Jerusalem for Jewish settlers. Levy County and the city of Yulee are named after this family. Yulee supported slavery and secession. The second lew in the Senate was Judah Benjamin.

Elections & the Jewish Community

Remember to Yote on November 7



Where will you be this November 7? I hope at the polls. I do not wish to tell you who to vote for or whose lever I will pull. But, I do see the democratic process as integral to our heritage as Jewish Americans.

Democratic concepts have always been a part of Jewish thinking. For instance, the belief that all humans are created in the image of God logically leads to the idea of all people being equal. But a democratic form of government was not part of early Jewish history. In Biblical times, the Jewish nation was a monarchy. And democratic ideals were not prevalent when the Mishnah and Talmud were being written, between the 2nd and 6th centuries. In all

fairness, democratic governments did not exist anywhere during those times.

By the late 10th century, however, hundreds of years before Locke and Montesquieu, democratic principles were beginning to be formulated and implemented by Jewish scholars. These scholars were responding to the rise of independent Jewish communities.

These Jewish communities regulated the activities of its citizens, provided educational and social services, and even collected taxes for both their own community and often the state. The communities elected their own internal leaders.

As we prepare to go to the polls, let's reflect on the words of 13th century Spanish scholar Rabbi Solomon Ibn Adret:

As regards the decisions of the people of a specific locality, the law is that whenever the majority agree to enact a law, and accept this law, we pay no attention to individual opinions, since the relation of the majority in each town to the individuals of the community is equivalent to the relationship between the Great Court to the entire Jewish people: Whatever they decree shall stand. . .

Do you need a ride to vote? Please contact Rabbi Newburge or Rabbi Cohen, 856-489-0029, and we will be happy to try to arrange transportation.

The Congressional Minyin

Senate

(11— 2 Republicans, 9 Democrats)

Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

Norm Coleman (R-MN)

Russ Feingold (D-WI)

Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Herb Kohl (D-WI)

Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)

Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)

Carl Levin (D-MI)

Charles Schumer (D-NY)

Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Ron Wyden (D-OR)



House of Representatives

(26- I Republican, 24 Democrats, I Independent)

Gary Ackerman (D-NY)

Shelley Berkley (D-NV)

Howard Berman (D-CA)

Eric Cantor (R-VA)

Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Susan Davis (D-CA)

Rahm Emanuel (D-IL)

Eliot Engel (D-NY)

Bob Filner (D-CA)

Barney Frank (D-MA)

Jane Harman (D-CA)

Steve Israel D-NY)

Tom Lantos (D-CA)

Sander Levin (D-MI)

Nita Lowey (D-NY)

Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)

Steve Rothman (D-NJ)

Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)

Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)

Adam Schiff (D-CA)

Brad Sherman (D-CA)

Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)

Henry Waxman (D-CA)

Anthony Weiner (D-NY)

Robert Wexler (D-FL)

A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted.

—Talmud, B'rachot 55a

The Aleph-Bet Soup of Jewish Washington Adapted from a prayer by the Chief Rabbi of Israel

Jewish advocacy groups play an influential role in Washington, DC.. Please note that some groups — such as the ADL and Hadassah — are not listed because they are based in New York rather than DC.

AIPAC: American Israel Public Affairs Committee

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Americas Pro-Israel lobby, is the only American organization whose sole mission is to lobby Congress about legislation that strengthens the relationship between the United States and Israel.

AJ Committee: American Jewish Committee

The American Jewish Committee has worked since 1906 to safeguard and strengthen Jews and Jewish life worldwide by promoting democratic and pluralistic societies that respect the dignity of all peoples.

Al Congress: American Jewish Congress

This groups goal is to "protect fundamental constitutional freedoms and American democratic institutions, particularly the civil and religious rights and liberties of all Americans and the separation of church and state

BBI: B'nai B'rith International

B'nai B'rith monitors and advocates on behalf of a wide range of Congressional issues, including concerns about Social Security, Medicare, and prescription drugs; continued U.S. government support for Israel; and effective homeland security strategies.

JCPA: Jewish Council for Public Affairs

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs is devoted to "safeguarding the rights of Jews here, in Israel, and around the world and promoting a just American society."

NCS: National Council of Jewish Women

The National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer organization involved in social change for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCIW addresses issues such as child welfare, women's rights, and reproductive freedom.

NIDC: National lewish Democratic Council

Founded in 1990, the National Jewish Democratic Council is the national voice of Jewish Democrats and seeks to educate Jewish voters about party differences, inform candidates for public office about the need to address and support issues of concern to the Jewish community.

