

The Bulletin

Celebrating Generations of Jewish Life in Central New Jersey

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DEC. 1 Va-Yetzay 7:30 P.M.
We welcome Rabbi Marc Raphael as our
Syril & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar in Residence
who will speak on:

**"What Happened in Charleston in 1824
and Why You Should Care"**
Candlelighting: Marlene Zuberma

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 10:45 A.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF ASA ZUBERMAN-LEIBMAN
TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
REL. SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 Va-Yishlach 7:30 P.M.
Rabbi Fellman will speak on:
"Wrestling with our Identity"
Lilmod L'Aliyah
Shabbat Le'ladeem 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
REL. SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15 Va-Yeshev 7:30 P.M.
Family Service for Shabbat & Chanukah
(with a special lighting of Channukkiot)
Candlelighting: Amy Luster
Music will be lead by the Junior Choir.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 10:45 A.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF JOSHUA LUSTER
TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
REL. SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22 Mi-Ketz 7:30 P.M.
Music Shabbat
Music will be lead by the Makhelat Anshe Emeth.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29 Va-Yigash 7:30 P.M.
Rabbi Kogan will speak on:
"Let The Brothers Be United"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.

Between Us...

Ahad Ha-Am, one of our great Jewish philosophers, once wrote:

More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept Israel!

If he were to show up at Anshe Emeth one *Shabbat* morning I believe he would be very pleased. Not because all of us are keeping the Sabbath, but because so many are here celebrating the Sabbath. It's true; this place is hopping on *Shabbat*.

The Mishna informs us that we are prohibited from performing thirty-nine different kinds of work on *Shabbat*. The Study of *Torah* is not one of them. The desire to be in community and share in declaring a set period of time to be *Kodesh* (holy) is also not one of them. Welcoming the *Shechinah* (the Divine Presence) into our midst is not forbidden either.

The Greeks believed that Jews were lazy because we took a day to refrain from work. How wrong they were; how little they understood about the human condition and the need for renewal even on a weekly basis. The Rabbis, however, understood so very profoundly that human beings need a time to renew their souls, to replenish their spirituality, and become "centered" again with the meaning of their lives. And that is what goes on here just about every *Shabbat* morning.

If you haven't been here recently on *Shabbat* morning I want to tell you what you are missing. A few hundred children are here learning and growing, reading Hebrew, mastering prayers, learning our songs, discovering our people's story. High school students are here, too, helping in the school, teaching other students, discovering how thrilling it is to be part of Jewish life. And on *Shabbat* morning, in growing numbers, adults are entering the building. They come, not just to attend *b'nai mitzvah*, but to study and learn, and grow – to renew their souls, to replenish their spirituality, and to become "centered" – and they do this through a variety of opportunities to study Torah and through prayer.

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And at the end of the morning everyone in the Temple finds their way to our beautiful sanctuary. We join in the closing prayers of our service and sing our songs. To cap it all off we rejoice in *Kiddush* and *Motzi*, declaring our time sacred! As a Rabbi I can only tell you that the sound of hundreds of us (from pre-K to 94) singing Kiddush is one beautiful and exhilaratingly joyous sound. And we hear it every week.

So Israel, Jews everywhere, come and join us on Shabbat morning. Help us keep the Sabbath and rejoice in how it keeps us renewed. You may enter feeling drowsy but I promise you that your hearts and souls will soar on your return home.

Bennett F. Miller

***Join us for a special Music
Shabbat on December 22***

Hanerot Hallalu -

New Music for Chanukah

Hear the traditional texts associated with Chanukah – *Mi Yemalleh*, *Al Hanisim*, *Maoz Tzur* and others – sung to melodies as old as Marcello and Lewandowski, and as new as Elliot Z. Levine's compositions for Western Wind. Celebrate on this second Shabbat in Chanukah with Cantor Ott, Makhelat Anshe Emet, and Shirei Emet.

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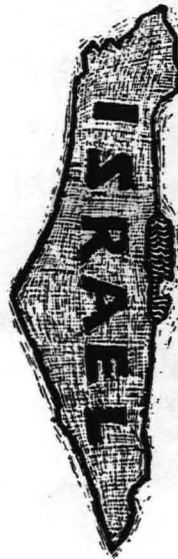
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Rabbi Marc Raphael

Friday, Dec. 1 - Sunday, Dec. 3

Schedule

Friday, Dec. 1 - 7:30 p.m.

What Happened in Charleston in 1824 and Why You Should Care

Saturday, Dec. 2 - 9:30 a.m.

Laban, Rachel and Leah: Fathers and Daughters in Jewish Literature

Saturday, Dec. 2 - 1:30 p.m.

What is "Jewish" About Jewish Music? A Case Study

Sunday, Dec. 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Representation of the Holocaust in Poetry and Film

Marc Lee Raphael is the Nathan and Sophia Gumenick Professor of Judaic Studies, Professor of Religious Studies and Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at The College of William and Mary and has been the rabbi of Bet Aviv since 1998. He just completed a twenty-year term as Editor of the quarterly journal, *American Jewish History*, and is now editing *The History of the Jewish People in America* for Columbia University Press. This same press published his *Judaism in America*. New York University Press just contracted with Rabbi Raphael to write a history of the synagogue in America.

Please contact Rabbi Kogan at 732-545-8445 if you would like to reserve a spot for lunch or need more information.

Anshe Emeth Kollel

Join us Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. where the topic is on Jewish Bioethics.

- Dr. Teresa Schaer
Monday, December 4
Advance Directives and Advance Planning
- Dr. Marc Gartenberg
Monday, December 11
Ethical Decisions in the Development of New Pharmaceuticals
- Dr. David Price
Monday, December 18
America's Changing Health Care System: Dilemmas and Public Challenges
- Rabbi Claudio Kogan
Monday, January 8
The Role of Jewish Bioethics in the 21st Century

Join the Book Discussion of

Jew vs. Jew.

