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The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinge



Please Note: I share this material with you as requested by Richard Schwartz, a noted leader in the Jewish Vegetarian network. Though I am not a vegetarian myself, I know that some are and Tu B'Shevat is an important holiday for sharing their beliefs.

Tu B'Shevat is arguably the most vegetarian of Jewish holidays, because of its many connections to vegetarian themes and concepts:

1. The Tu B'Shevat Seder in which fruits and nuts are eaten, along with the singing of songs and the recitation of biblical verses related to trees and fruits, is the only sacred meal where only vegetarian

- actually fruitarian - foods, are eaten. Hence, this meal does not even require the killing of plants, as would be the case if, for example, carrots and bread were eaten. This is consistent with the diet in the Garden of Eden, as indicated by God's first, completely vegetarian, dietary law: And God said: "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree that has seed-yielding fruit--to you it shall be for food." (Gen.1:29)

2. The Talmud refers to Tu B'Shevat as the New Year for Trees. It is considered to be the date on which the fate of trees is decided for the coming year. In recent years, one of the prime ways of celebrating Tu B'Shevat, especially in Israel, is through the planting of trees.

Vegetarianism also reflects a concern for trees. One of the prime reasons for the destruction of tropical rain forests today is to create pastureland and areas to grow feed crops for cattle. To save an estimated 5 cents on each imported fast food hamburger, we are destroying forest areas in countries such as Brazil and Costa Rica - where at least half of the world's species of plants and animals live - and threatening the stability of the world's climate. It has been estimated that every vegetarian saves an acre of forest per year.

3. Both Tu B'Shevat and vegetarianism are connected to today's environmental concerns. Many contemporary Jews look on Tu B'Shevat as a Jewish earth day, and use Tu B'Shevat seders as a chance to discuss how Jewish values can be applied to reduce

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A Message From Our President

Phil Rubin

I write this message with mixed emotions. We have just celebrated a wonderful weekend in which our granddaughter, Gillian Friedman, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. She was wonderful, and I'm so proud of her. It is a tribute to Rabbi Malinge, Cantor Gordon and our magnificent

Religious School led so ably by Ms. Elisa Bergenfeld to see how superbly prepared our students are. We are, indeed, fortunate to have such competent and dedicated professionals on our Temple staff.

On the other hand, as I write this just before Thanksgiving, the weather forecast is predicting a snowstorm. It's too early for snow! I haven't even checked out my snow blower yet!! Some people love winter. I guess I'm not a winter person. I think of dark cold days and blowing winter winds. I'm happy with one

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From
The Desk of
 Cantor
 Janice M. Gordon



My husband John uses the phrase "spiritually fed" to describe those moments wherein people feel religiously uplifted. When people hear him use this expression, I sometimes notice that their eyes widen and they say, "Yes, that's exactly the way I would describe..." I want to share with you one of my most recent moments of feeling "spiritually fed" in the hopes that you will perhaps seek out those opportunities for yourself in the ways that each of us uniquely experiences them.

I have learned that having a spiritual relationship with oneself is not unlike a relationship that one would have with another person. First, it requires effort...sometimes a great deal of effort...perhaps going somewhere new to find it, or putting oneself in a new situation. Second, it requires compromise. If we are rigid and unbending, there is little opportunity for the spiritual connection that we may experience in the context of a group. Third, the more we give spiritually, the more we get back. Our enthu-

siasm for helping to spiritually feed others will come back to us many times over.

One recent moment wherein I felt a particularly spiritual connection took place at the Pleasant Valley Adult Daycare Center across the street from Bayshore Hospital. Rabbi and I go there every month to visit with the residents who are generally healthy enough to live independently or live with supportive family members. During the day, they need activities and prepared meals and so they come to Pleasant Valley. On this particular day, I was at the adult day care center by myself. I went in planning to talk with them about Hanukkah and to sing some Hanukkah songs. I began with a well-known song "Oh Hanukkah". I asked the residents if anyone knew the song in Yiddish. A very elderly and frail man slowly got up from his seat and came over to me with a little spark in his eye and his finger pointed at me. I didn't know what to expect! He almost began to sway back and forth as he seemed to take over the center floor of the main room and still pointing at me, began to sing "Oh Hanukkah" in Yiddish. He had a smile on his face and a tear in his eye as he began to sing full voice! The women who work in the day care center were up on their feet and dancing with him and clapping and laughing! I played guitar as he danced around singing, hearing shouts of "Go Harry!" I then began to play and sing another Yiddish song, "Oifn Pripichik" and the excitement began all over again. Everyone in the room was happy-very HAPPY! When the festivities calmed down, Mr. Harry Hackel came over to me

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or two snowstorms during the winter season-everything looks so white and pristine, but no more snow than that. Spring is my kind of season-the buds on the trees, the birds singing. Life begins anew.