The RAC: Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is the Washington, DC, office of the Union for Reform Judaism (Union). The RAC has been the hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity in the nation's capital for more than 40 years. The RAC educates and mobilizes the American Jewish community on legislative and social concerns, advocating on issues from economic justice to civil rights to religious liberty to Israel.

RIC: Republican lewish Coalition

The Republican Jewish Coalition, founded in 1985, is the sole voice of Jewish Republicans to Republican decision makers and the Jewish community.

UC: United lewish Charities

UJC Washington promotes the interests and concerns of the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization uniting 155 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities, to members of Congress and the Administration.

And, in Israel?

How Elections Work in the Mideast's Democracy

Despite all the challenges to the small state, from wars and security threats to immigrant absorption and limited natural resources, Israel has succeeded to maintain a vibrant and stable democracy.

The Israeli electoral system is based on a nation-wide proportional representation. Every Israeli citizen 18 years of age or older is eligible to vote. The country's main legislative body, the Knesset, seats 120 members. Parliamentary elections are supposed to occur every four years, but with a simple majority, the Knesset can dissolve itself and call for early elections.

• In electing members of the Knesset, the Israeli electorate does not vote for individual candidates. Rather, they vote for a party list. According to the Elections Law, only parties may run for election and it is they who determine their candidate • lists. Parties are allowed to form a coalition and submit a joint list of candidates for the Knesset.

The number of seats each party receives is determined by the percentage of total votes it receives. Any party, or parties, with 10 or more seats in the outgoing Knesset may nominate a candidate for prime minister. A candidate may also be nominated by a signed petition of 50,000 eligible voters.

In order to be prime minister, a candidate must be an Israeli citizen, at least 30 years of age and head his/her party's list of Knesset candidates. Anyone who has served as prime minister for seven consecutive years is not allowed to run for reelection.

Failure to secure 50 percent of the vote, will result in a runoff between the top two vote-getters. Once elected, the

 prime minister has 45 days to form a government. This requires obtaining Knesset approval for his/her selection of ministers. American democracy is at its best in its talent for transfer of power.

Abba Eban



Are we voting less in the US?

Recent studies show that voting by American Jews has fallen off sharply in the last few years. Close to a million Jews of voting age are not even registered, and Jewish voting rates have dropped to an average of 50 to 70 percent from our historic level of 90 percent. Young Jews, particularly of college age, make up a large number of those who fail to vote.

PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



he Preschool is bustling with activity! The children have been immersed in learning about their world through the introduction of new vocabulary, concepts, ideas and activities. They are even building their Hebrew vocabulary in their weekly lessons with Morah Esther. They have enjoyed eating lunch with their friends, and participating in enrichment activities such as music, dance, cheerleading, yoga and would you believe – "acting" class? Our 4 year old "Travelers" and "All Stars" have expanded their horizons by exploring their community on a bus trip and picking apples at Johnson's Farm. They were delighted to discover the next day that they could turn the apples they picked into applesauce and pies!

In addition to learning school readiness skills, the children are discovering the beauty and wonder of the Jewish holidays through crafts, projects stories and, of course, their senses. Jewish values are also woven into their curriculum. This year each class has decided to take on a particular Tzedakah project. The two year olds and three year olds have chosen to donate to Mazon, which is the Jewish response to hunger. To understand the meaning of this project the children will bring in canned food to give to the food bank. They will learn about the concept of feeding and caring for others, and will discuss what it feels like to be hungry. The four year olds' Tzedakah project is the animal orphanage in Voorhees. The children will learn about the care of animals as well as endangered animals. They will arrange to have a therapy dog visit and will plan to visit the orphanage itself. Through these hands on activities the children will truly be able to understand the meaning of Tzedakah!

November is Jewish Book Month, and since story telling is so much a part of our lives, we will be celebrating by hosting a Jewish Book Fair from November 13 to the 17. Books and CD's with Jewish content will be available for children of all ages, making it a perfect holiday gift. Also on the calendar is one of the highlights of our school year – The Pre-School Family Dinner to be held on Friday evening November 17 at 6 pm. All preschool families, the staff, and anybody interested in learning more about our preschool are invited to attend. We will enjoy a catered dinner, desserts that are prepared by our parents, crafts, a Tot Shabbat service and a special Oneg. If you are interested in joining us for this fun evening, please contact the preschool office at (856) 489-0034 for details.