Wednesday, December 20 at noon

Join us for the first discussion of our congregational book reading! This year, Anshe Emeth invites all congregants to read Samuel Freedman's book *Jew vs. Jew*. We will have two discussions, followed by a lecture given by the author, who grew up in Highland Park. Our first discussion will take place on **Wednesday December 20, 2006 at noon**. Contact Rabbi Fellman if you have any questions, and plan to join the entire congregation in this exciting learning endeavor!

Youth Group News

AETY - AETY has a full calendar in December!

On December 3, AETY will travel to New York City to visit the Jewish Museum on 5th avenue in Manhattan. Contact Ariel Schlessinger, Social Vice President of AETY, or Rabbi Fellman for more information.

On Sunday December 10, AETY will deliver lox boxes. See the enclosed flyer for information and to order lox boxes! Friday December 15 will be AETY's next Oneg.

Come for services, and stay for a fun AETY-only oneg! On December 23, AETY will be staffing the men's overflow homeless shelter at the Temple. We'll meet at 6:00 for dinner, games, movies, and time in the Temple with our homeless guests.

MAETY/JAETY - Join us for this joint event - Cosmic Bowling & Chanukah Candle Lighting on Saturday, December 16 at 8:15 pm. Please RSVP to Robin Hirsh by December 6 or contact Debra Bennet if you have any questions.

Babysitting Class offered at Anshe Emeth

Interested in being trained to be a responsible babysitter and you are between the ages of 11 and 15? Anshe Emeth will host a Red Cross-led two-part training session on Sundays December 10 and 17. The class costs \$50 per person, and will result in Red Cross certification. SPACE IS LIMITED--contact Rabbi Fellman for more info!

Gen Alef

Our monthly Good Times and Torah will take place on Wednesday December 6 at 7:30pm. We'll meet at Anshe Emeth, then head to PJ's coffeehouse in Highland Park for drinks, study, and fun.

Young Couples Club / Gen Alef

Anshe Emeth's Young Couples Club and Generation Alef, Anshe Emeth's 20-30-somethings group will gather for a joint Hannukah party on Saturday December 16 at 8:00pm at Anshe Emeth. For more information, contact Rabbi Fellman.

Educational Opportunities at Anshe Emeth

☆ Our Hebrew School we will celebrate our yearly Chanukah Palooza on Shabbat December 16th. It will be a great celebration that all our Hebrew School will enjoy. We will have different teams and different activities related to Chanukah.

☆ On Sunday December 10th our Sunday students, including 7th graders, will go to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in lower Manhattan and to the famous Katz's Deli. We will board the buses at 9:15.

☆ The eighth grade will have a special Chanukah party at the Wilentz apartments, in Somerset. Our students will have the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah and to bring light to their residents.

☆ Another new activity that we offer to our Hebrew School is **Israeli Dancing**. On December 19th and 20th your children will have the chance to learn new dances as part of our Hebrew School curricula.

☆ Our third **Shabbaton** on December 9th, also will have Chanukah as its theme. We will study, sing and enjoy Shabbat at Anshe Emeth. All the family is invited. Celebrate Shabbat together and also have separate study sessions for children and adults. Contact Rabbi Kogan to RSVP.

☆ **Books and Bagels**. Join us for our book discussion on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. when we will be discussing *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky.

☆ On Saturday December 16th at 7:30pm we will show *Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi*. It is a great movie. You do not have to go to the movies and pay for great cinema. Come to Anshe Emeth and enjoy great films for free!!!

You may save money when you pay your Temple bill in these innovative ways.

ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS

It may be to your advantage to donate appreciated stock to the Temple to fulfill your financial commitments, including dues, Legacy, and Annual Appeal. The Temple does not maintain a stock portfolio, but rather sells the stock on the day that it is transferred to us. If you need more information to transfer stock, please, call Gail Kroop at the Temple.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER LEGISLATION

New Legislation permits tax neutral charitable distributions

Am I eligible to make a tax-free gift of my IRA?

If you have reached the age of 70 ½ by the date of your contributions during either 2006 or 2007 and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can take advantage of this charitable giving opportunity.

How long do I have to act?

The new rules are effective for transfers made only during the 2006 and 2007 tax years.

How much can I give?

You may give up to \$100,000 per year. In addition, your spouse may also give \$100,000 per year, if he or she also has an IRA with sufficient funds and is over 70 ½. These distributions will count toward your required minimum distribution but are not capped by that amount.

To whom can I give?

You may give a *qualified charitable distribution* (the term used in the law) from your IRA directly to the Temple or another public charity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. However, the give may **not** be used to fund a philanthropic fund, supporting foundation, charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.

Can I direct how my gift will be used?

Yes, you can earmark the gift toward specific use within the Temple. For example, you can use your gift to :

- Pay your annual bill, contribute to the Annual Appeal, pay your Legacy pledge
- Create a fund to endow your annual campaign gift or create a special endowment fund to support a focused area of interest to you in the Jewish community.

What are the tax advantages of giving from my IRA?

In the past, a cash withdrawal from your IRA, whether you gave it to charity or not, would be taxed to you as ordinary income, regardless of the charitable deduction. Under the law, a contribution from your IRA is *excluded* from federal and Ohio income tax. Although the gift is not eligible for an income tax charitable deduction, making a gift from your IRA in 2006 and/or 2007 will not impact the tax benefits you make to charity from other sources.

How do I direct the Trustee of my IRA to give to the Temple?