But, life is beginning anew in this winter season at Temple Shalom with two significant events. First, our Leadership Training program begins December 16th. It's important for us to have a stream of well-prepared leadership through the coming years, and the L'dor Vador Committee has developed a curriculum to make sure that our future leaders are ready to lead Temple Shalom in new and innovative directions. Thanks to the Committee for their good work.

Also, in January, we are beginning the first of our series of 40th Anniversary celebrations. There will be a kickoff Anniversary Party at the opening performance of **Guys & Dolls** on January 11th. Make sure that you get your tickets to the show. The celebrations will culminate with a Gala dinner-dance and cruise aboard the Cornucopia Princess on June 14th. Look in this issue of

the **Shalom** for more details and for particulars of the other celebration programs planned.

So, as I started out this message, I have mixed emotions - the beginning of the winter season, which is not my favorite time of the year - but the wonderful events beginning in Temple Shalom and those that recently occurred in my life in particular.

Sheila and I would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy secular New Year. May there be peace in the whole world.

**Don't Forget to Purchase
 Supermarket Scrip**

Learn About Tu B'Shevat

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day in the Hebrew month of Shevat, marked the time determined by the sages when the trees no longer drew nourishment from the rains of the previous year and were now being fed by the rains of the new year. The trees were essentially celebrating a birthday or a rosh hashanah -- a new year. From this grew the tradition that on Tu B'Shevat a heavenly court judges the trees and pronounces their fate: which will thrive, which will wither.

The age of a tree determined the tithe -- tax on fruit trees -- which would be paid to the Temple in Jerusalem. When the Temple was destroyed, Tu B'Shevat lost its purpose, since the laws of tithing and planting did not apply outside the land of Israel.

Centuries later, in the 1600's, the Kabbalists, the Jewish mystics of Safed, saw Tu B'Shevat as a holiday that celebrated both the revival of nature after the long winter and the revival of the Jewish nation. They created a seder similar in struc-

- ture to the Passover seder, which included:
- 4 cups of wine (representing each of the seasons)
 - Eating three categories of fruit (entirely edible, fruits with a pit, and fruits with a shell or peel)
 - Readings about nature, the earth, trees, the ingathering of the Jewish exiles and the covenant of the people of Israel with God.



Today in Israel, Tu B'Shevat marks the beginning of a new cycle of blossoming and fruit bearing for the trees. In modern times, we think of Tu B'Shevat as a festival about the life of the planet. It is an opportunity to relate Jewish values to world values, and for each family to begin to think about Planet Earth. Recycling, reducing and reusing are Jewish values. Care and respect for the environment are central Jewish values. This holiday

provides us with an opportunity to think about some of these values with our children. Enjoy the holiday and appreciate the gift of our beautiful world with your family and friends.

The Learning Opportunities at Temple Shalom

Saturday	9:15 – 10:15 am	Torah Study with free-will commentary
Sunday	9:45 – 11:15 am	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program
Tuesday	10:00 – 11:00 am	Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Hebrew Text Study with some Biblical Hebrew Materials
	8:30 – 9:30 pm	Comparative Religion: In January, the Rev. Denise Mantell of Matawan Trinity Episcopal will teach the Anglican/Episcopal Church. In February, Pastoral Assistant Joseph Bulla of St. Benedict of Holmdel will teach Roman Catholicism

*Join us for our small and intimate
Service of Peace, Comfort
and Healing
January 21 and February 18 8pm*

Experience the Beauty of Havdallah

New Member Havdallah Service
Saturday, February 22 at 4:00 pm

Temple Shalom 1963 ~ 2003
40th Anniversary
Celebrating Our Past ~ Building Our Future

Happy Anniversary, Temple Shalom! Let's celebrate!!!

At the time when John F. Kennedy was the President of the United States and the Beatles were pushing Elvis Presley off the top of the Rock & Roll charts, a small group of families committed themselves to starting a Reform congregation in the Matawan-Aberdeen area.

Since 1963, our congregation has celebrated countless Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and baby namings. Many thousands of children have been educated in our Hebrew School and we already have, not just second-generation, but third-generation Temple Shalom children in our programs today.

Looking back over 40 years, we have a lot to celebrate. And, we have much more to look forward to in the years ahead. Therefore, as we begin our fifth decade, our theme is **"Celebrating our Past...Building our Future"**. Starting this month and over the next six months, we will hold a series of events, for adults and children, to do both.