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

Pre-School Parent Committee Corner

Time can really fly when you're having fun in the Pre-School! The Parent Committee is thrilled with how things have come together this year. We cannot wait to receive our ArtWare orders this month made from the students' incredible projects completed in the classrooms. Additionally, we have T-shirts and Sweatshirts available in the Pre-School office. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with our spring events including our Pre-School Prom and we welcome newcomers!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please note these upcoming events:

<u>10/23-11/3:</u> Discovery Toy fundraiser – Order these fun and educational products for the children in your life! Teacher wish lists are posted in the hallway.

11/3: Parent Committee Meeting- 9:30am in the parent lounge. All are Welcome!

11/13-11/17: Jewish Book Fair- We have many wonderful books including some "hard to find" titles which will be available for Hanukkah giving.

<u>11/17:</u> Pre-School Dinner- Please join us for this family friendly dinner, Tot Shabbat service and Oneg afterwards!

11/22: Thanksgiving Celebration with Sharing Soup- The students will provide lunch for family and friends in this special holiday event.

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Please feel free to contact Jeanie at the Preschool Office (856) 489-0034 or Loren Firstenberg at (856)-810-0454 with any questions, concerns or ideas you might have for our Pre-School. Thank You.

\$100 MAZEL TOV BOND





Celebrate simchas and other spercial occasions with the \$100 Mazel Tov Bond. This is a wonderful way to commemorate the great moments in life while making an investment in Israel's future. For more information about the \$100 Mazel Tov Bond and the other securities available through State of Israel Bonds, please contact our Israel Bonds Representative, Larry A. Katz, at 1-800-752-5671 or Larry.Katz@israelbonds.com.

Rabbi E Newburge's

Jewish tradition holds that a pomegranate has 613 seeds, representing the 613 mitzvot that we are supposed to keep. According to Reish Lakish, a talmudic sage, even the sinners among the Children of Israel have as many good deeds as the seeds of a pomegranate. The fruit was used in many ways

as it is today and was featured in Egyptian mythology and art, praised in the Hebrew Bible and in the Babylonian Talmud, and it was carried by desert caravans for the sake of its thirst-quenching juice. Today, there are some commercial orchards in Israel on the coastal plain and in the Jordan Valley.

Pomegranate Punch

1 cup pomegranate juice 1 cup orange juice 1/4 cup lemon juice 2 cups water 1 cup sugar 1 quart ginger ale



Have all ingredients chilled. Dissolve sugar in water and combine with pomegranate, orange and lemon juice. Add ginger ale and serve. (More sugar may be added as needed; pineapple juice also is a good ingredient).

Mazel Tov....

Deb Faye and Linda Levitsky on their appointment to the Regional Women of Reform Judaism Board.

Iris and Benjamin Snyder and Judie and Harry Morrow on the birth of their son and grandson, Noah Gabriel Snyder.

Barbara and Les Cohen on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey to Stacey Kaspin.

Millie Fisher on the birth of her granddaughter, Rianna Hailey Fisher, daughter of Melanie and Lyle Fisher.

Fighting Breast Cancer Requires Knowledge... The Best of Medical Care... And Sometimes Just a Hand to Hold.



If you have recently been diagnosed with breast cancer...

Or you are a breast cancer survivor of several years or more ...

Yad b'Yad (Hand in Hand) is a Program for You!

Yad b'Yad (Hand in Hand) is a community of individuals empowering one another in the fight against breast cancer. This inspiring and unique program provides opportunities for conversations between survivors and new patients, ongoing support groups, resource materials, educational seminars, volunteer opportunities and other support.

Yad b'Yad is the vision of a group of Jewish breast cancer survivors of varying ages, diagnoses, and prognoses living in our community who want to share resources, education, and other types of support with those who are living with a breast cancer diagnosis. Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern New Jersey, in partnership with the Philadelphia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and with additional funding from the Jewish Community Foundation and the Cary Massa Memorial Breast Cancer Fund, administers the program.

For more information about this innovative program, or to get involved, email yadbyad@comcast.net or contact Jennifer Weiss at 856-424-1333.

