



From the Rabbi's Study

by Geri Newburge

It is impossible to describe the wonder, learning, and overall amazing experience that the Confirmation students and I had in Israel. We had wonderful adult chaperones with us (including talented members Seth Keller, Dan Baratz, and Arie Gluck), ensuring a safe and happy trip for one and all, a fabulous tour guide and bus driver.

Our trip, December 18-29, took us from one end of Israel to the other. The itinerary included Shabbat in Jerusalem (of course!), a Jeep ride in Golan Heights, a cable car ride to the beautiful grottos at Rosh nikra (and on the Lebanese border), a gorgeous hike in the Negev, and nding at the edge of the Mediterranean Sea at the ruins of Caesarea. The day of our trip was truly unique and special.

It is eight years since I was last in Israel, and this was my first time ding a group to our homeland. It was like seeing the country for the t time. The teens exuded excitement and interest and it was infectious. so think we boosted the Israeli economy during our visit (and that was t with our ice cream purchases!)

This experience taught me many things. The most important is that h of us should try to visit Israel; this is our homeland and it is a beaul country. We have much to learn about the culture, innovations, geoghy, and history of this miraculous land.

I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither away." ılms 137:5

See Reach for the Stars info on page 7

Celebrate Purim



Mark your calendar: Religious School change of schedule for Purim, March 4

All students, both sessions, should arrive at 10:45 am and go to their classrooms. Parents are encouraged to join us. The classes will be attending the Purim Shpiel and Costume Parade.

Dress your child in a costume and join in the fun!

Look for information in the next Light about a schedule change for March 25, the day of the Model Seder.

The Men's Club of Temple Emanuel in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds will be holding a

TRIBUTE BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11th AT 10 am

honoring

The 40th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification and the memory of Teddy Kollek, former Mayor of Jerusalem

Guest Speaker will be: Dr. Yossi Olmert

Dr. Olmert is an expert on Syria, Lebanon, Terrorism and the Palestinian Question. He is the brother of Ehud Olmert, current Prime Minister of Israel and immediate Past Mayor of Jerusalem



From your Leadership



Bruce Sachais is Vice President of Ritual. He, along with his wife Linda and daughters Sarah and Michelle, has been a member of Temple Emanuel since 2000. Bruce is a physician and scientist at the University of Pennsylvania. In his spare time, he enjoys music (listening as well as playing drums), electronic gadgets, and spending time with his family.

By Bruce Sachais

ommunity can be defined as a group of people that share a common interest. The common interests that bind a community are often social, cultural or religious.

Community has always been at the heart of Judaism. From the Temple of old, where our ancestors gathered for the festival holidays, to the tight-knit villages or "schtettles" that kept our heritage alive during much of the Diaspora.

Today, as Reform Jews in America, the center of our Jewish identity is our Synagogue. Participation in social, religious and cultural activities keeps our heritage alive. With this in mind, the leadership of Temple Emanuel constantly strives to provide a variety of opportunities for our community to connect to our Jewish heritage, and each other, in new and meaningful ways.

Early next month we will celebrate Purim. This is a most joyous holiday where we celebrate our rescue from destruction by the evil Haman, due to the clever actions of our heroes, Esther and Mordechai. Purim, above all, is a celebration of the survival of our community.

On Sunday, March 4 (which is the 14th day of Adar), Temple Emanuel will hold a <u>Purim Happening</u>: a day filled with a variety of fun and meaningful activities for the whole family. Our day will include:

- A Purim Parade
- Our annual Purim Shpiel (A Lion King Purim)
- Our annual Purim Carnival
- Mordechai's Martinis (and soda bar)
 (Ice Cream Sundae Bar for Children)
- · A reading of the Megillat Esther

I look forward to celebrating with you and your family.

Hag Sameach,

Bruce

Religious School – Dates to Remember Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

February 2 – 2nd Grade Shabbat

February 4 – 3rd Grade Family Education Day

February 10 & 11 – 9th Grade Trip to New York

February 11-2nd grade Family Education

February 18 - No School, President's Weekend

February 25 - Kindergarten Family Education

March 2 - 4th Grade Shabbat

March 4 - Altered Schedule for Purim

March 5 - Religious School Sub-Committee

Memo from MAYDA



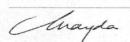
Americans, who amongst us does not take advantage of this day – one to tell those we most care about of our affection. Sometimes I wonder whether we really consider the importance of the feelings we share with others and the importance affection, friendship, and a sense of belonging have in our lives. Do we really take the time to appreciate the simple ordinary pleasures that make up each day? Do we consider "the ties that bind" us to our friends, to our Judaism and to our Temple? I recently read the following:

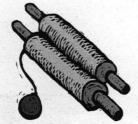
Junior high school students in Chicago were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following received the most votes: Egypt's Great Pyramids, The Taj Mahal, The Grand Canyon, The Panama Canal, The Empire State Building, St. Peter's Basilica, China's Great Wall

One student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper. The teacher asked if she was having trouble with her list. She replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: to touch, to taste, to see, to hear... (she hesitated a little, and then added...), to feel, to laugh, and to love. The room was so quiet; you could have heard a pin drop.

For me, this story serves as a gentle reminder that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful - and we don't have to travel anywhere special to experience them. At Temple Emanuel we hope that we can help focus on these gifts and help you appreciate love, friendship and belonging.

I look forward to seeing you often at Temple Emanuel.





When I pray, I am talking to God, and when I study, God is talking to me. An old Jewish saying

All are invited to join the weekly Saturday Morning Torah Study group. The study session meets between 9:15 am to 10:15 am every week. (Summer hours in July and August are 10:00 am to 11:00 am.)

We are a small group of ordinary people who have an extraordinary discussion. We start with the weekly Torah portion, we add in our personal religious beliefs and our knowledge of the history of Israel and the Jewish people and out comes an incredible learning session.

There is a core of people who attend every week, and a group of people who only attend infrequently. Each of us has an expertise that collectively adds value to the discussion.

Everyone is welcome. Newcomers are most welcome – every new person who joins us is strongly encouraged to become a regular.

About half the sessions are lead by the Rabbis/Cantor, the other half of the sessions are lead by lay leaders. With this structure, each session is totally independent, therefore, those of us who participate in all the sessions are just as prepared for the next session as the person who attends for the first time.

Study with us on Saturday morning and learn what it is like to hear the lessons of God.

CANTOR'S NOTES



by Peter Halpern



nce a year we commemorate the joyous song our ancestors sang after the "splitting" of the Sea of Reeds, or the Red Sea, on our way to freedom. Whether we believe that God interceded in parting the waters as depicted in the film "The Ten Commandments" or that a natural miracle of science occurred, either one could be attributed to God.

An intelligent force well beyond our understanding brought into existence a universe with enormously complex natural laws. If we can accept the magnificent make-up of the human body or the conception and birth of a child, we can easily believe that strong winds and tides came together in such a way as to allow for the miracle-story told in the Bible.