As part of celebrating the past, we will honor the past presidents for their service to Temple Shalom. And to help build the future, we will publish a historical review and ad journal, which will also serve as a major fundraiser for the Temple. There is something for everyone and we look forward to your support and participation. Here's what's planned:

- January 11 - A kickoff anniversary party at the opening performance of *Guys & Dolls*. All you need is a ticket to the show. Let's make the opening a sell-out.
- February 8 - An evening of unusual entertainment (and of course, refreshments) as we *walk through Temple Shalom's History* and recall some of the special people and events that shaped our congregation.
- March 22 - Remember, relive (or discover) the 60's as Temple Shalom's Membership Committee hosts a swinging *60's dance*. At last, you can wear those tie-dyed clothes again!
- April 12 - Music has always been at the heart of Temple Shalom. Enjoy a *Musical Concert* to celebrate our heritage.
- May 18 - A *Family Jamboree*, with rides, exotic animals, barbeque and more at a unique locale - an event for the entire family - right in the heart of Monmouth County.
- May 30, 31 - *Scholar-in-Residence* program with Rabbi David Nelson.
- June 14 - *Gala dinner-dance and Cruise* aboard the Cornucopia Princess.

Watch for further information in the Mitt'n Drinnen and future issues of The Shalom.

Tales of Talmud Torah

*Elisa P. Bergenfeld, RJE
Director of Education*

One of my favorite parts of being Director of Education at Temple Shalom is having the opportunity to just roam the hallways during religious school, and look and listen to all of the wonderful things happening in each one of our classrooms. So, I thought that I would take this opportunity to let you in on some of these experiences so everyone can kvell as much as I do everyday.

Our Kindergarten students have been busy making all kinds of projects as each holiday approaches. They have learned several new songs, played many games, and discussed God and the creation of the world. The first grade students have been discussing Shabbat, tzedakah, mitzvot and their relationship to God. They have baked challot, made challah covers and created their own kipot. Parents and students also participated recently in our first grade family education program entitled "Shem Tov: A Good Name." They learned about the significance of Hebrew names and living up to a good name, and worked together to make a beautiful Hebrew name necklace. In second grade, our students learned about rituals and blessings surrounding Shabbat and Havdalah. They toured the building looking for mezuzot and learned about the important people and places that make up our temple. Did you ever wonder how a zoo might be connected to religious school? Well, you will have to ask our third grade students because after learning about Noah's Ark and

the mitzvah of caring for animals, they went to the Popcorn Zoo and learned about their mission of rescuing animals. They are also busy learning Hebrew letters, playing review games and having very intellectual discussions about God and Torah. The Chalutzim students have also learned the history and rituals of the holidays, Hebrew and are now creating a journal of what it means to be a "mitzvah hero".

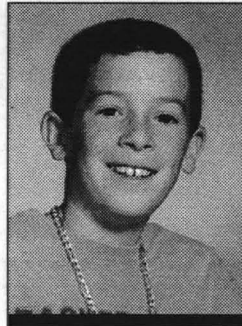
The intermediate grade students have also been involved in interesting projects. The 4th grade students enhanced their learning about the Israelites entering the land of milk and honey by baking honey cake muffins. They also studied about Deborah the judge and role-played scenarios as they learned how what it means to be a judge. In Hebrew class, they are reviewing Hebrew letters and improving their reading skills. They are learning about brachot, blessings, and how important it is to say thank you to God. Their Modern Hebrew skills are reviewed through rousing games of Shimone Omer, Simon Says. In 5th grade, the students are learning about the Jewish life cycle and Israel, and start each session with discussions about current events related to Israel and Jews around the world. The Hebrew students have learned to read and understand several new prayers, with special emphasis on v'ahavtah. Rabbi Malinger taught them about tefilin and demonstrated how to wrap them and now they are making their own mezuzot. I hope that

everyone had the chance to see the beautiful Shtetl that our 6th grade students created. This enhanced their learning about the history of the Jews in Eastern Europe. This was followed by a viewing of the classic "Fiddler on the Roof". The students are studying the remaining prayers in the Shabbat morning service and are enjoying some lessons in Modern Hebrew as well. The 7th grade students loved reading "The National Inquirer" as they tackled the issue of Lashon Ha'Rah, not gossiping. They will continue to explore many other Jewish ethical issues in creative ways. In Hebrew class, they are actually having simple conversations in Hebrew and are learning about the history and current events in Israel. In the Holocaust class, they examined the history of anti-Semitism, the nature of Adolph Hitler and the beginnings of the Holocaust, and are now dealing with the atrocities. They recently viewed a video of a Holocaust survivor from Steven Spielberg's Visual Shoah Foundation.

The theme of last semester for our 8th and 9th grade students was Israel. They had a choice of a variety of classes that included Conversational Hebrew, Israel in Film, the history of Israel, and Israel's Heroes and Heroines. This semester's theme is God and classes include What We Believe, Made in God's Image and Partners with God. In Confirmation class, the students continue to explore issues related to Jewish ethical deci-

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You are Cordially Invited to Rejoice with Us at the Bar Mitzvah of...



Jason Mandragona
Son of
Lisa and Sam
Mandragona
February 1, 2003

....As He Leads the Congregation in Shabbat Morning Services

Planning an Affair?