B'NAI MITZVOT NOVEMBER

November 4 Bat Mitzvah of RACHEL LEIGH BARD

Daughter of Randi and Bruce Bard

Haydalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of GRANT JONATHAN SHAFFER

Son of Sheri G. Shaffer and Hal J. Shaffer

November 11 Bar Mitzvah of CHARLES BITMAN

Son of Debra and Garry Bitman

Bar Mitzvah of BRADLEY KRELL

Son of Amy and Ed Krell

Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of REBECCA EMILY TAUB

Daughter of Fran and Bill Taub

November 18 Bat Mitzvah of LINDSEY BERNE KATZ

Daughter of Polly and Brian Katz

Bar Mitzvah of JOSEPH NARDUCCI Son of Marci and Benjamin Narducci

Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of EMILY ROSE McCREADY Daughter of Janet and Drew McCready





Jerri Pinsky Chairperson

As a small child growing up in a conservative synagogue, I looked forward to the Jewish National Fund appeal to buy trees in Israel. Each year, my family would honor teachers, principals, other members of our congregation and ourselves with the purchase of a tree, for which we received a beautiful certificate. I actually imagined that if I ever traveled to Israel, I could visit a tree with a tag that read "In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Yaffa Klein, January 10, 1963."

For the past few years, it has been my pleasure to serve as the caretaker of our **TREE OF LIFE** on the wall outside the Social Hall. This is a unique space devoted entirely to happy life cycle events. Unlike the tag that only existed in my imagination, this **TREE** bears engraved leaves that serve as a constant reminder of a cherished memory for years to come. The rocks at its base, celebrate happy occasions in a larger format. Please make sure that your family is included on our tribute wall.

For more information or an order form, please contact Irene Strauss in the Temple office at 856-489-0029 x 12. Below are rocks recently purchased.

ROCKS Jane Rose IN HONOR OF

Grandchildren: Samuel Stewart, Sandy Stewart,

Megan Rose, Ethan Rose, Ashley Rose

Temple Emanuel Congregation

Sandy Umansky

Phone Numbers: Office 856-489-0029

Rel. School 856-489-0035 Pre-School 856-489-0034

TEMPLE EMANUEL NOVEMBER 2006



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| 5 9 am 2nd Grade Family Ed Program 9:15 am 7th Grade—Liberty Museum 10 am Men's Club Mtg. 11 am Finance Comm. Mtg. 12:30 pm Chaverim | 7:30 Men's Study Group 7:30 pm RS Sub Comm. Mtg. | 7 12 pm Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 12 pm Intro. To Hebrew 1 pm Mishkan T'filah 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm "Jewish Humor" 8 pm Adult Confirmation | 8 9th-12th Grade Baltimore Trip No School | 9 7:30 pm Yiddish Class ♦ NJEA ♦ | 10 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service ♦NJEA ♦ | 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of CHARLES BITMAN and BRADLEY KRELL 5:30 pm Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of REBECCA EMILY TAUB |
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| | | | | | 7 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Family Service—1st Grade Shabbat 7:30 pm Alternative Service | 2 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service—Bar Mitzvah of CARL DANIEL STRUM 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of JASON HARRIS KATES 8th Grade Trip |
| 9 am Sisterhood Hanukkah Bazaar 9:15 am Men's Study Group | 4 9 am "How to Do Hanukkah" 7 pm Adult Ed Mtg. 8 pm Family Ed Mtg. | 5 12 Noon Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 12 Noon Introduction to Hebrew 1 pm Mishkan T'filah 7 pm "Creation" Rabbi Eron 7 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Adult Confirmation | 6 | 7 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting and Hanukkah Party 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation 7:30 pm Yiddish Class | 8 8 pm Shababat Evening Service—Youth Group Shabbat | 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service—Bar Mitzvah of CHASE MATHEW EPSTEIN 6:15 pm Havdalah Service— Bat Mitzvah of ASHTYN TAYLOR GOLDE 9th Grade Trip |
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| 9 am Kindergarten Family Ed. 9:30 am StarLight Foundation 10 am Men's Club Meeting 12:30 pm Club Noar | 18 7:30 pm TE Board of Trustee ♦ Confirmation Class Trip to Israel ♦ | 19 12 Noon Post B'nai Mitzvah Class 12 Noon Introduction to Hebrew 1 pm Mishkan T'filah 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm "Creatiion" Rabbi Eron 8 pm Adult Confirmation | 20 12 Noon Senior Group Bag Lunch 7 pm House Committee | 21 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation 7:30 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm Yiddish Class No Yoga | 22 8 pm Shabbat Evening Torah Service | 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 6:15 pm Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of CONOR HARRISON SHULL |
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| 31 ♦No School ♦ | | | | | ♦Confirmation Class returns from Israel ♦ | |