The Temple would be pleased to provide you with a sample letter you can use to direct that distribution be made from your IRA to the Temple.

We would be pleased to assist you and/or your tax advisor in arranging contributions under the new law. Consult with your tax advisor if this would benefit you. Please contact Gail Kroop at the Temple.

IN REMEMBRANCE: YAHREZEITS FOR DECEMBER

The names listed below are taken from the Book of Life and permanent memorials throughout the Temple. These names, which are posted monthly, are read at the Sabbath service immediately following the date of passing. Anyone wishing to have the name of a loved one read on the Sabbath should call the Temple office at (732)545-8447.

SHABBAT

December 1, 2006

SELIG ROSEN
FLORENCE OPPERMAN
EMMETT D. TOPKINS
ISIDORE WIESENFELD
SAMUEL ZWIEBEL
MAX LEVY
LUBA TRACHTENBERG
CHARLES ZAGOREN
ROSE B. LEVY
IDA M. FALK
DONALD M. PASZAMANT
ISIDOR FRANK
ROSE RIFKIN
MICHAEL ROSENTHAL
DR. NEAL W. CHILTON
LEO ROSENBERG
JOSEPH M. MEYER
IRMA JECK
FRANCES LIVINGSTON SANGER
CHARLOTTE E. LYNN
HANS H. HERZ
THEODORE COHN
LOUIS ROSENFELD
MOSES WALLACH
EDWARD E. DEUTSCH
ISRAEL GENDELMAN
DR. NATHAN KARSHMER
ISHMAEL SKLAREW
SELMA KLEIN MILLER
EDWARD BREUER
JEROME H. ODENHEIMER
DORA F. TAMAROFF
ALEX K. SCHULMAN
JOSEPH F. ESPOSITO
NATHANIEL LEON FRANKEL

SHABBAT

December 8, 2006

RACHEL GOLDSMITH
ISADORE SENOFF
PHILIP M. BRENNER
NATHAN SCHWARTZ
YETTA KIRSCHNER
BURTON EISENMAN
HOWARD TAVSS
SYLVIA EDELBERG
LINDA WOLFF BEREZ
BERNARD KISLIN
ARTHUR H. ZECKENDORF
DR. ABRAHAM LADOV
LILLIAN LEFKOWITS MOSKOVITZ

ROGER GREEN

OTTO POLLINS
DOROTHY MILDRED LA BRAN
GERTRUDE T. GOODMAN
LEON NEWMAN
EDITH GREIFF
GERTRUDE LEVINE
FRIEDA HAMELSKY
ESTHER PATT
CHARLES PATT
EVELYN R. HAAS
RUTH BRUSKIN FEDER
BARRETT COHN
SAM SPILLER
LILLIAN SHEINMAN
SOLOMON J. TRACHTENBERG
FRED A NORTH
SYRIL BRUSKIN FARBER
ALFRED JAMES
JACOB GROSS
DAVIS MILLER
RUTH L. LALIN
JOSEPH SCHUMAN
STEVEN D. COHEN

SHABBAT

December 15, 2006

JACK WOLFE
SYLVIA "SONIA" EISENMAN
HANNAH WEIL COHN
ETHEL KUSHAKOW
DR. B. BERNARD CHILTON
NORMAN WILLNER
SOPHIE "SONNY" KAFKA
DR. LAWRENCE HOWARD LIEF
FRIEDA LANDIS GEROME
SAMUEL BREINDEL
ESTHER LOWEN
ROSE BRINSTEIN
JULES J. WEISS
MAURICE DOAN
SUSIE LEHN
DR. JACK FEDER
ELAINE R. NAAR
LENA FREEDMAN
LOUIS MERSON
ABRAHAM PANSY
LOUIS WALKER
SARAH KRONE DREIER
PHILIP L. SCHWARTZ
ALEX KATCHEN
ROSE DUBIN SAUL
AARON WEISSMAN

SHABBAT

December 22, 2006

EUGENE ARKY
NATHAN KASTELANSKY
DOROTHY GETZ
SOLOMON KIRSCHNER
ISIDOR REHAUT
HARRY HAAS
FANNIE BRUSKIN
WILLIAM H. SCHLESINGER
JEAN FEINSTEIN
MARY JECK BECKER
WARREN GLASER
HARRIET HOFFMAN
THEODOR WERTHEIMER
DR. LYDIA ADLER DORSEN
SADIE K. STRAUSS
ESTHER RINGEL
BELLE MIDLER
SOPHIE R. MILLER
DAVID H. LEVIN
SOPHIE HIRSH
BERTHA GOTTLIEB
ANNE TOPPER
HARRY MASLOW
SOLOMON BAROUCH
IRVING HAHN

SHABBAT

December 29, 2006

JAMES WILLIAM HARVIE
SARAH POLLINS
SYDNEY S. EDELBERG, M.D.
ARLEEN DAVIS
ADELE BRODY
HERMAN LEON HANAUER
ROSE HIRSH MULHAUSER
JACOB R. MATUS
IRVING C. SPICE
JEAN ULIN
ANNA SCHUMAN
DAVID S. SHRIBER
MORTON WASSERMAN
SOL ROSENFELD
MAX COHEN
DR. JULIUS KAHN
DAVE RICH
PHILLIP BATES
SOL R. LALIN
LEAH SHAPIRO
SOLOMON BERZ
RABBI NATHANIEL M. KELLER
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Tributes - December 2006

Jewish tradition encourages honoring loved ones and friends at special times through acts of Tzedakah. We gratefully acknowledge contributions made to the Temple's Special Funds. We appreciate, but do not publish donations to Endowment Funds.