Our tradition teaches that there are only ten true songs, or Shirot. These songs are not mere melodies, but transitions in the history of the world. This song is one. Therefore we dedicate one Shabbat every year to the reading of this story, called "Shabbat Shirah," the

Sabbath of Song. Please join us on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm, as we celebrate with special music in honor of Shabbat Shirah.



JOIN US FOR SHABBAT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 8 pm
AS WE WELCOME, ONCE AGAIN, THE CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAST SINGERS
THEIR BEAUTIFUL VOICES WILL FILL OUR SANCTUARY AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN
OUR SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Join us for Shabbat ...

We have so many wonderful opportunities; surely there is a Shabbat service that will be meaningful for you and your loved ones.

<u>Junior Congregation</u>- A new monthly service by our young people for our young people. Please get your child involved. The service is geared to 5th-12th graders, and is followed by a social program.

February 23 March 30

April 27

May 25

<u>Family Service</u>- Calling all families! Sing and schmooze with Rabbi David, Rabbi Cohen, and Cantor Halpern, and don't forget to come for your birthday blessing during your birthday month. We begin at 7:30pm the first Friday night each month. Your presence is warmly welcomed.

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1

<u>Alternative Service</u>- Our "Alternative Service" is held the first Friday night of every month at 7:30pm, concurrent to the Family Service. Spend this first Friday with us in a highly participatory service led by Rabbi Newburge in the Chapel (and we give birthday blessings too).

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1

<u>"Caring" Shabbat</u>- Temple Emanuel's Caring Community thrives due to the hard work and dedication of many incredible volunteers. We also have many unsung heroes in our congregation who give love and support to their loved ones who are declining in health. We honor all them on *March 9* at 8pm.

<u>Shabbat Shira</u>- A Shabbat of Song! Shabbat Shira occurs annually when we read the Torah portion Beshalach. It's called Shabbat Shira because we read about the exodus of the people of Israel, and, of course, as they crossed the Red Sea they burst forth with a wonderful song called Oz Yashir, which is found in Chapter 15 of the Book of Exodus. Come sing with us on *February 2 at 7:30 pm*.

<u>Anniversary Shabbat</u>- A new tradition begins at Temple Emanuel! Please mark your calendar for the third Shabbat of your anniversary month. You and your partner will receive a special anniversary blessing on the bimah. What better way to say "I love you!"

Please contact Rabbi Geri Newburge with any questions. gnewburge@templeemanuel.org, 856-489-0029 x16

Mazel Tov....

Kay and Sheldon Goodstadt on the engagement of their daughter Monica to Jon Sussman

Gerald Abelow and Lynne Feriozzi on their marriage

Debbie and Jordan Katz on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Rochelle Katz

Carol and Michael Goldenberg on the engagement of their son, Gregg to Megan McDonald

Seth Broder, son of Stephen and Eileen Broder was sworn in recently as Town Councilman for Moorestown, New Jersey

Judy and Howard Goldstein on the engagement of their daughter, Lauren to Daniel Silvers



TODAH ROBAH (THANK YOU)

A new fund has been established by the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

This fund Ahavat Limud (Love of Learning)

supports special programming and activities in the Religious School.

SENIOR SCENE

By Gert Pastelnick President, Henry Raich Senior Group

hat better way is there to spend a mid-winter afternoon than gathering with us for a brown bag lunch and exciting program? Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 21, at 12 noon. Our guest speaker will be Cantor Peter Halpern, who will bring stories of his experiences and his music to us.

Please take advantage of this entertaining afternoon. Regardless of the cold weather outside, it will be very warm inside.

Membership/Caring Community By Robin Miller

Hi. I am really glad you are reading my membership article. Yes. YOU. Thank you for taking time to get familiar with your membership at Temple Emanuel. I want to remind you that I am here for you. I'm Robin Miller - your vice president of membership.

That means you can call or email me anytime you like. You can share your opinions and experience on programs we have had or let me know your ideas for future programs. You can ask me to introduce you to people your own age or to people who have kids, your kid's ages. Everyone is welcome to attend our Membership, Caring Community meetings. They are like parties. We always have food, interesting refreshments and a program.

We also have an agenda filled with great ideas and lists of openings where we could use your help. I think that if you take time out of your busy life to come to a meeting, it should be fun and worth your time. Even if you don't want to commit to any work, you should come just for the fun of it.

TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND A MEMBERSHIP / CARING COMMUNITY MEETING

10- it's a great way to make new friends and meet more people

9- it's a free night out

8- we guarantee you will laugh a lot

7- you are sure to feel that beautiful smile in your heart when you do a mitzvah

6-chocolate treats

5- you have a say in what programs you want at Temple Emanuel.

4- you get to be on one more committee

3-we even serve sugar free tasty cakes

2-you can offer a ride to someone in need

 you will know what everything is all about

We need you and you need us. Get to know your Temple Emanuel family. Our Next Caring Community / Membership meetings are:

- Monday, January 22, 2007@ 7:30 pm
- Thursday, February 22, 2007 @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 21, 2007 @ 7:30 pm

Feel free to contact me at 609-685-1819 (cell), or ROOKA6969@AOL.COM



Adult Education Offerings

To register for a course, call (856) 489-0029. No fee unless listed.

New in February

Temple Emanuel Book Club, <u>History of Love</u> by Nicole Kraus, facilitated by Peggy David, MSW, LCSW February 25 & 26, 9:15 to 10:30 am (Discussion repeated to fit different schedules.)

Nicole Krauss's <u>The History of Love</u> is a hauntingly beautiful novel about two characters whose lives are woven together in such complex ways that even after the last page is turned, the reader is left to wonder what really happened. <u>The History of Love</u> spans a period of over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe to present day Brighton Beach.

New in March

How-to-Do Passover Workshop with the Rabbis

Monday, March 12, 9:15 to 10:30 am

We will explore the meaning behind Passover traditions, learn how to prepare for a seder and talk about ways to make the holiday engaging for young people.

Jewish Cooking: Quick & Delicious Passover Meals with Stacy and Jason Clarke

Monday, March 19 at 7 pm, \$18/demonstration and tasting

Learn new recipes, cooking skills and add some spice to your Jewish kitchen.

Ongoing Classes - Newcomers Always Welcome

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 2 began January 4; fee can be pro-rated. Fee: \$55/session.

Key Turning Points in Jewish History with Rabbi Richard Levine

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm

A must for history or mystery book lovers. Seemingly minor incidents and figures had a major influence on Jewish history. Without these stories, the history of the Jews might be a study in ancient history. Continues February 6, 13, 20

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

This class goes where no other Yiddish class has gone before. No boring drills. No memorization of words or conjugations of verbs. Join us for this genuinely fun evening.

