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Sarturday, May 4, 9:30am - 6pm Scholar in Residence

Sunday, May 5, 9 am Mitzvah Day

Thursday, May 16, 7:30 pm Confirmation

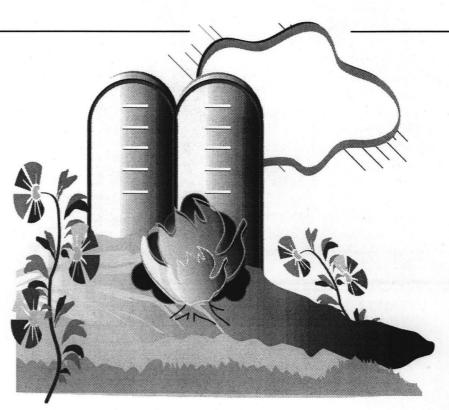
Friday, May 17, 8:15 pm Hebrew High School Graduation

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 am Maccabiah Games

Sunday, June 9, 6:30 pm Congregational Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, May 21; June 18, July 16; August 20, 8 pm Service of Peace, Healing and Comfort

Shabbat Services at 8:15 pm First Friday of each month at 8pm Saturday Mornings at 10:30 am



Celebrate Shavuot and the month of May at Temple Shalom

The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinger

On Thursday, May 16th, at 7:30 p.m., we will celebrate Shavuot with the Confirmation of sixteen students. Then on Friday, May 17th at 8:15 p.m., we will honor our eleven high school seniors as



they graduate from the Religious Education program. We are truly blessed that so many of our young adults and their families have supported continuous learning of Judaism. Our tradition focuses on life-long learning in order to bless us with long life.

The festival of Shavuot commemorates the gift of Torah that was received at Mt. Sinai. In our tradition, we have learned that the Torah belongs to all of

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us. It is our history and our destiny. It is our source of values, wisdom and purpose, our common vocabulary, our narrative, our memory. Even in the midst of our division among Jews, it is the Torah that has bound us together. Exactly how the Torah was created, where and when it was committed to writing, is something we can only speculate about. Yet, we know that we are to study its contents and vast number of interpretations to enrich our Jewish connection. It is a mitzvah to study and is one that all of us should make the commitment to do in the days to come.

The rabbis have taught us that the Torah can be read on four levels, known by the acronym PaRDeS, meaning "orchard." The first level, peshat, is the literal or contextual meaning of the text, what the words mean on the surface. The second level, remez, is the allegorical or philosophical meaning. The third, derash, is the homiletic or ethical meaning. And the fourth, sod, is the hidden or mystical meaning. A Jew can spend a lifetime reading the same texts over and over and still not plumb their deepest meaning. That is why we make the commitment to life-long learning.

It is on Shavuot that we renew this commitment, just as the Israelites declared in the wilderness at Mt. Sinai, "We will do, and we will listen." According to Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin in her text, The Tapestry of Jewish Time, listening means understanding. But as a declaration of commitment – an oral signature, so to speak – isn't the phrase backward? Her father, a lawyer, taught her to never sign anything without

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A Message From Our President

Phil Rubin

Traditionally, it would be appropriate for me to review the accomplishments of this past year, given that one year has passed since I was elected as your president. And, much has been accomplished! But, as I write this message during Passover, events in Israel weigh heavily on my mind.

Passover is a time of celebration, when we recall the Israelites being freed from slavery in Egypt. It's a happy time, a time of family get togethers and the partaking of festival food. But, this Passover as family and friends were celebrating together in a hotel in Natayna, disaster struck as a suicide bomber detonated himself, killing 21 people and injuring over one hundred. Surrealistically, the Arab coalition offered "normalization" of relations" with Israel just a day later. Of course, conditions included return to the 1967 borders, a Palestinian state with East

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From

The Desk of

Cantor

Janice M. Gordon

During this season rich in holidays both sad and happy, I find myself singing and listening to music that is not normally heard throughout the rest of the year. I speak specifically of both the days set aside



to remember tragic moments in Jewish history, Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron as well as Yom Ha'atzma'ut, the joyous day celebrating the independence of the State of Israel in 1948, and Yom Yerushalayim commemorating the re-unification of Jerusalem in 1967.

Yom HaZikaron is set aside to remember all people who fought and died for the cause of Israel. During Yom HaShoah, we remember the six million Jews who died at the hands of Nazis during World War II. If you had the opportunity to be with us at Temple Beth Ahm as we observed this day of mourning together, you already know that our joint service with our neighbors was a moving commemoration of the victims of Nazi Germany as well as an uplifting tribute to the spirit of those who miracu-

lously survived. All of us took great pride in our adult choir who beautifully sang songs of remembrance, two of which, "Birdsong" and "Before Too Long", are texts written during the war by prisoners of Thereisenstadt Concentration Camp.

Yom Ha'atzma'ut and Yom Yerushalayim provide unique opportunities for those of us who love Israel and Israeli music. While much of the music being played on the radio today in Israel is similar to American pop music, there are many Israeli classics that speak musically and textually to the specific Israeli experience. I realize that it may be a daunting experience to select an Israeli CD without having a full knowledge of what may be inside the shrink wrapped jewel case. Therefore, I would like to make a few recommendations of Israeli CDs which I think many of you would enjoy. Recently, I circulated an email containing Israeli websites due to my concern for Israel's loss of income from tourism and related industries. One of those websites is www.israelmusic.com. Please check it out and be sure to look for the following CDs:

Arik Einstein-Good Old Eretz Yisrael Chava Alberstein-Songs of my Beloved Country Nurit Hirsch-The Collection The Gevatron-50 Years of Singing Naomi Shemer-Sings Her Own Works

These CDs in particular contain classic Israeli songs with which you may be familiar. They do not include the songs that are played on popular music radio stations but rather, are songs of the pioneer days of Israel which reflect the rich history and

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Jerusalem as its capital, and right of return of the Palestinians. Ironically, a lesser known provision was the removal of Palestinians from Lebanon. Israel cannot accept many of the stipulations, but it's a start. Or, is it? Unfortunately, the suicide bombings continued unabated, and Israel invaded Ramallah and Bethlehem. When will the bloodshed end? How can we get to peace?

I wish I were wise enough to have definitive answers to those questions. But, I believe that, in addition to an immediate stop in the suicide bombings, the first pre-condition for peace is for all the Arab states and the Palestinians to stop the steady stream of invective towards Israel. The constant teaching of hatred towards Israel beginning in elementary schools and the glorification of martyrdom are root causes of much of the unrest. I was sickened to watch a videotape of a Palestinian mother wishing her son success, as he was about to embark on a suicide mission to Israel. Jews value life, not glory in death! Unfortunately, at best, it may take one or two generations or more (if ever) for the hatred to-

wards Israel to be flushed from the Arab and Palestinian psyches. And that's if the invective were to cease immediately! On the Israeli side, there has to be a full acceptance of a future Palestinian state, but with borders defined to insure a secure Israel. The Israeli settlements on the West Bank will be a sticky negotiating point, but if there is a true desire for peace on all sides, this issue can be worked out.

So, today, as I write this, and peace seems unattainable, it's important that we constantly keep the vision of an eventual peace in our minds. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor ever again shall they train for war." Hopefully, that vision will become reality in our lifetime. In this time of tragedy, however, we need to support Israel as it defends itself against a recurrence of the horrible bloodshed of Passover week.

Learn About Shavuot

The name "Shavuot" means weeks; this name is derived from the fact that Shavuot takes place after the seven week period of the Counting of the Omer. (The Omer is the period between Passover and Shavuot; it says in the Torah that one should count, day by day, this time period. At the end of the period, on Shavuot, the first fruits were brought to the Temple) Later, the Rabbis also referred to Shavuot as Zman Matan Toratenu, the time of the giving of the Torah to Israel. The reason for this is that, according to the Rabbis' calculation, it was on the sixth of Sivan (Shavuot) when Israel received the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Customs of Shavuot

Decorating homes and synagogues with flowers, shrubbery, and foliage (based on the idea of Shavuot celebrating the first fruits). The Vilna Gaon, a very important Lithuanian sage, banned this custom, for he thought it was of pagan origin. Most communities, however, follow this practice. The reasons for this tradition are varied. They all originate in the idea of Shavuot as an agricultural festival. At this time of first fruits, we desire to reconnect with the land, and to give thanks to God for the goods that the land gives to us. In many cultures, harvest festivals have traditionally been the opportunity to stand back from one's work and reflect on human beings' dependence on the land and environment.