Be sure to check out our Social Hall and our wonderful caterers before you think of going anywhere else.

Having your reception at Temple Shalom enables your guests to experience a smooth transition from ceremony to celebration. They do not have to experience the anxiety of having to follow directions on unfamiliar streets and roadways or deal with inclement weather.

Our very experienced professional caterers can provide for all aspects of your special day, from linens to liquors: party planners have exclaimed over how easily the room transforms into whatever you envision, from pure fun to exquisitely elegant.

Most importantly, you will continue the "Jewish" feel to your special day. Celebrating in our Temple transmits the feeling of "home and family" and isn't this what a religious celebration is all about?

Call the Temple office for details.
732-566-2621

Rosh Chodesh:

A Women's Celebration

Study Topic for 5763: Sex in the Bible

(based on a study guide from Hebrew Union College)

Rosh Chodesh is the celebration of the new moon – traditionally, a holiday set aside for women to rest from the hectic pace of their daily lives. The Temple Shalom Rosh Chodesh group is a monthly women's group geared toward deepening Jewish learning and promoting spiritual growth. We have been meeting for several years - some of the same and some different women. All are welcome to participate and add to the warmth of the evening.

Please note: Any previously announced Rosh Chodesh dates are no longer valid. Starting in January, our new meeting dates will no longer be listed on the Temple Shalom calendar. Because of our busy schedules, we will be determining meeting times from month to month. We look forward to new women joining in. Just call Joan Marotta 732-583-2050 or Pat Brakman 732-264-3303 for the next meeting date.

Help Your College Student Stay in Touch

The Temple maintains a list of students who are away at college so we can send them our newsletter as well as gifts and goodies from time to time. Since so many college addresses change from year to year, we create a new list each year. Don't let your child miss our first mailing! Forward your child's name and school address to the Temple office.

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOOD

Jay Weiss, President

At this time of year, I find it hard to find time to do the little things - let alone the big projects around the house. Most importantly, I always make time for the things that really matter, like spending time with my family.

Since taking on the job of President of Brotherhood, I find that my time is even more valuable. With meetings to attend and programs always running, I find it even more difficult to find time for everything. However, my family always makes time to be together - whether Susan and I are helping our son Josh with a school project or sitting down on a Saturday night to watch a movie or play a board game (with a bowl of popcorn, of course). When the weather is nice, we even go hiking in the park - along with the dog - to include every member of the family. We might be a little bit sore afterwards, but at least we are together.

On Sunday at 11:00am, Josh and I stop whatever we are doing to go bowling together in an adult-junior league. This is the third year that we have joined a bowling league, and it is something that we both enjoy. Sometimes, there are Brotherhood programs on Sunday mornings, and I try my hardest to do both - attend the program until 11, and rush over to the bowling alley to bowl at 11:30.

It is hard to find the time to do it all, but a volunteer group is only as good as the people who participate in it. You can participate by coming to meetings and putting in your 2 cents, joining a committee, or just going to an event and enjoying yourself. Remember that being active, no matter how little time you have to give, is always worth it.

Don't forget the upcoming Brotherhood events, which include the Brotherhood/Sisterhood sponsored play, "Guys and Dolls", in January and the Blood Drive in February. You can also always join us for the monthly Brotherhood night out on the last Wednesday of each month - check your email for details.

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

SISTERHOOD

Deborah A. Worthington, President

Happy Anniversary Temple Shalom! January is the beginning of six months of celebrations. Sisterhood is proud to sponsor the first of these celebrations - the official birthday party.

After a one-year hiatus, the Temple Shalom Players are back. Cantor Janice Gordon is Adelaide and much more excitement is in store. Brotherhood and Sisterhood are thrilled to present "Guys and Dolls." We have a limited run on January 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26. On January 11, the playgoers are invited to Temple Shalom's birthday party. Come and join us and (as Pink says) get the party started.

January is a fresh month, a clean slate, a new beginning. I encourage you to make a new resolution to become a Sisterhood member. I can look back on the last six months of Sisterhood and it astounds me to see what we have already accomplished this year. Cradle Roll and Tot Shabbat are in full swing. We convened our Women's Health Forum. Our annual Membership luncheon was a resounding success. And now, it is time for the (DRUM ROLL) Hummie Bakathon.

On January 19th at 9:00 AM, meet us in the Temple's kitchen and we will teach you all about baking hummantaschen and also have a good time. All are welcome. Make this a family tradition. I bring my daughter Rachel, who is 8. She and I enjoy this bonding with our Sisters in the Hood. The smell of the cookies is extraordinary. This is the only time we will be baking hummantaschen (except with the Religious and Nursery School children) so this is the time to join us! Last year we baked 100 lbs. of dough in record time.