Mishkan T'filah: The New Reform Siddur with Rabbi David, Rabbi Newburge and Rabbi Cohen Approximately every other Tuesday throughout the year, 1-2 pm, February 13, 27, March 13, 27

Post B'nai Mitzvah Study Group with Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD Approximately every other Tuesday, noon—1 pm, February 13, 27, March 13, 27

Improve Your Prayerbook Skills with Rabbi Geri Newburge Approximately every other Tuesday, 1-2 pm, February 6, 20, March 6, 20

Adult Confirmation with Rabbi David, Rabbi Newburge and Rabbi Cohen, Every Tuesday 8-9 pm

Temple Emanuel Reach for the Stars 2007 Season of Events

Proceeds from Reach for the Stars events benefit Temple Emanuel and the Starlight Foundation

Friday, March 23 at 8 pm - Beth Schafer

All are welcome to join Temple Emanuel for a special musical Shabbat featuring singer/songwriter Beth Schafer. Beth is an award-winning songwriter who blends music with a little teaching and a little theatre into a high-impact transformative experience. Beth's infectious energy, well-crafted songs and intelligent lyrics make her a leading musician in the Jewish music world. Beth likes making music, loves bringing people together through the power of music, and feels God's presence in her work. A special Oneg Shabbat will follow our Service.





Sunday, April 22 at 3 pm-Rick Recht Watch the mail for information on ticket prices for this event.

Come experience Rick Recht performing an upbeat concert at Temple Emanuel. Rick Recht is the top-touring musician in Jewish music playing over 150 concerts a year in the United States and abroad. Recht is widely recognized for his appeal to youth and family audiences not only as an exceptional musician, singer/songwriter, and entertainer, but as a role model for involvement in Jewish life. He has become an icon

for Jewish youth in the United States, elevating the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity among the masses. His music inspires Jewish youth and adults and makes them feel connected to each other and their Jewish heritage. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of musical energy.

Sunday, April 29 at 7 pm-Judy Gold Watch the mail for your invitation

Mark your calendar for Temple Emanuel's first Comedy Cabaret starring Judy Gold, Emmy Award-winning actress and comedian. Currently, Gold is appearing off Broadway in her acclaimed one woman show, 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother. Gold is the host of HBO's At the Multiplex with Judy Gold and also hosted Comedy Central's 100 Greatest Stand-Ups of All Time. Gold won two Emmy Awards for writing and producing The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She was nominated twice for The American Comedy Awards' Funniest Female Stand-Up award. She has also appeared on



Law & Order, Law & Order SVU, The View, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and Late Night with Conan O'Brien, to name a few. She will be joined by local comedy talent to make this a memorable, laugh filled and side splitting evening of friends, food, fun and drink. This is an evening not to be missed!!





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

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

Jews are commanded to observe the 14th day of Adar as a day of feasting and merrymaking and an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor (Esther 9:22.) Customarily, the gifts are of food. These gifts of food are called, shalach manot. In keeping with this tradition, the Social Action Committee is holding a food drive as part of our Purim celebration. This year Purim will be celebrated on March 4th. Until then, we are collecting nonperishable food items such as: tuna, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, peanut butter, canned stew, chunky soups, etc... We are also accepting monetary donations made out to Temple Emanuel and designated for the Purim food drive. All donations will be forwarded to the Foodbank of Southern NJ. I hope that as you come to the synagogue to enjoy the Purim carnival, shpiel, or the reading of the Megillah Esther, that you will bring in a bag of food for the needy.

Our B'nai Mitzvot in February

February 3 Bar Mitzvah of BLAKE TYLER LAZAR

Son of Stacey Lazar and Larry Lazar

Havdalah Service

Bat Mitzvah of ABBY ROSE COMETZ

Daughter of Michele Taylor and Frederic Cometz

February 10 Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN NATHANIEL VOLPE

Son of Beverly and Michael Volpe

February 17 Bat Mitzvah of JENNA ILYSE YOGEL

Daughter of Debbie and Lee Yogel

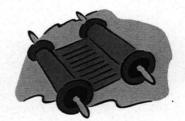
Havdalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of AUSTIN NATHANIEL WEITZ

Son of Merle and Russ Weitz

February 24 Bar Mitzvah of BENJAMIN ALEX WIRTSHAFTER

Son of Sandy and Michael Wirtshafter



News From



A Caring Community Update...

any wonderful things are happening in because of our Caring Community at Temple Emanuel. This element of our congregation is truly making an impact on people's lives every day. In particular I'd like you to know about three opportunities for each one of you.

First- there is a <u>Caring Community Fund</u>. This fund is available to support our congregants and help defray the costs of running our Caring Community. If we have helped you or if you would like to help us help others, next time you make a donation to the Temple to honor or remember someone, consider indicating the Caring Community Fund as the recipient of your generosity.

Second- we have our own email address! Please email us if there is an illness or simcha occurring in your family. And email us if you'd like to be involved! The email is very easy to remember; it is caringcommunity@templeemanuel.org. We look forward to hearing from you. Communicating with us, through the ups and downs of your everyday life is the only way we can stay current and in touch!!

Third- Please join us for our first annual Caring Community Shabbat on Friday March 9, 2007 at 8pm. This special Shabbat Service is intended to recognize the Caring Community for their hard work in establishing the resources we need to support our members through difficult times. Come learn more about what we have to offer while honoring those who have worked so hard on this undertaking.

Feel free to call or email me with any questions you might have. We look forward to growing our Caring Community with YOU as a part of it!

L'shalom.

Rabbi Geri Newburge (856)489-0029 x16

Temple Emanuel Book Club, Upcoming Selections

Join us monthly to discuss a popular book of Jewish interest. Discussions take place from 9:15-10:30 am on Sundays.

The discussions scheduled for Monday mornings have been cancelled.



February 25 - Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, History of Love by Nicole Krauss

Nicole Krauss's *The History of Love* is a hauntingly beautiful novel about two characters whose lives are woven together in such complex ways that even after the last page is turned, the reader is left to wonder what really happened. In the hands of a less gifted writer, unraveling this tangled web could easily give way to complete chaos. However, under Krauss's watchful eye, these twists and turns only strengthen the impact of this enchanting book.

The History of Love spans of period of over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe to present day Brighton Beach. At the center of each main character's psyche is the issue of loneliness, and the need to fill a void left empty by lost love.

March 18 - Rabbi Deborah Cohen Joy Comes in the Morning by Jonathan Rosen

Joy Comes in the Morning, a novel set on Manhattan's Upper West Side, is the story of the courtship and love affair of Deborah Green, a Reform rabbi, and Lev Friedman, the son of Henry Friedman, a patient who Rabbi Green was counseling. This is very much a story about faith, both spiritual and human. Like so many of us, these characters are on a journey of self-discovery as they attempt to work through their crises of faith.

YOUTH GROUP

Temple Emanuel is one of the most active Reform congregations in our region: there is something to do for every member, from the youngest pre-schooler to the most mature senior! It is significant to note that our teenagers reflect this dedication to their Temple as well. TEFTY members support every event and look for new ways to enhance programs.