Tikkun l'el Shavuot, literally, the fixing, or improvement, of the night of Shavuot. This tradition consists of staying up the whole of the night of Shavuot and studying Jewish texts. Traditionally, this study includes Torah, Talmud, and Kabbalah, although any serious, intense study of Jewish texts is appropriate. The reason for this tradition is connected to the idea of Shavuot as the season of our receiving of the Torah. The tikkun, like the Passover Seder or the booths in which we live during Sukkot, is another example of Judaism's desire to relive, as opposed to simply commemorating events. Since the event we are "reliving" on Shavuot is the giving of

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Bible Study
Saturday mornings at 9:15 am
(classes end June 29)
Tuesday mornings at 10am
(classes end June 18)
Classes res;ume in Mid September

the Torah, we want to be prepared in order to be worthy of such an extraordinary event. By foregoing sleep for the sake of trying to perfect both our souls and our intellect in expectation of the giving of the Torah, we reenact, and, indeed, attempt to improve upon the state in which our ancestors were in prior to receiving the Torah at Sinai.

Reading of the Book of Ruth: On the morning of Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth, one of the "five scrolls." The book is the story of Ruth, a Moabite who chose to convert to Judaism, and was the greatgrandmother of King David. There are many reasons for this custom. One has to do with the main character of the book, Ruth. Ruth was a convert, meaning she took upon herself the yoke of Jewish law. So too on Shavuot, as we celebrate the giving of the Law, we take upon ourselves anew the yoke of the Torah. The eating of dairy foods: It is an almost universal custom to eat dairy foods on this festival, unlike other holidays when we traditionally partake of meat or poultry. Again, there are many different reasons given for this practice. One reason is that, since we have, in a sense, not yet received the Torah, we do not yet have the laws and regulations for kosher slaughtering. This being the case, we refrain from meat. Another reason is that there is something "impure" about eating meat--we must kill an animal, drain the blood, etc. On Shavuot, as we stress the idea of purity, we avoid eating meat and instead eat milk.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Study women and their issues from biblical to modern viewpoints.

Stimulating discussions - Refreshments (of course!) Monday, May 13th and Wednesday, June 12 at 8 pm

Join us for our small and intimate
Service of Peace, Comfort
and Healing

May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20, 8pm



The 2nd Annual Greatest Bible Stories-Almost Maccabiah Games

On Your Mark, Get Ready, Go! The games begin at 10:30am, Sunday May 19, 2002

Cheer your children as they compete with skill, strength and chutzpa in these great biblical events: The Garden of Eden
Noah and the Great Flood
Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac
Joseph and his Brothers
Moses Crossing the Red Sea
Moses and the Golden Calf
David and Goliath
Jonah and the Great Fish
Joshua and the Promised Land

Brothers, sisters and even little kids are welcome "Box lunch" will be available for \$1. You will have a choice of Hamburger or hot dog, chips, Juice box and dessert.

Great Opportunity Available

Work in the comfort of your home. No meetings to attend Requires a few hours of your time 5 times a year. Grammatical and spelling skills a plus.

After serving as Editor of the Shalom for the past three years, as well as for three years eons ago, it time to allow someone else the opportunity to serve our congregation as Editor.

Our wonderful Art Director Alan Leckner will continue to do the 'hard' part of graphically preparing the Shalom for the printer.

If you think you might be interested, contact me at 732-583-2050 or via email at Joan4Shalom@aol.com. I will be happy to give you the details and to help you as you start out in this most worthwhile endeavor. Joan Marotta

Please submit all Shalom articles directly to the editor, via email:

Joan4Shalom@aol.com or fax: 732-583-2051.

MITZVAH DAY is May 5th

This will be Temple Shalom's 5th Mitzvah Day – a day dedicated to reaching out to those in need in our community. It is an opportunity to do tikkun olam, repairing the world. It's a wonderful chance for us to do Mitzvot, to join hands in hesed, loving kindness and give of our hearts – we truly make a difference.

Mitzvah Day sign-in and cap and T-shirt distribution are from 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM. A bagel buffet breakfast will be available in the social hall at this time. At 9:30 AM we will have a brief service in the sanctuary. By 10:00 AM all participants will proceed to off-site activities in car pools. Lunch for volunteers will be served by Brotherhood and prepared by the Kitchen volunteers beginning at 11:30 AM. Afternoon registration and lunch will continue until 1:30 PM.

We will be collecting coins to be donated to Mazon: The Jewish Response to Hunger, Night lights, linens and batteries for the Ronald Mc Donald House, eyeglasses, soaps, shampoos, combs, health and grooming aids, and pet supplies, towels and blankets for the Monmouth County SPCA.

We will actively be taking part in a trip to Great Adventure with residents of an ARC group home, planting flowers, cleaning grounds at the SPCA, Cliffwood Beach, Manna House and Temple Shalom's gardens. We will visit and entertain residents at Madison and Bayshore Nursing Homes. We will make sandwiches for soup kitchens and bake cookies for the nursing home residents. We will collect groceries at the Old Bridge and Holmdel A & P's for the Emanuel Cancer Fund and create art projects and gift baskets to send to the nursing homes and Ronald Mc Donald house.

Join with us and experience how good a Mitzvah can feel. For further information contact Margo Wolfson at 732-303-1754.

Congregational Meeting and Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 9, 2002 6:30 PM

This year, all eligible voting members, who attend our Annual Congregational Meeting will be treated to an ice cream social. The first 50 members who register that evening will also receive a FREE raffle ticket for our coveted "High Holidays Parking Spot" raffle.

Scholar in Residence

May 4 • 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Rabbi Leonard Kravitz, distinguished Professor at Hebrew Union College, author, lecturer, accomplished scholar will lead us in a one day Shabbaton entitled "Enough Already - What's Wrong with Spirituality?"

Advance registration is required. Contact the Temple office for further information.

Tales of Talmud Torah

Elisa P.Bergenfeld, RJE Director of Education

1 hen I was 16 years old, I was awarded a scholarship from Temple Shalom to spend 6 weeks in Israel with NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). Both of my brothers had been to Israel previously with NFTY and hearing their stories left me waiting with anxious anticipation until the day that it would be my turn to go. After attending religious school for almost 11 years, I was filled with the desire to travel to this magical place and walk in the footsteps of my Biblical ancestors. I had been studying Modern Hebrew with Mrs. Coleman in 8th and 9th grade and I couldn't wait to test out some of my new vocabulary words. My dream had finally become a reality.

I went to Israel that summer and fell in love with the history and the beauty of the country. I was lucky to be able to return the following summer and that was when I fell in love with the spirit of the Israeli people. Since that summer, I have returned to Israel almost every summer and lived there for two years on separate occasions.

As you can imagine, my heart is aching because of the current events in Israel. I watch the news everyday as I hear about another suicide bombing and reminisce about a time when I was walking over there or having coffee with some friends at that restaurant. Although I've spent more than half of my life living in Aberdeen, New Jersey, I am more familiar with the streets in Jerusalem than here.

During this week, we held an

assembly in our religious school to discuss the current situation in Israel. It was important for me to know what the students were feeling and give them the opportunity to process their feelings and ask questions. When given the opportunity to ask questions, some children raised their hands, while others seemed completely unaffected by the entire conversation. At this point, I did not know whether I should be relieved that the children were happy, living their innocent lives, disconnected and unaware of impact that the events in Israel could or should be having on them, or if I should be concerned. Then Rabbi Malinger asked the essential question "Why should we as Jews living in the United States care about what is happening in Israel?" I thought this question would inspire many responses but once again, I was surprised to see very few hands raised. After a few children shared some interesting responses, finally, one child said, "because Israel is our homeland". It seemed like such an easy question to me and yet it took so long to get to the answer. Then we continued the discussion about how lucky we are to have Israel as our homeland.