Speaking of hummies, we will be offering our Shaloch Manot baskets again this year. Please look for our fliers in the lobby and on the website.

Shalom.

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.

RITUAL

Karen Winograd, Chairperson

If you attend worship services during the month of January, you will notice something immediately. We have rearranged our seating pattern for a one-month experiment. As opposed to our traditional 'auditorium-style' seating where straight rows of seats face the bema, we have constructed a circular-style seating pattern. This accomplishes several things. First, the bema has been brought down to the level of the participants; however, there will still be access to the Aron Hakodesh, the Holy Ark. Second, as opposed to seeing only the backs of the heads of the congregants in front of the worshipper, all worshippers can see each other, thus permitting eye contact and an atmosphere of warmth and inclusiveness. Third, while in our traditional seating pattern with our long and narrow sanctuary some congregants sit very far away from the "action." In a "sanctuary-in-the-round," no one will be that far away - even if one sits in the last row.

In a 1997 article in Reform Judaism magazine, Rabbi Dan Freeland wrote about paying attention to the physical setting of the worship experience. He described the traditional, rectangular shape of older sanctuaries where, like a theater, the worshipper watches a performance. With the advent of flexible seating, more recently constructed sanctuaries are adapted to newer worship styles where the bema is low and open. Seats are often arranged in a u-shape or a semi-circle so worshippers can see one another. Our one-month experiment will allow us to examine whether newer worship styles can be accommodated in older style sanctuaries. I know many congregants enjoy - and are very comfortable - sitting in the same row each week. I would ask your indulgence and suggest you come with an open mind. Feel free to share your thoughts and comments with Rabbi, Cantor or members of the Ritual Committee.

I would like to thank temple members who participated in the survey committee piloting the new siddur, and I appreciate the feedback and comments from the congregation. Please note there is no Ritual Committee meeting in December.

Please submit all Shalom articles directly to the editor, via email: Cindy4Shalom@aol.com

The Jewish Book Club presents: A discussion of

"Sarah"

by Orson Scott Card

(led by David Kaufman).

Wednesday, February 25, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

This novel-length midrash (first in a series to cover each of the Matriarchs) tells of the life of Sarah from her first meeting with Abraham through the birth and youth of Isaac. We are brought to face questions including: What was her relationship with Abraham and with God? How did she handle herself as Abraham's "sister" in Egypt? How did she cope with Hagar and Ishmael?

(The author is best known as one of the greatest living writers of science fiction and also writes on religious topics.)

Adult Jewish Growth Committee Shabbat

February 14, 2003 at 8:15 pm

The members of the Committee will be recognized and Rabbi Marla Feldman, the newly appointed Director of the UAHC Commission on Social Action, will address the congregation.

MITZVAH DAY IS APRIL 27TH - JOIN THE PLANNING CREW

It's said the greatest Mitzvah is enabling another person to fulfill one. Mitzvah day is already in the planning stage, and we want your ideas and help to make the 6th Mitzvah day an outstanding one.

This day is Temple Shalom's major effort to reach out to the community and make a real difference in people's lives. Last year, we cooked food for the hungry. Donations went to a soup kitchen in Red Bank. We helped the Monmouth County SPCA prepare for their adopt-a-thon, and cleaned up Cliffwood beach. We visited 2 nursing homes for Bingo and song. We beautified the Temple grounds and escorted some retarded citizens to Great Adventure. We collected a ton of groceries for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and so fed needy families whose kids fight cancer. We donated and planted flowers at the Manna House.

Please join our effort, or respond with ideas to Margo Wolfson: (732) 303-1754 or e-mail at biomusicmm@aolcom

Interesting Jewish Web Sites

Union of American Hebrew Congregations -

www.uahc.org

The Jewish Parent Page - www.uahc.org/educate/parent

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.ahavat-israel.com

Order your Shalot Manot Baskets for Purim

One of the commandments related to the joyous Purim holiday is to send out gifts of food or drink to friends and family, and make gifts to charity.

What better way to fulfill this mitzvah than to buy Shalot Manot baskets, lovingly prepared by Sisterhood of Temple Shalom.

Forms to purchase these baskets can be found in the Temple lobby--baskets are \$10 each. Call Adrienne Friedman at 732-946-9385 for more information.

Club J

**Jewish Singles of Monmouth, Middlesex &
Ocean Counties**

presents

Improv Jam

January 25, 2003

8 pm to 11 pm

Monmouth Reform Temple

332 Hance Avenue

Tinton Falls, NJ

Brotherhood of Temple Shalom

Blood Drive

Please note the new Date

Sunday, February 9, 2003

In the Temple Shalom Social Hall

From 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Blood is always needed - especially during this time of the year. So please help your Congregation, your Community & yourself and give a pint for a good cause.

Parents of Sunday School children - After you drop your child off, do not forget to drop a pint.