We know that parents who encourage their children to participate in events at their own synagogue reap benefits beyond imagination: We have dedicated Jewish teens who are proud and committed, who thrive on social action projects and issues that need their attention, who love their religion, their Temple, and their own abilities.

We hope that all of you, parents and teens alike, will read all flyers and announcements about upcoming activities with renewed interest, knowing that YOU will feel the energy and the enthusiasm that youth group imparts to you and to your children.

Now please, please mark your calendars right this minute for the most incredible Youth Group endeavor of the entire school year: the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4. Set-up begins at 9 am, the carnival runs from 12:30 to3:30 pm, and the Gam Yachad Carnival for the Disabled of our community is from 3:45 to 4:30 pm. What a long, long day...but it is certainly one of the best days ever!

Please start to plan your contribution to this Carnival right now: all TEFTY Junior and TEFTY members can plan a booth of their very own

(with approval from the advisor). We need assistants for the food sales, the raffle (and getting donations to be raffled), the prizes (and getting some donations here, too), the tickets, the basic booths, like the Goldfish Pull and the Basketball Shoot. You can see how much planning is needed here: so

please plan to be part of this fun and worthwhile event.

It is also important to tell you about a brand-new event that occurred last month: our First-Ever Dance-a-Thon! This fund-raiser was conceived by the Youth Committee, with inspiration from Polly Katz. The committee worked tirelessly to plan this Sunday afternoon extravaganza, and it was one of the most fun-filled days ever. Kids

of all ages mingled and danced to the awesome music of Eddie Bruce Entertainment; the DJ even got me to lead a dance! By the way, all of this was DONATED!

Lunch and snacks, thanks to Fred & Caroline Schultz and family, gave energy to all. Our Raffle, organized by Phyllis Dittrich (please see the list of all of our donors, and please try to support as many of these generous and wonderful establishments as you can) was outstanding. The beautiful decorations, all donated by Beautiful Balloons, made the Social Hall look terrific. And one of the best parts of this special afternoon was the fund-raising that occurred.

We raised money for the soldiers in Israel for Shalach Manot packages; we also raised money for scholarships for our teens to attend local and regional events. I know that something so worthwhile that is so much fun can only become bigger and better in the future. When you get your flyer for next year's Dance-a-Thon, please mark the date and bring your entire family out for the fun of it!

I can't wait to see you all at our next events. You will be so glad you came!











The Youth Committee of Temple Emanuel would like to THANK our sponsors for contributing to this wonderful event for our kids.....

Eddie Bruce Entertainment 215-634-7700

Beautiful Balloons Cherry Hill, NJ

Cherry Hill, NJ 856-627-4483

The Kibbitz Room
The Shoppes at Holly Ravine
Cherry Hill, NJ

Panera Bread White Horse Rd. Voorhees, NJ

800 West Salon & Spa 800 State Hwy No 70 Cherry Hill, NJ

Bernards
The Shoppes at Holly Ravine
Cherry Hill, NJ

Hands Down by Rebecca 60 E Main St Marlton , NJ

Great Harvest Bread Co 100 Springdale Rd Cherry Hill, NJ

<u>Shangri La</u> 101 Springdale Rd Cherry Hill, NJ

<u>Bagels and More</u> The Shoppes at Holly Ravine Cherry Hill, NJ Ritz 16 Movies 900 Berlin Rd Voorhees, NJ

<u>Lamberti's Pasta Pomodoro</u> 20 Eagle Plaza Voorhees, NJ

Genuardi's 1120 Whitehorse Rd Voorhees, NJ

Precious Pets
5 E Somerdale Rd
Somerdale, NJ

Short Cuts 2099 Marlton Pike East Cherry Hill, NJ

Montagnaro's Restaurant Avian Plaza Voorhees, NJ

Aenigma Jewelry 709 South 4th St Phila., PA

Chiropractic Family Practice 2428 Rt. 38 Cherry Hill, NJ

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Phila, PA

Louis Christian Wayne Robert Salon & Spa

1990 State Hwy No 70 Cherry Hill, NJ

Lexus of Cherry Hill Route 73

ShopRite of Cherry Hill Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ

ShopRite by Zalle's Route 73, Berlin, NJ

<u>Mulan</u> Avian Plaza Voorhees, NJ

MAZEL TOV

Rabbi Cohen has won the
National Jewish Book Award
in the category of Family Literature
for her most recent book
"Lilith's Ark."
There will be an award ceremony
in NYC on March 6, 2007.



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.

Eleanore Hayman Mother of Judy March



New Members

We warmly welcome on our new members into our Temple family

Terry and Don Blau



by Felice Friedman Sisterhood President

It looks like we have made it through the first full month of winter... only six more weeks until spring! As a person who enjoys the warm weather, I look forward to March and the hopeful change in temperature. And speaking of changes – please note there has been a change in date for the Her Seder. The new date is Thursday, March 29. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this committee please contact Bev Volpe at 856-751-6754. Please look for your invitation in your mail soon.

I would like to thank Cathy Krepow for chairing Bingo Night. She made up wonderful baskets filled with donations from our Sisterhood Board. We had many winners throughout the evening and of course the night couldn't have been possible without Evan Sharps calling the numbers for us. For all of those on the committee who donated desserts and their time we thank you too, no dinner is complete without sweets!

Please save the date – On Sunday, March 11, Sisterhood is going to add something new to their list of events. "Project Night Night" is a Mitzvah project that we would like parents, grandparents, children of all ages to become involved with. It will begin at 12:30 pm, and lunch will be served. Make a stuffed animal for you and make one for a needy child. What a way to help your children/grandchildren learn to give back to the community in a fun relaxing setting! More information will be coming through the Religious School and Preschool, but if you want to bring other children and need further information please contact Debra Berger at 856-384-0058.

Our February 11 program on Organization has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the year. Just a reminder - we do Casserole Cooking all year 'round. Our next date is February 13 – hope to see you there!



by Steve Ehrlich Men's Club President

ark your calendars for a very special Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, when Dr. Yossi Olmert, brother of Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, will be our guest speaker. This program will be sponsored by Men's Club and State of Israel Bonds.

Dr. Olmert is a well-known expert on the modern Middle East, Islamic militants, terrorism and the Palestinian issue. He received his Ph.D. from the prestigious London School of Economics and graduated from The Hebrew University Magna Cum Laude. Dr. Olmert taught in many well-known universities both in Israel and abroad, including Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University, Cornell University, City College of New York and York University in Toronto. He also lectures extensively on Middle-Eastern issues in hundreds of American colleges.

Dr. Olmert held several senior positions in the Israeli government including Director of Communication for Prime Minister Shamir and Policy Advisor to Defense Minister Arens. Dr. Olmert was sent on numerous diplomatic missions, participated in the Madrid peace conference and was a member of the Israeli delegation for peace talks in Syria. He has published extensively on Middle-Eastern and Israeli political subjects, authored three books and numerous articles. He was also a frequent participant on Israeli and international TV programs.