I went back to my office that afternoon feeling troubled. I wondered why these children were not feeling the same kind of connection and love for Israel that I did when I was a student. I sat down and tried to figure out from where my Zionist feelings stemmed. Yes, my parents cared deeply for Israel and talked about Israel of-

ten but they did not go to Israel until I was 21 years old. Could it be the fact that I am a child of a Holocaust survivor? Yes, that could have been part of it but not the only reason. So I have to assume that it came from my Jewish education and experiences at religious school.

Unfortunately, this lack of connection with Israel is a phenomenon of most Reform congregations today. In fact, two years ago, I attended a conference in Israel with the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE), during which this topic became the theme. We spent many days grappling with the issues and finally came up some guidelines for our congregations to help rectify the situation. In this document it states "The National Association of Temple Educators seeks to encourage our congregations, day schools and camps, and our rabbis and educators, to forge an inextricable connection to Israel - the state, the land and the people. At this moment in our history, we recognize the inherent danger of the growing distance between the Diaspora and Israel Jewish communities and the compelling need to draw these two communities closer to one another. In order to create a feeling of Ahavat Yisrael (love for Israel), a mutually enriching relationship between our communities and the Iewish communities in Israel, we must focus on conveying the realities of Israel without losing the power of its founding myths. This may be ac-

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You are Cordially Invited to Rejoice with Us at the B'nai Mitzvah of...



Jamie Lipman Son of Debbie and Mark Lipman May 18, 2002



Amanda Benhamou Daughter of Marjorie and Michael Benhamu May 18, 2002



Mark Grinberg Son of Cynthia and Nelu Grinberg May 25, 2002



Courtney Panzarino
Daughter of
Michele and Joseph
Panzarino
May 25, 2002



Melissa Chirlin
Daughter of
Gail and Robert
Chirlin
June 1, 2002



Justin Branco
Son of
Cori and Joe
Branco
June 1, 2002



Diana Hartman
Daughter of
Nancy and Richard
Hartman
June 8, 2002



Carly Freindlich
Daughter of
Gail and Barry
Freindlich
June 8, 2002



Lori Reiter Daughter of Holly and Elliot Reiter June 15, 2002



Rachel Hechtman
Daughter of
Joan and Daniel
Hechtman
June 22, 2002



Andrew Dolinsky
Son of
Debbie and Eli
Dolinsky
June 22, 2002



Sara Horowitz
Daughter of
Cora and Dale
Horowitz
June 29, 2002

.... As They Lead the Congregation in Shabbat Morning Services

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOOD Scott Goldstein, President

March was a very busy month for Brotherhood with the Shabbat dinner, Brotherhood Service, new Temple door dedication, Art Auction, Matzoh Brei Breakfast and Scavenger Hunt. The fact that this all happened in a little over a week is a testament to the Brotherhood organization and our dedicated members. A big thanks to all that were involved.

Doug Barton, Executive Director of NFTB/JCS was our guest speaker at our Brotherhood Service. He asked that the men of Brotherhood examine their roles in Temple leadership. Doug challenged us to dedicate more time: spiritually, learning Hebrew and Torah. He alerted us to the important roles we have in supporting JCS (Jewish Chautauqua Society) and ROC (Reform on Campus) which combat anti-Semitism and provide program funding for Jewish children at college. I urge all men to read Doug's speech on Brotherhood's issues, examine transformation of men's role in Temple and commit yourself to any of these important causes. Copies can be obtained by contacting Harry Weisz at 732-761-3028.

Thank you Phil Rubin for your spontaneous speech which recognized Brotherhood's programs and contributions such as the Chanukah party, Board walk and Latke eating contest, the Annual Greatest Bible Stories and Almost Maccabiah Games, and the funding of the new temple doors, entrance security and intercom system.

Thank you Rabbi for supporting Brotherhood Shabbat Service, your bema policy which enable guest speakers and your impetus to fund the new Temple doors. Your timing of conducting the door dedication at Brotherhood's Service couldn't have been better.

On May 19 starting at 10:30am join us in The 2ND Annual Greatest bible stories Almost Maccabiah Games. Come and cheer your children as they compete with skill, strength and chutzpah in our games named for great biblical events. At 11:30am a "Box lunch" will be available for \$1. You will have a choice of hamburger or hot dog, chips, juice box and dessert.

This is my last column as Brotherhood President. I would like to thank all those people who worked closely with me, enabling Brotherhood to have record attendance at our major events, brought new and exciting ideas to our programs, continued on page 10

SISTERHOOD

Deborah A. Worthington, President

I would like to take a moment to talk about Passover. I know that it is long past and I hope everyone had a wonderful experience. For me, Passover was particularly special. I attended the annual Feminist Seder at Temple Shalom. This event is jointly sponsored by Sisterhood and the Adult Jewish Growth Committee. The focus of this Seder is on women and what their efforts have brought to the world.

As we drink our four glasses of wine, each glass symbolizes a woman who has made a difference. The planning committee tries each year to recognize the contributions of our community of women in a special way. The honorees are called "Women of Valor".

Although each of the four women we honored this year were major contributors to the betterment of our community and our lives, I would like to honor every woman for the contribution she brings to her family.

I look around our Temple and I see the mothers who bring their children to services on Friday night. They are joyous and they are making a statement that attending services is an important part of life. I see on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday the mothers taking their children to Religious School. This is another statement: learning about your religion is important.

I watch the mothers bringing their toddlers to our Nursery School. Making the effort so that their children learn about their faith at a young age. Attending our Tot Shabbat and Cradle Roll events. Letting their children be comfortable at Temple Shalom.

There are the women who are on our Temple Board and our committees. They come to the meetings prepared and attentive. Again, a statement that our religion is important. These are women who have dedicated their efforts to making the Temple more beautiful, more spiritual, more open.

I watch the women in the B'nai Mitzvah class. Taking two hours every Sunday to learn Hebrew and to delve deeply into the spiritual and practical aspects of Judaism. These are hours that could be spent at the grocery store or resting. These are women who are making the statement that Judaism is important and that it is meaningful.

We cannot expect our families to take Judaism seriously if we do not. If we do not make Judaism a priority, who will?

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RITUAL Karen Winograd, Chairperson

If you have been attending Shabbat evening services lately, you may have been noticing some changes. Perhaps you have heard a different melody to a part of the liturgy or just a different way of proceeding from one part of the service to another. We are not dramatically changing the worship experience in our sanctuary, but we are experimenting with aspects of the service from week to week. Over the last two years the Worship Committee, under the guidance of Rabbi Malinger, has been participating in the UAHC's Worship Initiatives, an intensive selfstudy of worship practices. As a result, we are beginning to understand more fully the challenges we face in designing an atmosphere for worship that is meaningful to the maximum number of congregants.

Lawrence Hoffman says, "Think of the prayers...as a dramatic script, for a sacred performance that features every single worshiper in the room...The whole thing takes place in a space like a modern play where even the audience is on stage...Prayer is performance...that is sacred, and that involves everyone in the room not as observer but as an integral role in the dramatic action." Your comments and feedback on our services are always most welcome. More importantly, if you would like to get more involved in worship at Temple Shalom, please consider joining the Ritual Committee. No prior experience necessary! We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Over the next two months, there are a number of special services coming up. On May 3, at 8:00 pm, will be the Faculty Appreciation Shabbat. We will have a joint Shabbat service at Temple Beth Ahm on May 10, at 8:30 pm. We celebrate Shavuot and Confirmation on Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 pm. A festival service for Shavuot, including yiskor, will take place on Friday, May 17, at 10:00 am. On that evening, May 17, at 8:15 pm, Shabbat services will be led by our High School graduates. Our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat will be May 31, at 8:15 pm. In June there will be Choir Appreciation Shabbat on June 14, at 8:15 pm, and Installation will take place at Shabbat services on June 21, at 8:15 pm.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 9, 6:30 pm

Mixed Blessings Challenges and Opportunities for Parents of Interfaith Couples

Please join us on Sunday, May 19, 2002, at 7:00 pm when Vicky Farhi, UAHC Regional Outreach Director, will be lead us in a program entitled "Mixed Blessings - Challenges and Opportunities for Parents of Interfaith Couples".