You will receive:

* A Free Cholesterol Test

* Blood Donor Card with your Blood type

As in every Brotherhood event, refreshments will be served.

For information please call Jack Szafran:

During the day (917) 853-7370, and evenings after 8 PM (732) 679-1251

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sheila Rubin, Chairperson

We have reached the half way mark on our school calendar and can begin to see the results of our student's work. The bulletin boards and hallways are filled with their efforts. Some show examples of the lives of our ancestors. Others display holidays and bible stories. As the children learn the alef-bet, they progress in their Hebrew knowledge to everyday blessings and the prayers of the worship service. They are introduced to Eretz Yisrael and learn about its early pioneering days and its evolution into a modern state. The children learn about performing mitzvot and the giving of tzedakah and that Torah is the basis for all Jewish learning. In accordance with our stated goals, we want our children to feel pride in their heritage and to become familiar with how and why we observe Shabbat and the festivals. We want them to feel comfortable in the sanctuary and be able to pray. We hope that with what they learn here, they will be able to live a life filled with tzedakah and gemilut chasadim. We want them to leave here with a love of the Jewish people. We want them to seek justice for all peoples and to help take care of our world. This is a tall order. Your Temple religious school cannot do it alone. Help us to achieve these goals by being an enthusiastic Temple parent. Display your youngster's religious school projects on the refrigerator along with the ones from public school. Ask questions about their religious school day. When your child is involved in a family program, please be there. Help your children fulfill their service requirements by attending with them. Now that winter is here, come to Saturday morning services. Your child would love to make the Rabbi's roll. By attending 20 or more services the children earn a special treat party with the Rabbi. They feel so very proud when they hear their names called from the bimah. That's what we want to achieve. We want our children to feel proud of themselves, their Jewishness and their connection to the Jewish people.

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

I usually feel really hopeful at this time of year. A new start, a new opportunity to make the coming year more meaningful and satisfying. I don't know about you, but this year I am having some difficulty, at times, dealing with all of the crises going on in the world. What with the ongoing threat of terrorism, the looming possibility of war with Iraq, growing anti-Semitism and continuing conflict in the Middle East, not to mention the sagging economy, we've all got a lot on our plates. Sometimes it does not seem that there is much, if anything, that we can do about any of these ills in the world. But, that does not mean that we, as Jews, are free to ignore the problems. It is our obligation, especially as Reform Jews, to take up the work that we can do to help make this world a better place. Indeed, there are glimmers of hope out there. Many people have taken steps such as raising millions of dollars for the families of victims of 9/11 and marching & donating money to support the right of Israel to exist. In his recent column, Our Ethical Choices, in the Fall edition of "Tzedek v'Shalom," the newsletter of the UAHC Commission on Social Action, Robert M. Heller, Chair of the UAHC Commission on Social Action, recognized the problems that we are all faced with. In analyzing what is going on he wrote that, "The implicit, and sometimes explicit, message is a powerful one. What these agencies and others are doing provides living refutation of the fundamentalist fanaticism that threatens life, liberty and peace around the world. It affirms for us that tikkun olam, repair of God's fragmented world, is possible, is our obligation even in the face of mindless violence and hatred, and is our best assurance that the values we cherish will endure." He goes on to point out that now, more than ever, it is important to make social action an important element of our synagogue life.

May I suggest that you may be able to fulfill your desire to do more. Join forces with others on the Adult Jewish Growth Committee to come up with some meaningful social action programming at Temple Shalom. You can have a direct impact on what goes on at Temple Shalom by joining in. Why don't you join us at our Committee meetings on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 and be part of the planning? Why not join with your fellow congregants to help make a difference in our community? I hope to see you at our next meeting.

The Story of Mazon

There is an old Hasidic story of a rabbi who had a conversation with the Lord about Heaven and Hell. "I will show you Hell," said the Lord, and led the rabbi into a room containing a group of famished, desperate people sitting around a large, circular table.

In the center of the table rested an enormous pot of stew, more than enough for everyone. The smell of the stew was delicious and made the rabbi's mouth water. Yet no one ate. Each diner at the table held a very long-handled spoon--long enough to reach the pot and scoop up a spoonful of stew, but too long to get the food into one's mouth. The rabbi saw that their suffering was indeed terrible and bowed his head in compassion.

"Now I will show you Heaven," said the Lord, and they entered another room, identical to the first--same large, round table, same enormous pot of stew, same long-handled spoons. Yet there was gaiety in the air: everyone appeared well nourished, plump, and exuberant. The rabbi could not understand and looked to the Lord. "It is simple," said the Lord, "But it requires a certain skill. You see, the people in this room have learned to feed each other!"

MAZON (food in Hebrew) is a Jewish Response to Hunger. Donations are distributed to a broad spectrum of nonprofit organizations working to prevent and alleviate hunger in the U.S. and abroad. American Jews are asked to support this effort by contributing 3% of the cost of life-cycle celebrations such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs and every joyous occasion.