As with all Men's Club Sunday Brunches, we have a business meeting at 9 am where we plan future events. Our Brunch and main presentation starts at 10 am.

Everyone (members and nonmembers, men and women) are welcome. Members are free, guests are \$5.

This Brunch is very special and is one you will not want to miss.



Share Your Thoughts

The education committee wants 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, (856) 489-0035.

Religious School Sub-Committee
Chair: Elliott Roth
Next Meeting: March 5 at 7:30 pm
Committee Meeting

This committee reviews the curriculum and policies of the religious school, making suggestions and recommendations to improve the educational experience of our young people. The committee meets approximately every 6 weeks.

Family Education Committee
Chairs: Jessica Manelis
Next Meeting: February 5 at 7:00 pm

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

Adult Education Committee
Chairs: Kelly Fineman
Next Meeting: February at 8:00 pm

Help organize our Adult Education Program for next year. Come with your ideas, suggestions and feedback. If you have an idea for a course, we can make it happen.



TREE OF LIFE Jerri Pinsky Chairperson

Our Tree of Life is a beautiful space devoted to recording all happy life cycle events of Temple members and their families. The most cherished times in our lives are preserved on this everlasting tribute.

You cannot help but smile while reading and recalling the events that are engraved on our "Simcha Tree." Although many of the leaves have been reserved, there are still enough remaining to have your family represented.

Please call Irene Strauss in the Temple office at 856-489-0029 x12 and ask her to send you an order form.

Happy are those who support our **Tree of Life**. May visiting this special area always bring you peace.

Leaves

<u>Donated By</u> Susan & Lloyd Calder <u>In Honor Of</u> Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Calder

Sheila & Gerald Rosenfield

 55^{th} Wedding Anniversary of Estelle & Stan Deitch

January 2's Class Registration 2007

Child's Name:Last First
Birth Date:
Home Phone:
Address:
Parent's Name:
Business Phone:
Parent's Name:
Business Phone:
Siblings/Ages:
10% Sibling Discount (Off Lower Tuition) is Available Are You a Member of Temple Emanuel? { Yes { No
For Office Use Only
Application Received
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Cash Check
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{ } \$150.00 Deposit (\$50.00 is a non-refundable registration fee &

\$100 us applied toward s tuition.)

*Pre-School*Parent Committee Corner

As always, we welcome you to join our Parent committee. We are currently working on a few exciting things. The school yearbook is underway and we are planning our primary fundraiser: the Pre-School Prom where we invite families to join us for fun and dancing. We are also accepting last minute orders for personalized Haggadah's in the Pre-School of-fice

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 9 Parent Committee Meeting 9:30
 am in the parent lounge. All are Welcome!
 (Upcoming tentative meeting dates are March 9; April 13 and May 11)
- May 20 Pre-School Prom (a child friendly, family dance)

As always, please feel free to contact Lyn or 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.

In Memoriam

BOB BRYAN Son of Zelda Bryen

KEN GREENBLATT Husband of Vickie Greenblatt

MYRON LEVIN Brother of Helene Ludwin

JANET IRIS MANIN Mother of Marc Manin

DORIS MILLER Cousin of Myrna Fineman

BETTY A. PHILLIPS Grandmother of Jessica Chasen

MINNIE PORTNER Mother of Ann Glassman and Henry Portner

> MITCH STEINBERG Father of Joyce Burnstein

CHARLOTTE YUDIS Mother of Scott Yudis

MICHELE ZALKIND Sister of Betsy Morgenstern

PRE-SCHOOL

by Lyn Harley Pre-School Director



It may be winter, but there's only warmth and sunshine in the preschool. The children's faces were truly aglow with excitement at our fantastic concert held on January 11 featuring Peter and Ellen Allard. What an amazing sight to see so many preschoolers and their families from the entire community singing and smiling together.

The children are eagerly looking forward to more special events this month, which include,

our "Special Someone Breakfast," a Tu B'Shevat Seder, and Jumpin' Gymanee.

We have designated February as "The Month of the Healthy Child." The children will be raising money for the American Heart Association as they hop for a healthy heart. Half the

money will go the American Heart Association and the other half will go to the Magen David Adom (the Israeli Red Cross). We would welcome your support, so if you wish to contribute to this project just call the Preschool at (856) 489-0034.

The children will also be engaged in other heart, healthy activities. They will be bringing in healthy snacks and lunches, learning about the care of their teeth and bodies through visiting dentists and doctors, and participating in additional exercise programs. Our parents are also invited to learn more about the physical and emotional well being of our children. Look for parenting programs this month on nutrition and emotional health.

We feel that our preschool should offer exciting programs for children of ALL ages. Do you know a new mom that would enjoy a fun, educational morning out with her baby? We are offering our fabulous *Ima and Me* class this month for infants up to 9 months. Moms get to meet and socialize as well as hear experts speak on informative topics such as "Developmentally Appropriate Toys," "Promoting Language Development," and "Developing Literacy in Children." We also take suggestions for other topics of interest. This program would make a wonderful gift for a new mom, as would all of our Parent and Child Together (PACT) programs. Contact Jeanie in the Preschool office for a gift certificate.

Bring some sunshine into your life and visit the Preschool!

It's Time to Register For the 2007 – 2008 School Year

Registration for PACT (Parent And Child Together), Preschool, Kindergarten Enrichment began January 16th, 2007!

Please call the preschool office at 856-489-0034 for detailed info and to see how your little one can share in the fun!

2-year-olds

(Tuesday & Thursday 9:15- 11:30 with option of adding Friday Shabbat Tot class)

January 2's (Monday & Wednesday 9:15 - 11:30 beginning Jan '08

(for children that were born between October 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006)

3-year-olds

(Monday through Friday 9:00 – 11:45 or Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9:00 – 11:45)

4-year-olds

(Monday through Friday 9:00 - 11:45)

Lunch, Enrichment & Enrichment+ available for 3's and 4's

(options from 11:45 - 4:30)

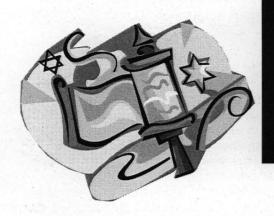
Ima (Mommy) and Me (birth - 9 mos.)

Awaken Your Senses (9 mos. - 15 mos.)

Toddler Territory (15 mos. – 28 mos.)

Save My Sanity (Yoga for Mommies)

Mommy/Baby Yoga



Purim

at Temple Emanuel A Celebration for Everybody

10:45 am

All Religious School Students arrive & meet in their classes, Parents & siblings invited. Students will go with their classes to the Parade & Shpiel. Come in Costume!

11 am

Lion King Purim Shpiel & Costume Parade— Everybody Invited!

12:30-3:30 pm

Purim Carnival sponsored by TEFTY—Everybody Invited!

3:45-4:30 pm

Gam Yachad Carnival-Program for individuals with disabilities and their families.