She will help us discuss common concerns, approaches to communication and grandparenting in an interfaith

family.

This event is free and open to members of the community. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. This program is sponsored by the Outreach Committee. For further information, call Anne Fink at 732-946-3656.

Jewish Book Club

Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

The final Jewish Book Club discussion of this Temple year will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Andrew Sackerman will lead the discussion of "The Innocents Within," by Robert Daley. This book of fiction takes place during World War II and teaches us a bit about the underground movements that were active in France during the War. Please join us for an interesting discussion.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SHABBAT FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2002

For the second year, Temple Shalom will dedicate a Shabbat service in recognition of all those individuals who work for the benefit of Temple Shalom and for the community at large. In appreciation of the energy, talent and dedication of the many individuals who volunteer their time for the various committees and projects, Temple Shalom will honor all of its volunteers on Friday evening, May 31, 2002, at 8:15 pm, during Shabbat services.

In addition, we would like to ask you, our congregants, to nominate someone you think is deserving of a "Volunteer of the Year" award. Many of you know of someone, a 'veteran' or a relative newcomer, who works tirelessly, going above and beyond, always willing to help.

Please write a brief letter of nomination for that special volunteer and send it to the temple office by May 17. You can send an email to shalom@monmouth.com. If you have any questions, call Karen Winograd at 732-290-0698.

As Albert Schweitzer said, "I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Sisterhood Congratulates Temple Shalom's Class of 2002 Confirmation Class and Hebrew High School Graduates

Join us in congratulating our Hebrew High School Graduates and the Confirmation Class by sending your best wishes and supporting the YES fund. Each student will receive a certificate that acknowledges their well wishers. Proceeds are donated to the YES fund; Youth, Education and Special Projects. Annual contributions are the means through which Women of Reform Judaism provides: scholarship assistance for rabbinic students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, supports activities for high school age youth through the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and college age students and contributes to special projects of religious education, social and humanitarian concern.

The cost is one dollar per honoree. Just highlight or check the students you wish to honor and mail this form with your check payable to Temple Shalom Sisterhood to: Paula Morgan at 4 Morris Drive, Old Bridge NJ 08857 by May 10.

Confirmation Class

Lindsey Almerini Michael Barugel Jordan Berman Ryan Gregg Melissa Kahn Allyson Kanofsky Benjamin Liss Benjamin May Samantha Mushnick Ilyse Rosenblatt Matthew Sperber Jessica Titus Jocelyn Titus Laura Weitsen Michael Young

Graduates

Peter Asch Debra Eichenbaum Danielle Kanofsky Aaron Lear Stephen Portilla Jared Rubinstein Jeffrey Simon Perri Sternbach Sydney Wagman Allison Weiner

The 2nd Annual Greatest Bible Stories- Almost Maccabiah Games

On Your Mark, Get Ready, Go! The games begin at 10:30am, Sunday May 19, 2002

Babysitting will be available on Friday evenings (except for the first Friday night of the month) in the Youth Lounge. Sitters will be there at 8:00 pm; however, if no children are brought to babysitting by 8:45 pm, the sitters will inform an usher and will leave at that time.

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BOARD OF EDUCATION Sheila Rubin, Chairperson

"No one is ever lonely when doing a mitzvah, for a mitzvah is where God and humans meet." Abraham Joshua Heschel.

We encourage our students to contribute some of their own money, allowance, to the Keren Ami/Tzedakah fund each week. Keren Ami means, "fund of my people", and Tzedakah means "righteousness." We hope that our students will begin to understand the importance of their role in helping others both within the Jewish community and in the secular community as well.

Tzedakah along with gemilut chasadim, acts of loving-kindness are values that we cherish and want to pass on to our children. The younger children keep their class contributions in a clear container so that they can watch their tzedakah money grew each week. This concrete, visual reminder of their good deed helps them to understand how they together

can help others.

All of the children vote from a list of suggested charities and organizations and the monies that have been collected are divided among their selections. Some of the gifted organizations are; Manna House, Habitat for Humanity, National Institute for Jewish Hospice, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Jewish Braille Institute of America, S.P.C.A., Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger, Simon Wiesenthal Center, God's Love We Deliver, and Rainforest Action Network.

Close to \$3,000 was collected and divided among these organizations. You and your children can feel the pride of mitzvot. Mazel Tov.

BROTHERHOOD, CONTINUED from page 8

improved Brotherhood's image through advertisements, and provided the dedication, resources and support to generate the funds for Brotherhood's philanthropy.

To the incoming Executive board, I challenge you to continue improving our programs, seek out the new, try exciting ideas, add to our coffers and exceed our present level of philanthropy.

One last reminder "Your membership helps us grow but your participation

builds Brotherhood".

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you at Services and programs which are open to the community.

Let them see our warm and caring congregation first-hand. Help us to grow.

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

With Spring in full swing we still have lots of activities that are presented by the Adult Jewish Growth Committee to look forward to at Temple Shalom.

The four courses offered by the Monmouth County Kollel this Spring, two of which were offered for the first time on Sunday afternoons at Temple Shalom, are wrapping up. I hope that many of you signed up for this opportunity to attend quality adult Jewish educational courses so close to home.

Our 2002 Scholar-In-Residence program, featuring Lenny Kravitz, will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. I hope you will enjoy the new format of a one day Shabbaton. Our distinguished scholar is an interesting fellow. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mitzvah Day 2002 takes place the very next day, Sunday, May 5th. Pick one of your favorite activities such as cooking, gardening, singing or working at an animal shelter and come join your friends at Temple to do some good works to help others. I think you'll agree at the end of your activity that doing something for others in need really makes you feel better about yourself and the world. For details, please refer to the Mitzvah Day brochure contained in last month's Mitt'n Drinen (copies are on the rack in the lobby). Mitzvah Day T-shirts and hats will be available for sale. Lunch will be served for volunteers. Together we can make a

The final Jewish Book Club presentation of the year will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Andrew Sackerman will lead the discussion of "The Innocents Within" by Robert Daley, a book of fiction, set during WWII. It explores the underground movements in France during the War. Please join us for a fun discussion.

Our Committee is planning its activities for next year. If you would like to have some input into our programming please bring your energy and ideas to a Committee meeting. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. I look forward to seeing you there.

MITZVAH DAY Sunday, May 5 9 am to

"Traditions for Transition - Jewish Ways in Death and Mourning".

A seminar covering a comprehensive view of death and mourning practices, according to Jewish tradition will be held on May 5 at Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon, NJ from 9am - 12:30 pm. There will be an

The workshops, which will be led by Rabbis from our region, as well as hospice professionals and funeral di-

optional Service at 8:30 am.

rectors, are:

■ Death, Mourning and Outreach Issues in a Congregation and a Home

■ Making Sacred Decisions, Advanced Directives, Living Wills, Hospice,

■ Shiva, Mourning and Caring Congregational Communities

■ How to Plan a Funeral

Each person will have an opportunity to choose two of these workshops.

The fee is \$12 per person and will include a light breakfast. This program, which is sponsored by the Regional Outreach and Caring Community Committees of the UAHC New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council is open to the community.

SISTERHOOD, CONTINUED from page 8

I joined Sisterhood because it seemed like the right thing to do. I have been an active member of Sisterhood because I think it makes a difference. Every child in the Nursery School who eats Challah supplied by Sisterhood or bakes Hamentaschen with Sisterhood, takes away an explanation of the holiday and the importance of that holiday. When Sisterhood allocates funds for scholarships and for assistance to the Religious School, we make a statement that we believe it is important to be a committed and active Jew. When Sisterhood sponsors programs that allow women to learn, we make a statement that we believe women - Jewish women - are important.