Send donations to: MAZON:
A Jewish Response to Hunger
1990 South Bundy Drive, Suite 260
Los Angeles, CA 90025-5232

40th Anniversary Celebration... Todah Rabah

Give recognition to a deserving congregant for going the extra mile! Submit a short "Thank You" to the Editor at cindy4shalom@aol.com

Nursery School News

Laney Shapiro, Director

This year, I am focusing my articles on ways in which we can enhance and deepen our children's understanding of the Jewish holidays. As expressed in my last article, special attention must always be given to make celebrations relevant and exciting to young children. This can be accomplished by including the five senses in children's activities, which makes the holidays more tangible to them. Additionally, we can easily incorporate lessons in science, math, and language arts into our celebrations.

Tu B'Shevat is a very happy holiday. It has a multitude of opportunities for celebration and learning. I hope that you and your family will include some of the following ideas into your Tu B'Shevat holiday.

Science

1. In our nursery school, the children love to discover what is made from wood or wood products in our classrooms. I give them packs of post-its, which they can affix to anything wood-related in the rooms (even walls and floors). You can do the same in your house.
2. Observe the sprouting of a seed and root growth by using one of the following methods: in a baggie, place seeds in cotton stuffing or on a paper towel. Germinate beans on a sponge. Child can be responsible for watering. In our school, we plant seeds in a see-through container so that the root growth is visible to them.
3. Plant parsley; it will be ready to be eaten at your Passover seder. Observe plant growth.
4. Your child can draw a large picture of a tree. Attach or draw pictures of life that depend on trees (birds, squirrels, humans). Discover how trees help people and how we should take care of trees.
5. Recycling. Encourage your child to bundle up your newspapers. Discuss that it is our responsibility to take care of the earth by recycling, planting and not littering. Point out and purchase recycled products in the supermarket.
6. Using a globe, discover why people in Israel plant trees while it is winter here.

Language Arts

1. Create your own family Tu B'Shevat seder booklet. You can use one of the published books as a sample. Sample fruits with a hard outer shell that cannot be eaten, fruits and nuts with an edible outside, but an inedible pit or seed, and fruits which are edible inside and out.
2. Write a simple song about an aspect of Tu B'Shevat. Act it out.
3. Learn words in Hebrew relating to this holiday. (Aytz - tree, payrot - fruit, shemesh - sun, Tu B'Shevat - the 15th day of Shevat or birthday of the trees.
4. Learn the blessings for Tu B'Shevat.
5. A favorite activity we have in nursery school is the following. In a paper bag, the teacher puts any kind of substance made from paper and paper products, such as a rubber band, a wooden toy, fruit, nuts and paper towels. With closed eyes, each child takes a turn picking something out of the bag and describing what it feels like to the rest of the children. You can do the same at home.

Math

1. Provide your child with different kinds of nuts that grow on trees. Encourage your child to sort, classify, and sequence the nuts.
2. Poll members of your family on their favorite Tu B'Shevat fruit. Make a bar graph to make comparisons with your child.
3. Make a big fruit salad with your child for Tu B'Shevat. Count how many seeds and segments you find. Buy fruit associated with the land of Israel - grapes, oranges, figs, dates, carobs, pomegranates, almonds and olives.

(Some ideas taken from *Jewish Every Day* by Maxine Segal Handelman)

To the above suggestions and activities, please add music, art and reading to your celebration. You can also take this opportunity to start your own traditions. Wouldn't it be a nice tradition to plant a tree in Israel in honor of your child's birthday each year? On Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, your child will find even greater meaning in this wonderful holiday. Although Tu B'Shevat comes once a year, we discover it has so many valuable themes that should be part of our lives every day.

Temple Board And Committee Reports

FACILITIES

Gary Enoch, Chairperson

As we begin the new calendar year, I'd like to give you a brief Facilities update. First and most important, we contracted with architect and engineering firms to recommend permanent repairs for all the roofs. The improved roofing design, materials, insulation, and drainage will put an end to the perpetual problems. Due to the season, our roofing solution will be solved in two stages. A preliminary stage will be done early this winter. That stage will be followed by more significant work done in early spring. Improvements such as replacing the sanctuary carpeting will be held off until all the roof work is completed.

Two of the eleven HVAC roof units have been replaced - one of the four over the social hall, and one of the three over the nursery school wing. Our refrigerator, which broke down suddenly, was replaced for a fractional amount over repair cost. In continuing work begun by my predecessors, the replacement of the windows in classrooms 2, 3 and 4 completed that entire building wing. There are two common threads in the above. First, these improvements are not cosmetic and easily visible. Second, all result in energy cost savings. The new equipment is all energy saving models. That, along with improved roof insulation and new windows, will have definite long-term monetary payback for Temple - especially as the increase in energy costs resulting from the deregulation of utilities becomes a harsh reality.