7 pm

Mordechai's Martinis, hosted by Rabbi Jerry David, \$10/person — 21 & over & Esther's Ice Cream Sundae Bar, \$5/ child — children 7 & older

8 pm

Megillah Reading

Baby-sitting available from 7 pm to the end of the Megillah reading, \$5/family Children in baby-sitting will visit the Sundae Bar with permission

Mordechai's Martinis & Esther's Ice Cream Bar

Everybody Welcome — Invite Your Friends & Neighbors

Family Name:

Phone Number:

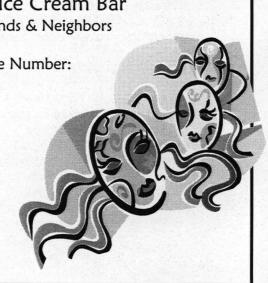
of Adults for Mordechai's Martini's (\$10/person):

of Children (7 & up) for Esther's Ice Cream Bar (\$5/child):

of Children (7 & under) for Baby-sitting (\$5/family):

Total Enclosed:

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Temple Emanuel Life-long Education

Tu B'Shevat Birthday of the Trees

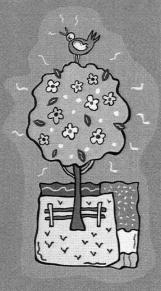
Tu B'Shevat is February 3

Tu B'Shevat in the Torah

"When you enter the land and plant any tree for food, you shall regard it as forbidden. Three years, it shall be forbidden to you, not to be eaten. In the fourth year, all its fruit shall be set aside for jubilation before Adonai — that its yield to you may be increased. I am Adonai, your God."

Leviticus 19:23-25

"A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey" Deuteronomy 8





The Legend from the Talmud

While the sage Choni was walking along a road, he saw a man
planting a carob tree. Choni asked him: "How long will it take
for this tree to bear fruit?" "Seventy years," replied the man.
Choni then asked: "Are you so healthy a man that you expect

to live that length of time and eat its fruit?"

The man answered: "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planted for my children."

One of my most delightful memories of Israel is going with a group of elementary schools students to plant trees on Tu

B'Shevat. It was a simple experience nearly 15 years ago. We traveled by school bus to a large ravine, bald without trees. When we arrived, there were already dozens of school buses there. The mood was not dissimilar to a pumpkin or apple picking adventure here, in the United States. Many of the children wore their scouting outfits. Volunteers and employees from the Jewish National Fund were scattered throughout the ravine to help. Each group of children were assigned an area. Each child dug in the ground, a small piece of the Holy Land, and was given a pine seedling to plant. By mid-morning, the ravine had been transformed. Like the first bulbs of spring, seedlings had sprung up in neat rows. Hundreds of seedlings, dotting the hillside, planted by children.

This Tu B'Shevat, when Spring has begun to sprung in Israel, the ravine must look almost like a pine forest. I wonder if any of the children who planted those seedlings are now young adults, riding school buses and bringing a new generation to plant a seedling.

Did you know that you can plant a JNF tree in Israel right here, from Temple Emanuel?

It costs \$10/tree and the trees can be planted in honor of a person. Talk with Jean Klein, Education Administrative Assistant, for more information or to place an order, jklein@templeemanuel.org.

What is Tu B'Shevat?

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat, is a holiday also known as the New Year for Trees. The word "Tu" is not really a word; it is the number 15 in Hebrew, as if you were to call the Fourth of July "Iv July" (IV being 4 in Roman numerals).

Judaism has several different "new years." This is not as strange a concept as it sounds at first blush; in America, we have the calendar year (January-December), the school year (September-June), and many businesses have fiscal years. It's basically the same idea with the various Jewish new years.

Tu B'Shevat is the new year for the purpose of calculating the age of trees for tithing. See Lev. 19:23-25, which states that fruit from trees may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for G-d, and after that, you can eat the fruit.

Each tree is considered to have aged one year as of Tu B'Shevat, so if you planted a tree on Shevat 14, it begins its second year the next day, but if you plant a tree two days later, on Shevat

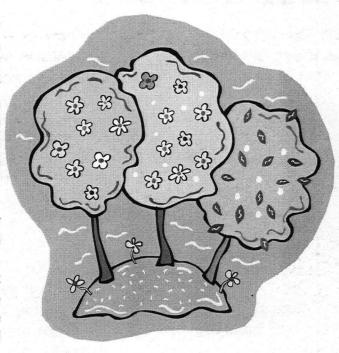
16, it does not reach its second year until the next Tu B'Shevat.Tu B'Shevat is not mentioned in the Bible. There is only one reference to it in the Mishnah, and the only thing said there is that it is the new year for trees, and there is a dispute as to the proper date for the holiday (Beit Shammai said the proper

day was the first of Shevat; Beit Hillel said the proper day was the 15th of Shevat. As usual, we follow Beit Hillel.)

One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day. Some people plant trees on this day. A lot of Jewish children go around collecting money for trees for Israel at this time of year.

There are few customs or observances related to this holiday. One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day. Some people plant trees on this day. Another is to hold a Tu B'Shevat Seder. In Israel, school child go to the

Jewish National Fund forests on Tu B'Shevat and plant trees. In the United States, it has been a custom to raise money for the INF around Tu B'Shevat.



Tree Quiz

How many grocery bags does a 15-year old tree make? How many new trees are used for the Sunday papers in the U.S.?

How many less trees does it take to make a ton of recycled paper than non-recycled paper? Water? Energy? Air pollution?

How much carbon dioxide does a single tree absorb in a day?

How many trees are being lost in tropical forests each hour of every day?

(Answers on the last page of this insert)

Come to Temple Emanuel's Tu B'Shevat PJ Havdalah Party

February 10 at 6 pm

Look for the flier in this issue of the Light.

"All the trees were created for man's enjoyment" (Midrash Bereshit Rabbah XIII:2)

Rabbi Shimon said, "The shade spread over us by these trees is so pleasant! We must crown this place with words of Torah" (Zohar, 2:127a)

A Seder for the Trees

Winter is a funny time to celebrate Tu b'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day. Bare branches still silhouette the sky and the earth seems to shiver instead of blossom. In Israel, of course, the rainy season has passed and the first buds begin to appear around Tu b'Shevat, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat. In the United States, much more is left to our imagination.



One of the best ways to make the holiday feel as real as possible is to hold a Tu b' Shevat seder, a ceremony celebrating the fruits of Israel, adapted from the Passover seder. The Tu b'Shevat seder, once a kabbalistic, or mystic, ritual, combines both the tangible and mystical as it honors the most wondrous of birthdays - the Earth's. In contrast to the preparations for the Passover seder - a joyous but arduous process - the Tu b'Shevat seder can be readied with relative ease, and is an engaging event for children.

Four cups of wine or grape juice represent the changes in the seasons - dark red, light red, pink and white. Fruits and nuts mentioned in the Bible make a tasty and colorful array, ranging from those with coverings on the outside, like oranges; those with pits, like peaches and olives; and those that can be eaten both inside and outside, like figs and raisins. Like the symbols on the Passover table, the fruits and grains of Tu b' Shevat are ripe with values.