I urge each of you to become a member of Sisterhood. We are waiting to welcome you. Come and join us in our commitment to the betterment of Temple Shalom. Remember, without you we are one wom-

an short.

When it's time for gift giving, shop at Sisterhood's Judaica Shop.

Nursery School News

Laney Shapiro, Director

Most people mark the passage of time by tearing pages off their calendars or by adding another candle to the birthday cake. I am not clued in to the swift passage of a year by such traditional methods; instead, I look to the second drawer of the file cabinet in my office. The first set of folders in that drawer contains September's curriculum and is followed by folders for the subsequent months. It is jammed packed and I open it at least half a dozen times a day. At the beginning of the school year, I only need to open the drawer a few inches to get the files I need. I laugh in disbelief that another year has started. But now I need to drag the drawer out as far as it can go (practically pushing me into the opposite wall which I'm sure you can imagine if you've ever been in my office). This is how I know that another year has almost passed. This time I shake my head in disbelief thinking to myself, "Where did the year go? I can't believe we are preparing for graduation and that I have set the summer camp curriculum already."

This can be quite depressing until the children file past my office door, reminding me of the positive outcomes of time's passage. As they peek their heads in and wave to me, I think about how much they have grown cognitively and emotionally since the beginning of the school year. This is the result of the combined efforts and commitment of our faculty and the children's parents. I am proud that we have created an atmosphere in which we all work together. When my children attended pre-school, there was no interaction between the faculty and the parents. I was given the opportunity to speak to the teachers only once a year at conferences. However, education works best when parents and

teachers communicate often. At Temple Shalom Nursery School, parents are encouraged to speak with the faculty whenever they wish. I am thankful that the parents are so involved and take advantage of the faculty's accessibility. Together, we discuss and address any issues that come up. We share an invaluable partnership. I hope you enjoy the following poem, which reflects this sentiment:

Two Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there, The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care. One was a teacher; The tools used were love, books and art. One, a parent who worked with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart. Day after day the teacher toiled With touch that was deft and sure While the parent labored by her side And polished and smoothed it o'er, And when at last their task was done, They were proud of what they had wrought; For the things they had molded into the child Could neither be sold or brought. And each agreed he would have failed If he had worked alone, For behind the teacher stood the school, And behind the parent, the home.

-Anonymous, adapted

On behalf of our faculty and nursery school committee, we wish you a safe, happy, and restful summer.

CLIPPY BOOKS NOW ON SALE

The **2002 Clippy Book** contains valuable coupons for local area businesses including:

Shoprite, Staples, McDonalds, Dominos, etc. Clippy sells for \$15.00, with coupons worth at least 50X that value.

Support your Temple by buying a book today. Books are available at the Temple office.

DO YOU KNOW ANY UNAFFILIATED JEWS?
Tell them about Temple Shalom and its myriad of activities.
And bring them to services with you. Who knows they might decide to join our congregation.
New members are welcome.

Register for Summer and September Nursery School

JAR (Jews, Addiction and Recovery)

JAR is a Jewish Family and Children's Service (JF&CS) task force dedicated to educating Jews to the problem of addiction and to supporting Jews and their loved ones who are in recovery or in need of recovery. JAR hopes to achieve a community which is aware that being Jewish provides no immunity from addiction and where any Jew in Monmouth County, who suffers from addiction, and their family members, will recognize that help and support is available within a caring and compassionate Jewish community.

What can I do, now, to help the people of Israel?"

That is the question is on everyone's lips as we watch the unfolding of events in the land of Israel. The continuing violence touches all of us, and, we feel an urgent need to find ways to respond, to reach out to our Israeli family, to help in this time of need. Over the past few days we have been consulting with the leaders of Israel's social service, medical, and relief agencies as well as the leadership of the Israeli Reform Movement. We heard about the critical need to help the families of those personally affected by the violence as well as the wider circle of Israelis whose lives have been disrupted. We are therefore establishing the UAHC Israel Relief Fund to raise funds for the following purposes:

- Relief for the victims and their families:
- Tragically, the number of people directly affected by the suicide bombers and other terrorist attacks continues to increase. We have identified a number of Israeli organizations that are providing assistance to these families to which we will channel contributions.
- Emergency medical equipment and supplies: The violence has put an enormous burden on Israel's

medical system, and Magen David Adom and other emergency response agencies are in dire need of sophisticated equipment supplies and additional ambulances.

■ Support for children and the elderly: We know that children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable during this crisis and are in need of psychological counseling, assistance in getting food and other necessities, and other social services.

As was the case in the September 11 Disaster Relief Fund, we will give a detailed report as to how the funds donated to the UAHC Israel Relief Fund are distributed.

Credit card donations may be made online at http://uahc.org/israelrelief or may be mailed to

UAHC Israel Relief Fund

Attn: Development Department

633 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 Please note clearly that donations are for the Israel Relief Fund. We pray that these days of violence soon give way to peace and relief for all who suffer.

Holders Of Matured State Of Israel Bonds

As Israel struggles to maintain her strength and security, and continues to absorb immigrants, it is critical that Israel receives our help. If you are holding bonds purchased in 1981 or during the first two months of 1982, you may be able to reinvest those bonds. You will not need to contribute any extra money to reinvest.

By reinvesting your matured Israel bonds, you are giving the state of Israel use of much needed funds.

By reinvesting your matured Israel bonds, you are maintaining the link to Israel while receiving competitive returns on your investment.

For information on the reinvestment of matured Israel bonds, call the Israel Bond Office at 1-800-752-5652.

The Middletown Lions would like to thank Temple Shalom and Mrs. Sally Stat for their support and contributions to the Lion's Eye's Sight Program.

All donated eyeglasses will be repaired and distributed. The lenses will be graded and polished by computer for disbursement. Your participation in this valuable outreach program enables many more people to see correctly through the gift of eyeglasses.

Please know that you have made a difference in sight impaired people's lives.

Temple Shalom Nursery School presents an

Art Show

May 20 10:45 - 11:30 am featuring original art by our third graders and pre/k classes

Special Art

& Music

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Program

Field Trips

& Guest

Speakers



Temple Shalom Nursery School

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Rabbi Laurence Malinger Cantor Janice Gordon Laney Shapiro, Director

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Tot Shabbat

Service begin at 7:00 PM

June 14th May 17th

We happily accept donations of art supplies. If you are interested in sponsoring a Tot Shabbat Oneg, or if you would like more information on either program, please contact Monica Olschwang at 224-0686.

Don't Forget to Purchase Supermarket Scrip



Children at our Nursery School playing with chicks they hatched.

Introduction to Judaism

A 16 - session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered in the locations listed below. The class is open to all: individuals who are considering conversion to Judaism, interfaith couples, Jews by birth, and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism.

The course will approach Jewish tradition - faith, people, way of life - through a study of the holiday and life cycles of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included.

Classes will meet two times a week for 8 weeks from 7:45 PM to 9:45 PM. A single registration fee of \$275, or \$225 for UAHC congregation members, includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple.

Summer 2002

Edison May 21-July 16

Tuesday & Thursday

Teaneck May 21-July 16

Tuesday & Thursday

This program is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the UAHC. To enroll, or for further information contact Vicky Farhi at: 201-722-9090 X210.

Interesting Jewish Web Sites

- Union of American Hebrew Congregations www.uahc.org
- The Jewish Parent Page www.uahc.org/educate/parent
- Reform Judaism www.rj.com
- Interfaith Families www.interfaithfamily.com
- Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant
- Others www.jacsweb.org
 The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish
 Learning www.Kolel.org
- Jewish Music www.ahavatisrael.com/music
- Jewish Healing and Spirituality www.jewishhealing.com

Jewish Cultural Series

Celebrating The Jewish Creative Spirit

Beged Kefed, the renowned singing group, will offer an afternoon of joyous rhythms and dynamic harmonies on Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson.

This is the last program of the season, in what has proven to be a very diversified series that has been sponsored by Temple Beth Miriam, Monmouth Reform Temple, Temple Shalom, Temple Rodeph Torah, Temple Beth El, Temple Shaari Emeth, Congregation B'nai Israel, and supported in part through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.00.