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Bar Mitzvah of:

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by Amy, Ed & Heather Luster

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Mitzvah of their granddaughter

by Joan & David Mitzner

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Bar Mitzvah of:

Joshua Luster

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Asa Zuberma-Leibman

by Hannah Zuberma-Leibman

In Honor of:

Sue & Merv Dickinson on the birth
of their grandson Ari Benjamin

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Nancy & Paul Harris

Meryl & Howard Verb

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Debbie Herz Midler

by Lorry & Bob Leavitt

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Bar Mitzvah of:

Joshua Luster

by Amy, Ed & Heather Luster

Asa Zuberma-Leibman

by the Zuberma-Leibman Family

LIBRARY FUND

In Honor of:

25th Wedding Anniversary of

Carol & Ted Levy

by Ruth & Norman Rosenberg

Marriage of Arlene Reiter & Lawrence
Moncher

by Sharon Karmazin & Dave Greene

In Memory of:

Nat Aronowitz

by Sharon Karmazin

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In Honor of:

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50th Wedding Anniversary of

Elaine & Stuart Singer

by Elisabeth & Don King

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by Paula Weitzen

MAX MARDER FUND

Bar Mitzvah of:

Asa Zuberma-Leibman

by Marlene Zuberma/Alain Leibman

In Honor of:

50th Wedding Anniversary of

Elaine & Stuart Singer

by Sara, Stu, Lori & Sandra Levine

In Memory of:

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by Sara, Stu, Lori & Sandra Levine

Milton Stoll

by Freze Jacobson

Barbara & Kurt Nathan

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Bar Mitzvah of:

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Irene & Mervyn Senick

Susan Schoenberg & Family on the
engagement of her son Max

by Syd & Milton Stoll

Frankie & Mark Busch on the birth
of their grandson Abe

by Turbi & Paul Smilow

Jennifer Senick & Fred Kaimann on
the birth of their son Julian Maimon

by Sandra & Sol Heckelman

Irene & Mervyn Senick

Birth of our grandson Julian Maimon

by Irene & Mervyn Senick

Speedy recovery of Michele Klug

by Hedy Brown & Art Wilde

Teresa Schaer selection as NJ Top Doc

by the Schlossberg/Nessim Family

Speedy recovery of Alan Rubinfeld

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In Memory of:

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Maxine & Marty Chodroff

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Milton Stoll

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Adelaide Zagoren

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In Memory of:

James Kaplan

by Susan, Ed, Rachel & Matthew

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Beverly Valore on the birth
of her grandson

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by Ann & Steve Cohen

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Cohen

Amanda Savad

by Ann, Steve, Noah, Adam & Natan
Cohen

In Honor of:

Marcy Feldheim on the marriage
of her daughter Rachel

by Ann & Steve Cohen

Marriage of Jennifer Senick & Fred
Kaimann

by Ann & Steve Cohen

Irene & Mervyn Senick on the marriage
of their daughter Jennifer

by Ann & Steve Cohen

Andrea & Fred Horowitz on the
birth of their grandson Jordan Matthew
by Sue & Alan Rubinfeld

Jennifer Senick & Fred Kaimann on the
birth of their son Julian Maimon
by Ann & Steve Cohen

Irene & Mervyn Senick on the birth of
their grandson Julian Maimon
by Ann & Steve Cohen

In Memory of:

Nat Aronowitz

by Lanny & Lee Livingston

James Kaplan

by Ann, Steve, Noah, Adam & Natan
Cohen

Debbie, Joe & Beth Cohn

Beth & Craig Mandell

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Lynn Levi

by Ann & Steve Cohen

Alex Pohl

by Ann, Steve, Noah, Adam & Natan
Cohen

Milton Stoll

by Ann & Steve Cohen

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& DAY CARE FUND**

In Honor of:

Andrea & Fred Horowitz on the
birth of their grandson Jordan

by Susan, Howard, Brian, Jessica
& Hillary Freeman

In Memory of:

Lynn Levi

by Susan, Howard, Brian, Jessica
& Hillary Freeman

RABBI MILLER'S CHAI FUND

Bat Mitzvah of:

Amanda Savad

by the Schlossberg/Nessim Family

In Honor of:

Rabbi Bennett Miller

by Julia & Jeff Robinson

95th Birthday of Norman Reitman

by Miriam Berkeley

Mildred Raich

Gladys Schwartz

50th Birthday of David Schaer

by Dr. Norman Reitman

HARVEY STONE MEM. FUND

In Honor of:

Birthday of Steven Peskin

by the Haftel Family

Barbara Fisherman

by Roberta & Jordon Brown

In Memory of:

Nat Aronowitz

by Roberta & Jordon Brown

Norman Dweig

by Roberta & Jordon Brown

James Kaplan

by Aimee, Jim & Ben Sousa

Jerry Klein

by Roberta & Jordon Brown

HOSPITAL VISITATION

The Rabbis visit Robert Wood Johnson and St. Peter's Hospitals regularly. However, the hospitals don't always tell us when our congregants are there. If you or a member of your family is going to be in the hospital, please call the Temple office at (732)545-6484, so that we can visit.



Mazel Tov to...

Tamara and Leonard Busch on the marriage of Robin

Doris and Sam Arshan on the birth of their great grandson S. Wyatt Arshan

Andrea and Fred Horowitz on the birth of their grandson

Jordan



For your information:

If your child was born between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996 and you have not received a Bar/Bat Mitzvah form, please contact Robin Hirsh in the Religious School office at 732-545-8445

The Men's Overflow Shelter will be housed at the Temple from December 17, 2006- December 25, 2006. If you would like to volunteer to help staff it in the evening, please contact the Temple office at 732-545-6484.