The following web-sites have Tu B'Shevat Haggadot — Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life — COEJL.org and World Zionist Organization — Hag-Shama.org. Rabbi Cohen has several Tu B'Shevat Haggadot to share.

A Tu B'Shevat Book List

Trees, Earth, and Torah: A Tu B'Shevat Anthology by Arthur Ocean Waskow, Naomi M. Hyman, and Ari Elon (Jewish Publication Society, 1999).

A Seder for Tu B'Shevat: The Festival of Trees by Harlene Winnick Appelman and Jane Shapiro, illustrated by Chari McLean (Kar-Ben Publishing, 1984).

It's Tu B'Shevat by Edie Stoltz Zolkower and illustrated by Richard Johnson (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2005).

Grandpa and Me on Tu B'Shevat by Marji E. Gold-Vukson and illustrated by Leslie Evans (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2004).

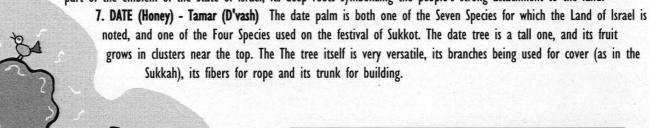
Sammy Spider's First Tu B'Shevat by Sylvia A. Rouss, illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2000).

Foods with a Meaning — 7 Species

• While the Land of Israel is blessed with many fruits, the seven described in the Biblical verse, below, had special status: They were brought to the Temple as First Fruits, once a year, and on Tu B'Shvat.

"For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land. . . of wheat and barley and grapevines and figs and pomegranates; a land of olives and honey (from dates)."

- 1. WHEAT Chitah Wheat's essential role puts it first among the seven species. Since ancient times, it has been considered one of man's most basic crops: from wheat flour, bread is produced. On Shavuot, the festival of the First Fruits, the first of the wheat crop would be brought to the Temple.
- 2. BARLEY Se'orah Barley was, and still is, an important grain in Israel. Because it requires less water than wheat, it grows even in the arid fields of the Negev. Bread prepared from barley was considered to be "poor man's" bread, possibly because it was not considered as tasty as bread made from wheat.
- •3. GRAPES Gefen Man has been cultivating grapes from the earliest times: the first vineyard mentioned in the Bible was planted by Noah eafter the Flood. The cluster of grapes, brought to the Children of Israel in the wilderness by the Spies, symbolized the bounty of the Land of Israel. Throughout the generations, grapes have provided fruit and wine, and contributed to the economy of the indigenous Jewish community. Wine, indicative of joy, is used in many Jewish rituals and ceremonies.
- 4. FIG T'einah The broad fig tree gives a lot of shade, hence the prophet Micha proclaims in his vision of peace in the Land: "Each man will esit beneath his grapevine and his fig tree, and no one will fear. . . ." The Bible refers to the fig as a symbol of fertility: it was also one of the fruits brought back by the spies to prove that the Land bore fruit.
- 5. POMEGRANATE Rimon The pomegranate has rich red flowers and dark red fruit, and its abundant seeds serve as a powerful symbol of fertility. The pomegranate's shape has been used in many decorative objects, such as the rimonim bells used to decorate Torah scrolls, the 200 rimonim of copper on the beams of the Temple and the rimonim which decorated the High Priest's garment in the Temple.
- 6. OLIVE Zayit The olive tree is one of the oldest and most common trees in the Land of Israel. There are olive trees in the Galilee that are estimated to be thousands of years old. Its leaves are green all year round, its roots are strong and the silvery underside of the leaves gives off a sheen of light. In Biblical times, olive oil was used to anoint priests and kings; in its purified form it was used to light the seven-branched Menorah (candelabra) in the Temple. The olive branch is a symbol of peace: it was evidence for Noah that the flood had ended. It is part of the emblem of the State of Israel, its deep roots symbolizing the people's strong attachment to the land.





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2. About 500,000 new trees are used for the Sunday paper in the U.S.

3. It takes 17 fewer trees, 7,000 gallons less water, 4,102 kwh less paper, and 60 pounds less air pollution to make a ton of recycled paper, as opposed to virgin paper.

4. A single tree absorbs about 26 pounds of carbon dioxide.

5. About 500,000 trees are cut hourly worldwide, 75 acres every minute, 108,000 acres each day, 39,000,000 acres a year.

Answers to the Tree Quiz I. About 700 bags per tree. Grocery shoppers alone use billions of Rest * Parents & Children * Fun * Temple Emanuel *Sports * Outdoors * Friends

Shabbat: A Day-Long Celebration Family Retreat

at beautiful Appel Farms March 10, 10 am to 5:30 pm

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

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Schedule 10 am Registration

10:15 am Camp Style Shabbat Service

11:15 am Session I

1 pm Pot-Luck Lunch

1:45 pm Session II 3:30 pm Session III 5:15 pm Havdalah

5:30 pm

Rules for the Day

You do not need to commit to the whole day – Participate when you can!

Farewell

You can opt out of going to a session at any time — feel free to use the tennis or basketball courts, take a walk, read a book or just relax. Have Fun!

Directions to Appel Farms

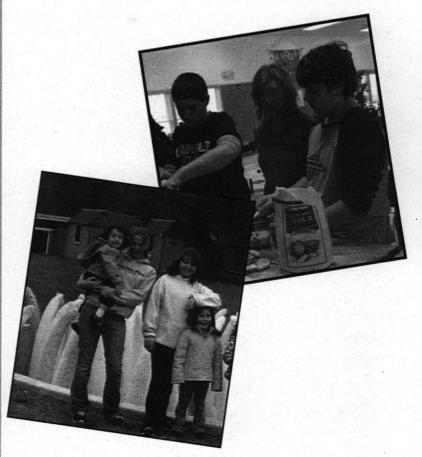
Take I-295 South to Rt. 42 South toward Atlantic City. Exit at Rt. 55 South (Glassboro/Vineland). Exit at #45 for Clayton, Glassboro and Centerton. Take a right off the exit ramp onto Rt. 553 South toward Centerton for 3.7 miles to traffic light at Rt. 40. Turn right onto Rt. 40 West toward Elmer for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

\$9/individual, \$18/family

Children's Programming Available

To register, fill out the form on the back of this flier and return to the Temple Emanuel Religious School office.

If you want to get involved with the planning, contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen, 856-489-0035, dbcohen@templeemanuel.org



Sign-Up Form for Shabbat at Appel Farms on March 10

Family L	ast Name:				
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Kids Kamp	Childcare				
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Softball Gar	me				
Casserole C	ooking				
Kids Kamp	Childcare				

TEMPLE EMANUEL

Tu B'Shevat -- The Birthday of the Trees PJ Havdalah Party



Saturday, February 10 at 6 pm \$5/Individual & \$15/family

Young families -- Please join us for our Tu B'Shevat celebration. We will celebrate the birthday of the trees together with songs, a special art project, traditional foods, a story along with Havdalah, our ceremony concluding Shabbat. All are encouraged to attend – congregants, pre-school families and friends. Children are invited to wear their PJ's.