SUPPORT GROUPS for information call: Mike Hoffman, 566-2l42Families of Alzheimer's Patients Sheila Rubin, 67l-2004Parents Dealing with the Intefaith Dating & Marriage of their Children

Sharon & Dan Steinhorn, 946-2226Families of Gays and Lesbians

.....Living With Chronic Illnes

An Invitation to All Seniors

WELCOME! As you read this Ad today think how much we would appreciate you coming to our Senior Club meeting. In turn, please remember your special gift of being a senior, bring along with your friends and neighbors, and join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from 11 am to 3 pm.

Temple Shalom has formed this nonsectarian SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP where we enjoy bagels and cream cheese, coffee, tea, and cake. We also have card games, board games, Mah Jong, and a lot of sociability with our peers.

Join us at our next meeting and see what it's all about. Try it, you'll like it.

Transportation is available

Yearly dues are \$5 and refreshments are \$1. For further information, call Manny Strauss 732-566-6620

"Make the study of Torah the foundation of your life and let the rest be secondary." *Maimonides*

"All my life I was raised among the Sages and I have found nothing better than silence; it is not the study (of Torah) but its practice that is the essence, and whoever talks excessively causes sin." Simon the son of Rabban Gamaliel



CASINO NIGHT



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Temple Shalom ~ Aberdeen, NJ Saturday, June 1, 2002 8pm-11pm (doors open at 7:30pm)

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\$25.00 per person Receive \$75.00 in Chips with Advance Reservations (advance reservations by May 10, 2002)

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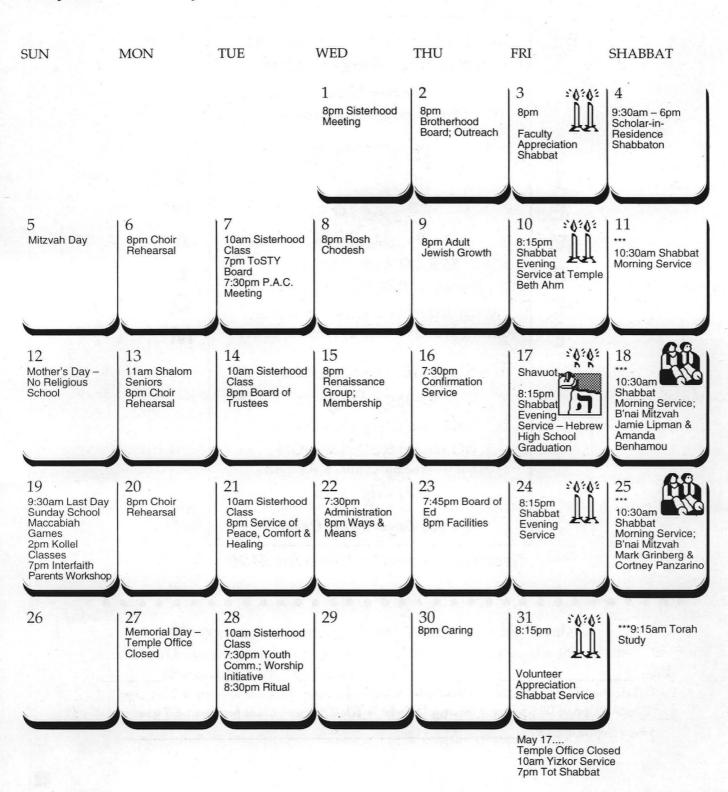
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Calendar Of Congregational Activities

May 2002 / 19 Iyar – 20 Sivan 5762



Calendar Of Congregational Activities

June 2002/21 Sivan – 30 Tammuz 5762

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
						1 10:30 Shabbat Service; B'nai Mitzvah Melissa Chirlin & Justin Branco
2 2pm Kollel Classes	3 8pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10am Sisterhood Class 7:30pm P.A.C. Meeting	5 8pm Sisterhood Meeting	6 6pm Brotherhood Dinner 8pm Outreach	8pm Shabbat Evening Service	10:30am Shabbat Svce; B'not Mitzvah Diana Hartman & Carly Freindlich
9 10am Congregational Meeting & Brunch	10 11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal	11 10am Sisterhood Class 8pm Board of Trustees	12 10:30am Nursery School Graduation 8pm Rosh Chodesh	13 Last Day Nursery School	7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Choir Appreciation Shabbat Service	10:30am Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah Lori Reiter
16 Fathers Day	17	18 10am Sisterhood Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	19 8pm Renaissance; Membership	20 7:15pm Nursery Comm 8pm Caring	8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service; Installation of Officers	10:30am Shabbat Service; B'nai Mitzvah Rachel Hechtman & Andrew Dolinsky
23 9am Super Board – Calendar Meeting	24	25 7:30pm Youth Comm; Worship Initiative 8:30pm Ritual	26 7:30pm Jewish Book Club; Administration 8pm Ways & Means	27 7:45pm Board of Ed 8pm Facilities	28 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service	10:30am Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah Sara Horowitz
30				June 17pm Ca	sino Night	9:15am Torah Study

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Contributions

Stained Glass Window: A special gift to honor a Simcha or remember loved ones. Donation \$5,000.00

Tree of Life: Honor special family occasions with an engraved leaf of the tree bearing the name of the person honored. Donation \$150.

Pews: Recognize a Simcha or Memorial with a plate affixed to a pew. \$300 for a double seat; \$450 for a triple seat.

Friday Night Oneg Sponsorship: Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, engagement, marriage, Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Suggested minimum donation \$50.

Memorial Plaque: The traditional way to memorialize those who have passed away. Names read from the pulpit on their yahrzeit each year.

Tree for Israel Certificates: A gift with special significance, help restoration of Israel's forests. \$12.00 per tree.

Contact the Temple office to make a donation to these funds.

'HISTORIC' ISRAELI COURT DECISION JERUSALEM, Feb. 20- ARZA/WORLD UNION

The representative of North American Reform Jewry on Israel issues, today hailed the historic Israeli Supreme Court ruling that has ordered the State of Israel to recognize as Jews all people who have undergone conversions, including those administered by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

"This is an historic day. It marks the first time that the government of Israel officially recognizes non-orthodox conversions. Now, finally, Israeli citizens, living in Israel, who have undergone Reform conversions, will enjoy the same rights and standing as all other Israeli Jews," said Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America.

ARZA/World Union and the Israel Religious Action Center have led the fight legally and politically on this issue for more than a decade.

"We are delighted by this news," said Philip Meltzer, President of ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America. "At such a difficult time in Israel, this is a paramount statement about worldwide Jewish unity. The Supreme Court has affirmed that all of us - Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and secular - are of the same people, no matter how we got here,"

Today's ruling will have a profound impact on hundreds of thousands of Israelis.

"We do not seek - nor do we expect - the recognition of the Orthodox establishment in Israel, but we trust and expect that they will abide by this legal decision - the new Law of the Land. The last thing we need right now is a renewed international struggle over 'Who is a Jew?'" Hirsch said.

"This is a great day for Reform Judaism and a great day for all Israel," Hirsch said.

Your Temple, like most religious institutions, depends on your generosity to keep it financially healthy. Because even though your Temple is managed on a fiscally conservative basis, dues and fees don't fully cover our expenses.

The Temple has many vehicles through which you can express your generosity - in times of joy, in times of sorrow, and just because you care.

These funds are for a variety of worthwhile purposes. They require a \$5.00 minimum donation. Contact the Temple office except as noted.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for use at Rabbi's discretion.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund for use at the Cantor's discretion.

Israeli Scholarship Fund helps Confirmation Class members pay for UAHC-sponsored trip for a summer of study in Israel.

Library Fund for new books and support for the Temple Library.

Mitzvah Fund, to support various areas of need in Temple.

Music and Choir Fund for support needed by Cantor and Choir.

Prayer Book Fund maintains prayer books. Book plates are inserted in books in recognition of donations. \$20 per book donation.

Religious School Enhancement Fund for special programs to enhance religious school education.