IN MEMORIAM

NAT ARONOWITZ
father of Sandy Katz

DONIEL AYMES
*father of Steven Aymes
grandfather of Gregory Aymes*

LEO DMITROVSKY
father of Steven Darien

LEE HOFFMAN
*mother of Adrienne Schaer
grandmother of David Schaer*

MIRIAM KAMERMAN
mother of Gene Kamerman

JAMES KAPLAN
father of Paula Kaplan-Reiss

LEWIS KOPEL
father of Joel Kopel

*We extend deepest condolences to their families
May their memory abide for blessing*



Shabbat Le'ladeem

**A special Shabbat Service for
Young Children**

December 8 at 7 p.m.

Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and K-2nd graders are welcome to join us with their families for a Shabbat service filled with music, stories, prayer, and a special Oneg Shabbat in the Gan Pre School room.



Lox Boxes

Delivered to your door by AETY



6 plain bagels • 1 container of cream cheese • 1 quart of OJ • 1 box-o-lox
and 1 very special surprise

Lox Boxes are delivered to your door December 10th from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. by awesome AETY members

Cost: Lox Boxes cost **\$18** each, all the profits go directly to benefit Anshe Emeth Temple Youth.
Please make checks payable to AETY.

Please fill out the form below and return to the Temple office with payment no later than **December 3rd**.

Your Name _____ Address _____
Your Phone Number () _____ Number of lox boxes _____

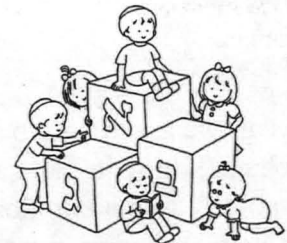
Please deliver an AETY Lox Box to:

Name _____ Address & Town _____
Phone Number () _____ Nearest cross street _____

Shalom Baby, Shalom Family

(ages 8 weeks - 6 months)

You have a baby? Mazel Tov! Now what?



Come join our new program designed with your new family in mind! Mommy and Daddy will learn how to tune in to baby's special rhythm and develop an understanding of baby's growing abilities. Share information, experiences and laughs with other new parents and form a network of support.

Facilitated by Gan Yeladeem Learning Center's Director, Karen B. Goldstein, this program will meet in the Gan Infant Room every other **Sunday** beginning January 7. Registration in advance is required. Call Karen B. Goldstein for more information 732-545-6555.

Cost: \$75.00/ session

Sundays – 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Child's Name _____ age _____
Parent's Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

____ Session II: 1/7 & 1/21; 2/4 & 2/18; 3/11 & 3/18

Please make a check payable to: AEMT for each session. Thank you!

WIN-WIN

Increase the Temple's Sources of Revenue

"Why do we have so to increase our resources," you may be wondering. The simple answer is that membership dues and voluntary contributions are not sufficient to support the many programs and activities which are held at Anshe Emeth. Nevertheless, raising money is often seen as difficult by those who volunteer to help, and as a burden by congregants who are asked to support the Temple. It doesn't have to be this way!

The ideal situation is a "Win-Win" for the Temple and the congregant. Just read "Anatomy of a Rummage Sale" for the perfect example. All of the best events follow this pattern: they offer a service or a product which people need; or they present an event which people will enjoy attending, and the resulting funds benefit the Temple.

We have many activities to develop revenue at Anshe Emeth every year. But to be successful, these activities must be a partnership between the congregants and the Temple. We try to come up with ideas which you will find useful, which will enhance your life, and will provide you with a way to help others. Please, as you go about your daily lives, try to keep some of our ongoing sources of revenue in the back of your mind. Find a way to fit them into your life and in doing so, help make our fundraising efforts successful. That is what "Win-Win" fundraising is all about!

Treasure Hunting

Last year, we asked you to search your drawers and jewelry boxes for that single gold earring or broken gold chain, sitting in mute accusation: "What can you do with me? I'm useless, but you can't throw away gold!" About two dozen people responded to the request, bringing to the Temple office items which were no longer wearable. The result was \$1,800 worth of recycled gold! We are still on a Treasure Hunt. An orphaned gold earring or an old battered sterling silver spoon (we also collect silver) isn't much use alone in your drawer. Bring it to us, and let us turn it into "found money" to support Jewish life at Anshe Emeth.

Chanukah is Coming!

You can shop for gifts at your favorite stores, or give gift cards to those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives, while you help the Temple. It costs you *nothing extra* to buy a gift card through the Temple's scrip program, and when you do, 4-20% of your purchase becomes profit for the Temple. Most gift cards can be bought with a MasterCard or Visa, so you will still get your credit card rewards. Call the Temple office and find out how easy it is to support the Temple while you celebrate the holidays.

ANATOMY OF A RUMMAGE SALE

This year, for the first time, we will be holding a Rummage Sale in February. In preparation for the event, you may be interested in hearing what was involved in the sale we held this past August.

Every AEMT Rummage Sale starts with YOU! Thank you for saving your “stuff” for us during the year. As you know, we collect almost everything: clothing, housewares, furniture, jewelry, toys, luggage, electronics, and all kinds of miscellaneous items (this summer we sold a traffic light!) As soon as we set up a space to work in, we ask you to start bringing in your contributions for the sale.

As the donations come into the Temple, the huge job of sorting the items begins. For our summer sale, we asked for volunteers to help with sorting, and we met one evening/week all through July. This past summer, as always, the preparations were coordinated by three seemingly tireless women who have made this sale their summer priority. Marion Baum, Sara Maskin, and Michal Feinmesser spent hours at the Temple every day, carefully sorting and folding clothing, arranging housewares, and setting up the rooms, so when the customers arrived, everything was organized and easy to find. Our sale has a reputation among rummage sale “aficionados” as being one of the best, and many people say they look forward to it every year.