Please RSVP by December 11 by returning the below form to the Religious School or Pre-School office. Questions? Call Rabbi Debbie Cohen at 856-489-0035.

Tu B'Shevat Havdalah PJ Party

Name:

Phone Number:

Number of Adults:

Number of Children:

PLEASE RETURN TO TEMPLE EMANUEL, 1101 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003.



Jewish Cooking: Fast and Delicious Recipes for Passover Monday, March 19 at Temple Emanuel \$18 per participant

Learn new recipes, cooking skills and add some spice to your Passover kitchen. This workshop will focus on making delicious recipes for Passover that are also quick to prepare. At this workshop, you will have the opportunity to sample foods and to go home with new recipes and ideas. Stacy and Jason Clarke will lead the demonstration. The couple graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco – a Le Cordon Bleu institute. They have worked a number of well-known restaurants, including Fork and Philadelphia Fish & Company.

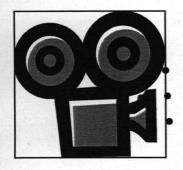
Please sign me up for Temple Emanuel's Passover cooking demonstration. Please

return this form to Temple Emanuel by March 14.

Name:

Phone Number:

Amount Included: (\$18 per demonstration per participant)



YOSSI & JAGGER



Gefilte Flicks — Now Showing: Yossi & Jagger

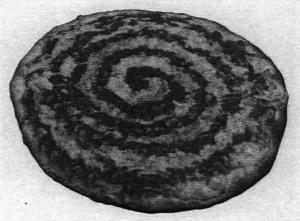
Sunday, March 18 at 7 pm

Based on a true story, Yossi & Jagger portray the love affair of two Israeli officers in a remote army base on the Israeli-Lebanese border. They are commanders, they are in love and they try to find a place of their own in an oppressing and rigid system. The film won several Israeli and American awards.

Discussion Facilitated by Rabbi Debbie Cohen



Pizza Fundraiser Voucher



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1617 North Kings Highway Across from the Ellisberg Shopping Center 856-857-0500

Voucher good at the Maruca's Pizza in Cherry Hill only. Offer is valid for the month of February 2007 and may not be combined with any other coupon or special.

Thank you again for your support

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4 9 am 3rd Grade Family Ed 9:15 am Men's Study Group 9:30 am Budget Committee 9:30 am 7th Grade Ronald McDonald House ◆Super Bowl Sunday◆	7 pm Family Ed Committee 8 pm Adult Ed Committee	6 12 Noon—Introduction to Hebrew 1 pm Prayerbook Skills 7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Jewish History 8 pm Adult Confirmation	7 7pm Introduction to Judaism	8 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30 pm Yoga and Meditation 7:30 pm Yiddish Class	9 8 pm Shabbat Evening Service	10 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service—Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN NATHANIEL VOLPE 6 pm Tu B'Shevat PJ Havdalah Party \$\partial{\text{P4}} 9th Grade Trip\$
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Torah Portions of the Month

February 3

In Beshalach, we read about several miracles as the people of Israel safely cross the Sea of Reeds, have their hunger and thirst in the desert satisfied and emerge victorious from their first battle as a free people. The Israelites continue on their journey and run short of water and food. God explains that bread will come for them from the sky.

February 10

Yitro Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

The namesake of this week's Torah portion is Jethro (in Hebrew "Yitro"), the father-in-law of Moses. The portion opens with Jethro bringing his daughter (Moses' wife) and her two sons to join Moses in the desert after the Israelites exodus from Egypt. Jethro observes Moses spending his days settling disputes among the Israelites. Jethro suggests that Moses share this burden and delegate chiefs to judge all but the most difficult cases.

February 17

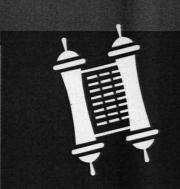
Mishpatim Exodus 21:1 - 24:18; 30:11-16

God tells Moses, "These are the rules (mishpatim) that you shall set before them". These rules deal with a wide variety of issues - how one should treat slaves, strangers, widows and orphans; punishments for killing

or physically hurting other people; personal liability for injuries caused to animals; how to treat people fairly; rules about loaning money; and specific directions on how to perform certain rituals. Rules about Shabbat, the three pilgrimage festivals and kashrut are also mentioned. God tells the people that if they serve God, they will be blessed and they respond, "All that God has spoken we will do". The parasha concludes with Moses going up Mount Sinai and remaining there for forty days and forty nights.

February 24 Terumah Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

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



Shabbat Morning Torah Study

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?

February 3 Shabbat Shira/Beshallach February 10 Yitro

February 17 Mishpatim February 24 Terumah March 3 Tetzaveh/Purim

March 10 Ki Tisa

March 17 Vayakhel/Pekude

March 24 Vayikra March 31 Tzav

SHALACH MANOT – PURIM FOOD DRIVE

"P" is for the pur or lots Haman cast to decide the Jews' fate.

"U"is for the unselfish heroism of Esther who stamped out hate.

"R"is the racket we make to Haman's name obliterate.

"I" is for the injustice we still fight against in the world to date.

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

Jews are commanded to keep the 14th day of Adar as a day of feasting and merrymaking and of giving gifts of food to one another and to those in need (Esther 9: 22). The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive to benefit the Foodbank of S.J. as a way of helping congregants to keep the commandments specified above. Please make food donations such as: tuna, mac. & cheese, powdered milk, peanut butter, chunky soups. Food donations should be placed in the bins in the religious school and monetary donations sent to the temple's office before March 4th. We'll take care of delivering the food, the merrymaking is up to you!

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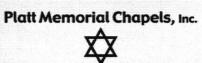


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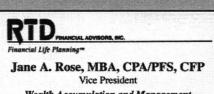




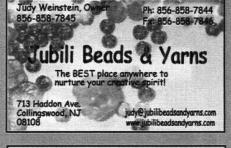
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<u>Hummus</u>, a tasty and nutritious snack (or spread or starter). Hummus was introduced long ago by Arab Jews, but today it is enjoyed by everyone!

2 cups canned chick-peas, drained juice of 2 lemons

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. cumin

3 tbs. pure tahini paste or 1 cup tehina (see above recipe)

2 garlic cloves, mashed

2-3 tbs. oil

parsley (for garnish)

Place all the ingredients in a food processor or blender, mix until chick-peas are smooth. Refrigerate hummus in a covered container. Serve well-chilled, with chopped parsley on top. If desired, reserve 1/4 cup unmashed chick-peas and sprinkle on top. More garlic may be added, if desired. If pita is not available, crackers or thick slices of French or Italian bread may be used. From: www.israel-mfa.gov.il





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