Youth Fund supports the Temple Youth programs.

Myrna P. Back Fund to assist the ten neediest Temple families every three months

Brakman/Petrera Memorial Mitzvah Corps Fund to assist the children of members of Temple Shalom in participating in the NFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps.

Esthelle Gordon Kallah Fund will give scholarships to members of Temple Shalom who wish to attend a UAHC Kallah for the first time.

Harvey Grappel Memorial Nursery School Fund to help support the Temple Shalom Nursery School.

Lee Gura Fund established to support an annual music or performing arts program for the Temple.

Hoffman/Weinstein Family Fund to provide Shabbat meals and/or other appropriate items to bereaved families and to those who are coping with serious illness.

Jennifer Pinhas Children's Caring Fund to assist financially needy children in pursuit of Jewish experiences such as going to Israel or helping to further their Jewish education.

Natalie Rubin Family Caring Fund helps fund activities and support groups needed by Temple families through the Caring Community.

Alfred Sackerman Memorial Garden Fund supports maintenance and beautification of the garden at the Temple's main entrance.

Saul Sahner Library/Education
Endowment to provide financial support for the library, including computer hardware and software, on-line services, books and support materials; To encourage & support research and scholarship in all areas for Temple youth, members and clergy.

Felicia Sawyer Youth Scholarship Fund to assist a child up to the age of thirteen, who is enrolled in the Temple Shalom Religious School, attend a UAHC camp.

Scholar-in-Residence Fund to assist in securing appropriate scholars to participate in the annual Scholar-in-Residence program at Temple Shalom.

Arlene Schumer Bereavement Group Fund to establish a bereavement group at Temple Shalom.

Wallace H. Steinberg Family Education Endowment Fund to provide funds for Family Education Programs

Donald Wallman Memorial Fund to provide loving care family assistance to caregivers of seriously ill family members so that they may hire help to assist and/ or relieve them.

Golden Book Fund, (min. donation is \$5.) maintained by Sisterhood for community projects, nursing home visits, gifts, etc. Contact Paula Morgan: 679-7038

The Growing Fund, (min. donation is \$5.) established by Sisterhood to celebrate and honor occasions and accomplishments of children and support Tot Shabbat and Cradle Roll Programs.

Contact Paula Morgan: 679-7038

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Yahrzeit, in memory of my mother,

Jane Ramson

LENI AND STUART BACHER

Tony NeCamp & Seth NeCamp, in memory of

Jerry NeCamp

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Rabbi Laurence Malinger, in appreciation

RALPH LEVY

In appreciation

HAROLD LAUTMAN

Yahrzeit, in memory of my father,

Louis Lautman

HEATHER AND PAUL LICHTMAN

AND FAMILY

The Menaker Family, in memory of

Louis Menaker

THE MENAKER FAMILY

Rabbi Malinger, in appreciation - in memory of

our father, Louis Menaker

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Cantor & Mrs. Lawrence Ehrlich, in memory of

our cousin, Shirley Wolk

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Szabo, in memory of our

cousin, Shirley Wolk

SUSAN AND STEPHEN WATERS

Yahrzeit, in memory of Rhoda Waters

Yahrzeit, in memory of Conrad Waters

Yahrzeit, in memory of Anne Sroka

BOBBIE AND BURT JACOWITZ

Rabbi Malinger, thank you for being there

MRS. FLORENCE PRAGER

Dr. Max Levinson, a speedy recovery

Mrs. Jean Riley and Family, in memory of

Reverand Norman Riley

SHEILA AND PHIL RUBIN

Rabbi Malinger, have a good trip to Israel &

a safe return

DEBRA PETSCHENIK

Yahrzeit, in memory of Vivian Petschenik

ZELDA DINER

Yahrzeit, in memory of my mother,

Mildred Lipset

STUART BACHER

Yahrzeit, in memory of Samuel Bacher

ANDREA M. OLAH

Sharon Hedden, in memory of your father,

Theodore Smukler

MILDRED COHEN

Mr. Richard Stoller, in memory of

Eileen Stoller

BETTE AND TED WILLNER

Yahrzeit, in memory of Jack Porter

RUTH QUEEN

Yahrzeit, in memory of my grandfather,

Samson Kossin

RALPH LEVY

In appreciation

HARRIET AND ELY, LIZ AND FRANK,

GENESIA AND STEVE, SARA AND DAVID

The Family of Louis Menaker, in memory of

your dear father & grandfather

RONNIE AND RICHARD OPPENHEIM

The Schiff Family, may the memories of Gregory at happier times fill your heart and

soul. Our sincerest condolences.

KATHLEEN ORENS

Yahrzeit, in memory of my father,

Charles Lyon

DIANE, JACK AND WES SZAFRAN

Michael Kupperman, wishing you a full &

speedy recovery

Joe Silk, in memory of your wife, Libis

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Jordan Hirsch, praying for your speedy &

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Davina & Joe Silk, in memory of your beloved

mother & wife

AMY HECHT

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Judy Roland, our prayers for a speedy recovery

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Connie Gordon, best wishes for continued

speedy recovery Charlotte Leigh, continued prayers for

your speedy recovery Elisa Bergenfeld, good luck in your new home

Rebecca Holstein, in honor of your 80th birthday. Many more healthy ones

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engagement!

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Helen Selinger & Sandi Edelstein, our condolences on the loss of your Aunt Sadie Ungar SALLY STAT

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Todah Rabah

from Gloria Gura

The 14th Annual Lee Gura concert of Remembrance, held on April 13, was a huge success. It was very gratifying to see so many of our Temple family and the community at large enjoying Ron Eliran, "Israel's Ambassador of Song". His combined sense of humor, dynamic personality and energy contributed to the beautiful give and take between Ron and the audience.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished over the past 14 years. These concerts have been a celebration not only of memory but also of life. A kaleidoscope of Jewish music from original creative liturgical music to Sephardic, Klezmer, Israeli, Choral and more! Lee's love of music, Judaism and liturgy has been kept alive through these concerts and the Cantorial scholarship, given in his name each year, at the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion.

The joint efforts of so many people made this concert a success. Thanks to all of you who were physically present and those who were there in spirit. To my committee, who worked with dedication and commitment, Shelli and Steve Altman, Linda Cannon, Edna Coleman, Al Prelutsky, Judy and Sam Shapanka, and Margo and Charles Wolfson. I am passing the torch to all of you in the hope you will carry on the tradition of the concerts.

Where would we be without our office staff, Stephanie Pinck, Sheila Phillips and Ilene Lewis? Thanks to Bill Parness and his staff for all our wonderful publicity, to Joan Roum for spotlighting us in the Hometown Shopper, to Paul & Carol Silvergold from the "Print Shoppe", Jack Koza our sound engineer, Alan Perl and Mike from the "Ultimate Caterer", The Farm for the exquisite flowers and Sally Stat for her delicious home baked goodies!

To all of my dear friends and Temple Shalom family, I have a deep sense of gratitude and love. You have been my pillar and support for many years. My journey continues as I leave this community and move on in new directions in my life. Todah (thank you) for what you have meant to me.

A personal note of thanks to the 'original' committee, who stood behind me for so many years. It was your tenacity and love that kept the energy flowing and the light aglow. The Auerbachs, Groffmans, Lazars, Levines, Trinkoffs, and Charlotte Fishkind Leigh. L'heet ra ot!

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We encourage you to be a link to the future. Bequests of all sizes can help to assure the financial integrality of the Temple and are a lasting tribute of your commitment to the survival of the Jewish faith and our people.

The bequest can be established easily by asking your attorney to write a simple codicil to your will.

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reading it first. How could the Israelites have ratified the most important contract ever offered them, committing them to God knows what, without first knowing fully what is said?

As in all religious experiences, understanding comes mostly through doing. Just as we cannot know whether we like a food until we taste it, so we cannot know a religious experience until we live it. Just as we cannot appreciate an emotion until we feel it, so we cannot appreciate the power of ritual until we experience it. Until you live the moment, there can be no real understanding of it. And until we begin to understand it, we cannot ask the right questions or appreciate the answers. So we must commit ourselves to the learning and the doing and the living before we claim to understand.