Torah Portions of the Month

November 4 Lech - Lecha Exodus 12:1 – 17:27

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

November 11 Vayera Genesis 18:1 – 22:24

Abraham is told that Sarah will give birth to a son. As was promised, Sarah becomes pregnant. Abraham and Sarah have a son whom they name Isaac and on the eighth day of his life he is circumcised. Sarah wants Hagar and Ishmael thrown out of their home so that Ishmael will not have any part of Isaac's inheritance. Hagar and Ishmael are cast out into the wilderness. Ishmael nearly dies but his cry is heard and an angel of

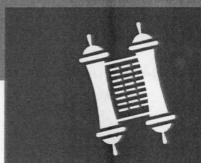
God reassures Hagar that Ishmael will live to become a great nation. God decides to test Abraham and commands him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Because of Abraham's willingness to obey God's command, the promise of a great nation described as numerous as the stars in heaven and the sands of the seashore is repeated.

November 18– Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1 – 25:18

In Chayei Sarah, we have another opportunity to learn about the original Jewish family. Sarah, Abraham's wife, dies and Abraham seeks to insure that the next generation will continue the Jewish traditions, which he and Sarah have established. Abraham sends his servant Eliezer to find a wife for his son Isaac from among his kin. Eliezer travels to the land of Abraham's birth and returns with Rebecca, kin to Abraham and considered an appropriate wife. At the close of this portion, Abraham dies.

November 25 – Toledot Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

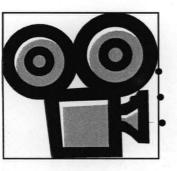
In parasha Toledot, meaning generations, we learn about the generations which begin with Isaac. Isaac's wife, Rebecca is pregnant with twins, Jacob and Esau. Even before the twins are born, they fight in their mother's womb, a struggle that will continue throughout most of their lives.



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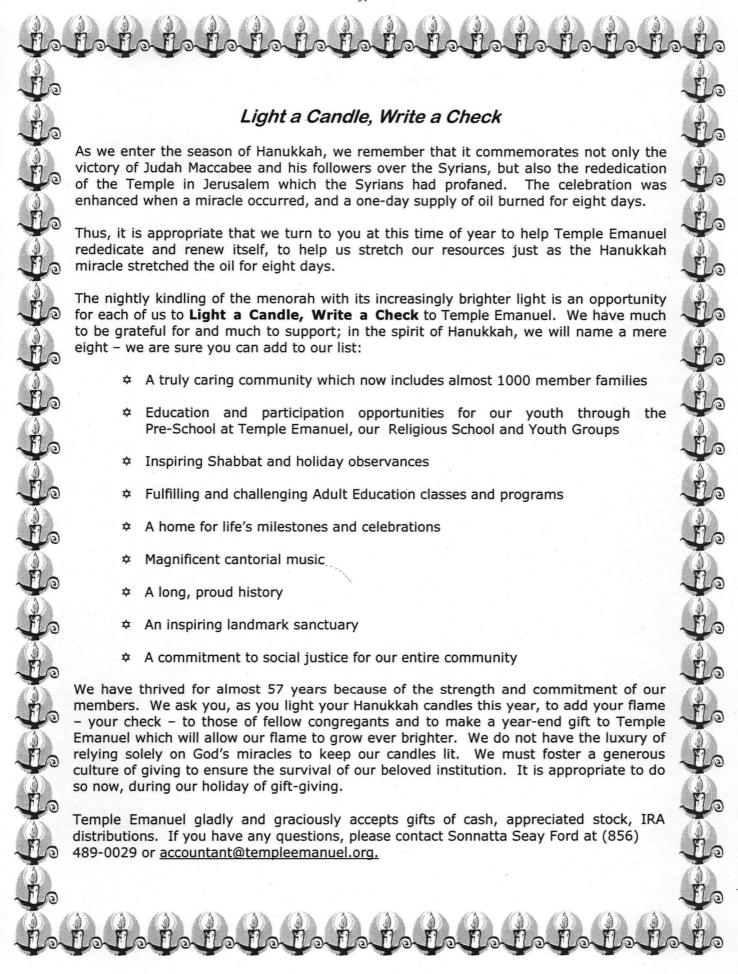
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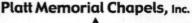
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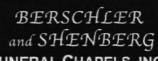
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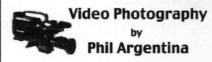
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