For our summer sale, we needed volunteers in every classroom, at the “register” in the front, and downstairs with the furniture. Dozens of congregants participated in 2-hour shifts during the sale. We had helpers from the ages of 8 to 80, and everyone was truly needed. The sale always begins with a rush—people are lined up to come in before 8 a.m. on the first morning—and ends with the “all you can stuff in a bag for \$1.00” mayhem. Those of you who helped out know what a fun and rewarding experience it is.

When the sale itself was over, there was still a lot of work involved in “closing up shop”. Once again, volunteers went through the leftover clothing, folding and bagging it so we could distribute it to other charitable organizations. We boxed up toys and housewares, and disposed of a huge amount of trash. No matter how much we have sold, there is always so much left over!

The best part about every AEMT Rummage Sale is that it is a win-win situation for everyone involved. Our expenses for running the event are minimal. You, the congregant, clean out your closets and know that unneeded or outgrown household items will find a new home where they will be put to good use. Our customers pick up amazing bargains: we sell quality items at one-tenth or less of their original cost. Every year, we issue invitations after the sale ends to the clients and staff of Women Aware, Amadala’s Crossing, the Anshe Emeth CDC, and other similar organizations, who come and “shop for free”. We save winter jackets and outerwear for AETY to distribute during Midnight Run. Unsold linens and sheets go to the Ozanam Men’s Shelter, and some of the kitchenware goes to Elijah’s Promise. Re-sorted leftover clothing is sent to the Trenton Rescue Mission. Unsold toys, games, and housewares are taken to Catholic Charities Youth Enterprise. And of course Anshe Emeth benefits—this summer, our sale brought in \$6,000, which will go directly to the operating fund of the Temple.

The Rummage Sale is one of the most “volunteer-intensive” fund-raisers we hold, but it is also one of the most rewarding. We don’t ask you for money—we only ask that you save your unwanted clothing and household items for us, and that you give us a little bit of your time to help with the sorting and sale days. Those who have helped us know that we have fun, we make money, and literally hundreds of people benefit from our efforts.

So start saving your outgrown clothing, toys, and household items again. We will tell you when to bring it into the Temple. And please plan to help during our set-up and sale days. The Rummage Sale Committee, and hundreds of others, are counting on you!

December 2006

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Reitman Scholar in Residence

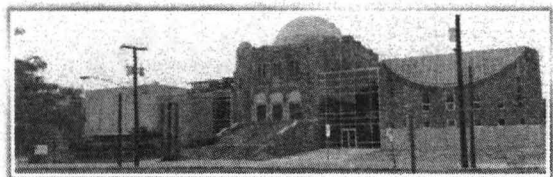
Rabbi Marc Raphael December 1- December 3

Men's Overflow Shelter December 18- December 25

Religious School Closed December 23, 2006 - January 1, 2007

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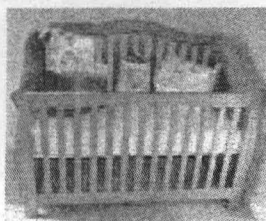


Mitzvah Day!

December 25, 2006

4th of Tevet, 5767

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Winter Mitzvah Day. All activities begin at the Temple at 2:30. Directions to sites and last minute details will be discussed at the Temple before activities begin. Our day will end at 5:30 at the Temple with dinner for our Mitzvah Day Volunteers and Shelter Guests; **you must RSVP for dinner! Please return the sign up sheet by December 11, 2006.** Specific questions should be directed to activity contacts below. For general questions, call Linda Rubenstein (732-613-8363) or Debbie Friedman (732-985-8847).



ADMISSION: If you participate in Mitzvah Day, we ask that you donate at least one large bag of large diapers, per family, to the Anshe Emeth Community Development Corporation's Mitzvah Crib. Cash equivalent may be donated instead (checks payable to AEMT CDC). Additionally, the CDC is collecting baby formula. These items will be distributed to those in need throughout the county. Place all items in the crib located in the foyer.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Kosher turkeys are needed for Activity #5. Toiletries, luggage, blankets, sheets, and winter clothing are needed for our shelter guests (contact Phyllis Pollack: 732-247-7366)

We would love to participate in Mitzvah Day! The following will attend (Choices are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7):

PLEASE RETURN by December 11, 2006, and remember to bring Mitzvah Crib items!

Name: Age (if child) 1st Choice 2nd Choice 5:30 Meal (Y/N) Oral History (Y/N)

Contact Phone Number: _____

Mitzvah Day Activities!

ACTIVITY 1: ELDERLY ORAL HISTORIES



Contact: Debbie Budd-Levine (732-297-7440)
Description: Rabbi Fellman will train interested adults and teens how to collect oral histories, which will be conducted at Somerbrook Assisted Living. Registration is required.

ACTIVITY 2: CLOWNING FOR THE ELDERLY



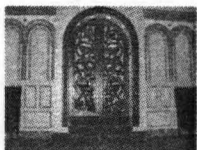
Contact: Rabbi Fellman (732-545-6484)
Description: People who trained to be Mitzvah clowns during Mitzvah Heroes will clown for the elderly at CNJ Jewish Home for the Aged

ACTIVITY 3: RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Contact: Linda Rubenstein (732-613-8363)
Description: We'll decorate the facility for Hanukah, bring a potluck meal for residents, and bake a dessert on premises. Please plan on contributing a potluck menu item.

ACTIVITY 4: SPRUCING UP THE TEMPLE



Contact: Debbie Friedman (732-985-8847)
Description: We'll help touch up wall paint, organize things, and perform general handy-man activities.

ACTIVITY 5: DINNER FOR SHELTI GUESTS



Contact: David Levine (732-545-7563)
Description: Volunteers are needed to set up dining room, assist with meal preparation, and clean up. Limited participation; Older children (14+).