According to Dr. Michael Meyer, Reform Jews nowadays have the obligation to not only be Jewishly educated Americans, but to be Jewishly educated Jews. Even though we are currently the most literate than ever before in history, we have become very illiterate in our Judaic knowledge. Many of us are excited with the return of traditional practices and rituals, yet this resurgence in Jewish identity is frightening some because they see others merely copying this behavior rather than being educated to their origins, traditional meanings, or even renewed interpretations. It is on this festival of Shavuot that we celebrate our connection to our rich heritage of Jewish education. May it be our pursuit as well. Chag Sameach!

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unique musical heritage of our Jewish homeland. I hope that buying music from Israel will give you a good feeling inside and that listening to the music of Israel will inspire within you the strong bond that we share with our country so far away.

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complished through the teaching of history, Jewish texts, Hebrew language, traditions and customs. Israel provides a rich lens through which to view our essence as Jewish people. It is also incumbent on us as NATE educators to continue to build this essential relationship with Israel in both good times and bad".

I did not realize the gravity of some of these statements until my experience last week. It is now obvious to me that we need to do more within our own religious school setting, and in the congregation at large, to create the myth of this wonderful and magical place called the state of Israel starting with our youngest children. Then, after creating the love and the excitement for our homeland, we can deal with some of the more complicated realities, in the later years. If we provide our students with the knowledge and the passion, and the reality of the significance of Israel, then we will inspire our students to dream of being there. When this connection is established, they will cry when the land and her people are suffering, they will celebrate her victories and they will continue to always support her, while working and praying to establish peace.

IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Words

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is past your curfew."

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can make?"

COLUMBUS' MOTHER: "I don't care what you discovered, you still could have written even a few words so we wouldn't worry!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER: "Again with the stovepipe hat? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

MARY'S MOTHER: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: "But it's your senior picture. Can't you at least do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something . . .?"

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

JONAH'S MOTHER: "That's a nice story. Now tell me where you've REALLY been for the last three days."

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"

World Zionist Election Results

We won - again! In another landslide, ARZA/WORLD UNION won 61 of the 145 delegates elected to the World Zionist Congress in June. Our win of 42% of the vote was almost double that of our nearest competitors, the Conservative and Orthodox movements.

The results of the campaign demonstrate with clarity that the Reform movement's values are the most popular by far within American Jewry. Also, we are better organized than other Jewish movements. This combination - the values we represent and the organizational capacity to articulate these values and create institutions that bring our values alive - is the difference between just another good idea and a vibrant movement that influences events and impacts on people's lives.

You have given us a renewed mandate to continue to work for another five years for the creation of an Israel that reflects the very best of Jewish hopes, aspirations and tradition. With your continuing support, we can make our shared vision a reality.

ARZA/WORLD UNION

Following are the official results of the vote:

ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America 37,492 41.87% 61 MERCAZ USA (Conservative) 19,787 22.10% 32 Religious Zionist Movement (Orthodox) 17,952 20.05% 29 Meretz USA 3,517 3.93% 6 Zionist Organization of America 2,720 3.04% 5 Herut USA 1,908 2.13% 3 Labor Zionist Movement 1,881 2.10% 3 Zionist Coalition/Likud 1,051 1.17% 2 Confederation/Bnai Zion 1,023 1.14% 2 Baltimore District/AZU 795 0.89% 1 Green Zionist Alliance 622 0.69% 1 Invalid ballots 790 0.88% Total 89,538 100.00% 145

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UAHC Summer Kallot

Kallah is a spiritual retreat filled with study, worship, and song. It is an opportunity to study texts with scholars from various fields and branches of Judaism and to pray and sing with fantastic cantors and rabbis. The theme for 2002 is "Living with Bad Things: God, Jews, and Good and Evil." This is the fourteenth year of Kallah – I know because I have fourteen T-shirts.

Every year I look forward to going to Kallah and experiencing the camaraderie of Reform Jews from all over the United States as well as from different countries. It is such a wonderfully invigorating experience. I1ve attended every year but one and I never tire of going. The third year I became a bat mitzvah at the Kallah. I was asked to read Torah and did not realize that the first time you read Torah is considered a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. After the very first Kallah I asked Rabbi Larry Kushner, "How are you going to make it any better than this?" His answer was, "We1re not going to make it better we1re going to make it different." And so it has been different each and every year. For me it was very different the first year that I went to Santa Cruz and Bernie attended with me. He goes each year now and also can1t wait to attend the next one.

Through the years a number of people from Temple Shalom have attended and come back with renewed spirituality and new knowledge. It does not make any difference what level you are at, you will fit in.

If you want more information about why you should go speak to Pat Brakman, Edna Coleman, Gloria Gura, Myrna and Sal Kluger, Sharon Steinhorn, Bernie Weinstein, or Karen Winograd, We are all like the Eveready bunny we just keep going and going.

The Kallot will take place this year at:
Franklin Pierce College, Rindge NH – June 26 to June 30
UC, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA – July 17 to July 21
UC Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO – July 31 to
August 4

I forgot to mention that Debbie Friedman will be at the New Hampshire Kallah!!!

Annette Weinstein – 732-679-3113 or e-mail to annettew@optonline.net I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have or go to http://uahc.org/growth/kallah/#registration

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- ② Debra Eichenbaum on being elected the 2002-03 NFTY National Vice President of Membership & Communication.
- Monica and David Gorin on the engagement of their daughter Risa to Scott Druckman
- ② Ann and Charles Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Rachel Elizabeth, daughter of Elissa & Michael Fiorito
- Sharon & Dan Steinhorn on the birth of their grandson Zachary Adam Berenbaum, son of Beth & Dean
- Lila & Allen Spiegel on the birth of their grandson Benjamin David, son of Andrea & Peter Suskind

CONDOLENCES

- Phil Devinsky on the passing of his stepmother Toni.
- ☼ Phil Devinsky on the passing of his uncle Herman Devinsky

- ☼ Nancy Segelstein on the passing of her father Albert Attas
- ☼ Sharon Hedden on the passing of her father, Theodore Smukler

- □ Todd Terebush on the passing of his mother Elizabeth
- △ Marvin Strauss on the passing of his aunt Lina Windmueller
- □ Curtis Blodgett on the passing of his father Russell
- □ Joe and Davina Silk on the passing of their wife and mother, Libis
- ☐ Gail Schesser on the passing of her aunt, Beatrice Berman

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Drop in on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm or call Benita Satty-Wiedmann at 264-4496 for further information.

B'ruchim Habaim-Welcome to our new members:

May each one of us bless one another as members of the Temple Shalom Family

◆ Lottie Hirsch, Matawan

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The purpose of this guide is to present information and help members be aware of our Jewish traditions on this subject matter. It can also be used as a reference for you in case others should inquire about Jewish customs. This guide was produced by the efforts of the Outreach and Ritual committees, to assist our members in answering their questions. Copies are available in the Temple office.

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Parasha HaShavuah -Torah Portions of the Week: 5-6.02

5/3- **Iyar 21:** Behar/Bechukotai; Lev. 25:1-27:34; Haftarah-Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

5/10- Iyar 28: Bemidbar: Num. 1:1-4:20; Haftarah-Hosea 2:1-22 or I Samuel 20:18-42

5/17- Sivan 6: Naso: Num. 4:21-5:31; Haftarah- Judges 13:2-12

5/24- 13 Sivan: Naso: Num.6:1-7:89; Haftarah-Judges 13:13-24

5/31- Sivan 20: Beha'alotecha: Num. 8:1-12:16; Haftarah-Zechariah 2:14-4:7

6/7- Sivan 27: Shelach-Lecha: Num. 13:1-15:41; Haftarah-Joseph 2:1-24

6/14 Tamuz 4: Korach: Num. 16:1-18:32; Haftarah-I Samuel 11:14-12:22

6/21- Tamuz 11: Chukat/Balak: Num. 19:1-25:9; Haftarah-Micah 5:6-6:8

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