ACTIVITY 6: COOKIES FOR WOMEN AWARE



Contact: Deborah Rose (732-422-4639)
Description: We'll bake cookies and deliver them to Women Aware, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

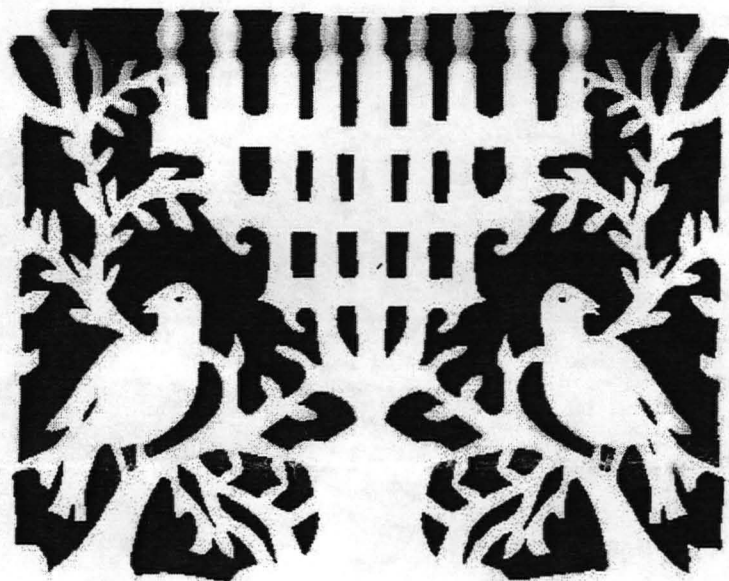
ACTIVITY 7: VOLUNTEER AT OZANAM



Contact: Wendy Rosen Porwich (732-821-1640)
Description: We'll spend time with the homeless families and single women at Ozanam Family Shelter

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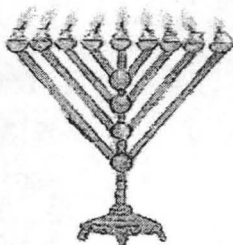
Please join us with your family for our
Family Service for Shabbat and Chanukah
on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.

(We invite everyone to bring their channukiot to the temple
and join in a special lighting of the Chanukah candles.)

Written and prepared by Rabbi Daniel J. Fellman

Ner Shel Tzedakah

נר של צדקה



A wonderful way to enhance your Chanukah חנוכה is to incorporate the ner shel tzedakah נר של צדקה candle of righteousness, into your family tradition. The 6th night of Chanukah חנוכה is dedicated to learning about the problem of poverty. Instead of exchanging gifts on this night, donate the value of gifts, or the gifts themselves, to a local charitable organization like our Anshe Emeth CDC, Elijah's Promise, Amandala's Crossing, or any other organization which helps those less fortunate. On the 6th night of Chanukah, חנוכה, the following blessing can be read along with the Chanukah חנוכה blessings.

נר של צדקה

Ner Shel Tzedakah Blessing

A Blessing to recite on the 6th night of Chanukah חנוכה

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו
במצותיו ולמדנו להדליק נר של צדקה

*Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam,
Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav, V'lamdeinu L'Hadlik
Ner Shel Tzedakah.*

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, who makes us holy through the performance of Mitzvot, and inspires us to light the Candle of Righteousness.

As we light this Ner Shel Tzedakah נר של צדקה tonight, we pray that its light will shine into the dark corners of our world, bringing relief to those suffering from the indignity and pain that accompany poverty. May our act of giving inspire others to join with us in the fight against the scourge of hunger, homelessness, need and want. Together, let us raise our voices to cry out for justice, and may that clarion call burst through the night's silence and declare that change must come.

Chanukah dates back to the struggle led by the Maccabees—a family from the priestly tribe—against the Hellenistic overseers of the Land of Israel and against Hellenized Jews from 169–56 B.C.E. Antiochus Epiphanes, the Hellenistic king of the Syrian branch of Alexander's empire, had decreed that the practice of local religions, including Judaism, be rooted out. Pagan rituals and sacrifices were instituted at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and at shrines throughout the Land. Those Jews who were not seduced by the power of Hellenistic culture rallied under the leadership of Mattathias the priest and his five sons, who came to be called the Maccabees. After three years of guerrilla warfare against the armies of Antiochus in the hills and forests, the Maccabean forces recaptured Jerusalem and rededicated the Holy Temple.

Adapted from Arthur Waskow, *Seas*

Chanuka

Potato Latkes

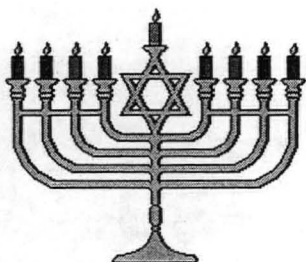
10 medium potatoes
¼ cup breadcrumbs or matzah meal
2 medium onions
vegetable oil
2 or 3 medium eggs
salt and white pepper to taste

Peel the potatoes if the skin is coarse; otherwise, just clean them well. Keep them in cold water until ready to prepare the latkes. Starting with the onions, alternately grate some of the onions on the larger holes of a grater and some of the potatoes on the smallest holes. Press out as much liquid as possible and reserve the starchy sediment at the bottom of the bowl. Return the sediment to the mixture. Blend the potato mixture with the eggs, flour, salt, and white pepper. Heat 1 inch of oil in a frying pan. Drop about 1 tablespoon of mixture for each latke into the skillet and fry, turning once. When golden and crisp on each side, drain on paper towels. Serve with yogurt, sour cream, sugar, or applesauce.



Understanding Chanukah as part of the natural cycle of the seasons and years enables us to see the holiday as the moment when light is born from darkness and hope from despair. The Maccabean revolt came at a dark moment in Jewish history when not only was a foreign king imposing idolatry but also large numbers of Jews were choosing to obey that decree. At the moment of utter darkness in Modin, Mattathias struck the spark of rebellion and fanned it into flame. The necessity of recognizing the moment of darkness is what we learn from seeing Chanukah in the context of the sun and the moon. There is no use pretending that the sun is always bright; there is no use pretending the moon is always full. It is only by recognizing the season of darkness that we know it is time to light the candles, to sow a seed of light that can grow and spring forth later in the year.

Our Joy, Bantam Books, 1982



Ingredients

2 teaspoons or packages dry yeast
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar and sugar for rolling
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup lukewarm milk
4 tablespoons softened butter
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup oil for deep frying
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup strawberry or apricot preserves

Dissolve the yeast and 2 tablespoons sugar in the milk. Let sit 10 minutes.
Sift the flour. Place it on a board and make a well in the center. Add the yeast mixture, the egg yolks, salt, cinnamon, and the remaining sugar. Knead well. Work the butter and knead until the dough is elastic.
Cover and let rise overnight in the refrigerator.
Sprinkle flour on the board. Roll the dough out to 1/8 inch. Cut out with a glass into rounds about 2 inches in diameter. Cover and let rise 5 minutes more.
With your hand form into a ball. Insert a teaspoon of jam; enclose completely.
Pour 2 inches of oil into a heavy pot and heat to 375 degrees.
Fry the doughnuts in the oil, 4-5 at a time, turning when brown.
Drain on paper towels.
Roll in granulated sugar and serve. Eat immediately.



Big Ideas for Little Kids on Chanukah

(Fun stuff to try from The Gan)

It is traditional to eat sufganiyot (donuts) on Chanukah because they are fried in oil and here is an easy-to-make recipe for you and your children:

Ingredients:

Pillsbury dinner roll dough

Fillings (jelly, chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, etc.)

Confectioner's sugar

Oil for frying

Give a dough circle to your child. Ask them to flatten it a bit. Have them put a filling of their choice in the center. Flatten a second dough circle and place on top. Press edges together to seal. Fry in oil until browned on both sides. Remove from pan and place on paper towels to remove excess oil. While still warm, roll in confectioner's sugar. Eat them up!

Now here are some great books to enjoy this Chanukah with your child:

Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel by Harper Collins Publishers (ages 0-2)

Rainbow Candles by Myra Shostak (ages 0-2)

My First Chanukah by Tomie dePaola (ages 0-2)

It's Hanukkah Time by Latifa Berry Kropf (ages 2-5)

Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia A. Rouss (ages 2-5)

The Trees of the Dancing Goats by Patricia Polacco (ages 3-6)

Jeremy's Dreidel by Ellie Gellman (ages 3-6)

The Matzah Ball Fairy by Carla Heymsfeld (ages 3-6)



The first Chanukah candle is lit on Friday evening, December 15, 2006.



Chanukah Candle Lighting

The nine-branched Channukiah, meant to symbolize the eight days of the festival, was a modification of a biblical design of a certain candelabra that stood before the Temple of Jerusalem. It used eight branches, one for every day and a ninth branch for the *shamash*, or helper candle.

Kindling the Chanukah candles each night is a central observance of the holiday. It is also a mitzvah. The custom we follow in lighting the Chanukah lights consists of lighting one candle the first night, using the *shamash* to light it. Each night, candles are added to the menorah from right to left, until on the eighth night, the entire menorah is glowing. Keep in mind that the new candle is always lit first, so that the candles are lit from left to right.

The lighted menorah should be placed by a window so that the burning candles—a reminder of the miracle of Jewish survival through adversity—may be seen by all who pass by. The light of the menorah may not be used for work. The time for lighting candles is after sundown. On Shabbat, the menorah is lit before the Shabbat candles, for traditionally, fire is not created during Shabbat.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר
שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik ner
shel Cha-nu-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with mitzvot, and who commands us to
kindle the lights of Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בַּיָּמֵינוּ הַזֵּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-
zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old, at
this season.

(for first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִנֵּי עָנּוּ לַיָּמֵינוּ הַזֵּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to
reach this season.

The Shamus (recited each day): As one candle may kindle many others, yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth from many religions in many lands and still shines brightly through the ages.

For the First Day: The first tells of Him whose first command was "Let there be light." The darkness of idol worship was scattered when Israel brought radiant knowledge of one God. "I am the first, and I am the last," says the Lord.

For the Second Day: The second light is the light of Torah. Israel's book of law has brought learning and truth to all the western world. "The commandment is a lamp and the law is a light."

For the Third Day: The third light is the light of justice. No nation can endure which is unjust to the weak. "Justice, always justice shalt thou pursue," was the grandest commandment of Moses, our teacher.

For the Fourth Day: The fourth light is the light of mercy. Cruelty hardens the heart and destroys friendships. "Do justice and love mercy," was the teaching of Micah, the prophet.

For the Fifth Day: The fifth light is the light of holiness. Purity of thought, ability of action make all life sacred. From the prophet Isaiah, these words have been taken into Israel's prayerbook. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."

For the Sixth Day: The sixth light is the light of love. When the love which our parents give us makes all our life beautiful, we learn to understand the Biblical words, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and soul and might."

For the Seventh Day: The seventh light is the calm light of patience. Nothing can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and soul of man grows slowly to perfection, thus says King David, "Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for Him."

For the Eighth Day: The eighth light is the light of courage. Let truth and justice be your armor and fear not. Live by the words Moses spoke to Joshua, "Be strong and good courage."