Both as a Facilities Committee member and Temple member, I am pleased and encouraged to have spending for facility improvements continue to be endorsed by President Phil Rubin and the Temple Board. Especially critical is their decisive action in support our roofing needs - a major but necessary undertaking for our Temple. Their commitment to making Temple Shalom the best possible facility is no surprise. I urge you to rally behind their leadership and support these continued improvements. Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2003.

Shalom.

**Tickets on Sale Now for
"Guys and Dolls"**

Performances:

Jan. 11,12,18,19,25,26

RENAISSANCE GROUP

Benita Satty-Wiedmann, Chair

Hope everyone had a Happy Chanukah and a very Happy New Year. The Renaissance Group wishes everyone a year filled with much happiness, good health and peace.

In October, we spent an afternoon at the beautiful Duke Gardens. The tours were very informative and the gardens were magnificent. Hopefully, we will be returning to the Gardens in the spring to see some new exhibits.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our day at the State Museum & Planetarium in Trenton. The museum has been undergoing major construction and most of the museum was closed. Hopefully, we will be going back to the museum in January.

In February, we are hoping to see a show at a local theater group & then dinner.

In March, we will be going to the State Theater in New Brunswick to see the group "Safam" at their concert. Then, of course, we will be going to dinner.

We have many interesting events coming up. We hope those of you who are 50+ and Temple members will find something of interest that will help you to decide that the Renaissance Group is for you.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Temple. For further information, call Benita Satty-Wiedmann at 732-264-4496.

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MEMBERSHIP

Diane Allen, Co-Chairperson

There's so much excitement as we enter Temple Shalom's 40th anniversary year! The Membership Committee is pleased to partner with all who are hard at work planning our six month's worth of celebrations: the 40th Anniversary Committee, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Adult Jewish Growth, Youth, Music, and Ritual Committees.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on any of our events and programs: See page 5

For ticket information about the '60's dance scheduled for March 22nd, contact Diane Allen, Membership Co-Chair, at (732) 591-8566 or Howard Spitzer, Membership Co-Chair, at (732) 536-3253. There will be a great DJ, "Sax Man Dan" spinning all the tunes we remember from the '60's. Dress for the dance in styles from the 60's, if you dare!

Also, save the dates for the "Share-A-Shabbat" Program. You can choose either date since we will hold the program twice this spring: Friday, April 11, 2003 or Friday, May 9, 2003. Temple Shalom members who would like to host Shabbat dinners in their homes are "matched" with members who would like to be guests. The Membership Committee provides the challah. What a wonderful way for members to enjoy being together during a Shabbat dinner and Friday night services! Look for a sign-up form in the February issue of the Mittn Drinen and the March issue of the Shalom. Let us know if you prefer to be a host or a guest at one of the "Share-A-Shabbat" dinners and which date works best for you.

Shabbat is meant to be shared. Support your Membership Committee's efforts to bring our members -- hosts and guests -- together on Shabbat.

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 Shalom Nursery School

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 17
Feb 21
Mar 21

Apr 11
May 16
Jun 13

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like more information on Tot Shabbat,
please contact:
Lorraine Katz 732-888-9202
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CRADLE ROLL

A program offered by Temple Shalom Sisterhood for
children aged 2½ to 5 (pre-kindergarten) to learn
more about Jewish Holidays and rituals. The pro-
gram is offered five Sundays a year at Temple Shalom.

Sundays, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Crafts, Songs, Stories, Dances, Snacks

Jan 5 Tu B'shvat
Mar 2 Purim
Apr 6 Pesach

We happily accept donations of art supplies.
For more information about Cradle Roll,
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ANSWERS: A Guide
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with Illness and
Mourning**
Available in the
Temple office.

ToSTY Dessert Auction a Success

ToSTY would like to thank all those who contributed to the Dessert Auction. Due to the generosity of many, we will be providing scholarships to those who will be attending the NFTY Convention. Specifically, we wanted to thank the members of the Youth Committee for putting together an amazing event and to Gary Enoch for providing his services as the leader of the auction.

Reform Movement Solidarity

Missions to Israel:
Now is the Time.
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Visit Reform and Progressive institutions and leaders in Israel. Delve into the issues surrounding Israel's current security crisis. Get a first hand opportunity to involve yourselves in the lives of Israelis and understand their daily challenges.

These important nine day missions are being offered by ARZA/WORLD UNION and the Union of Hebrew American Congregations for the special price of \$1987* per person.

The mission dates for the year 2003 are as follows:

February 1-9, 2003

March 8-16, 2003

June 14-22, 2003

July 19-27, 2003

December 27, 2003-January 4, 2004

For more information, please contact David Suskauer of ARZA/WORLD UNION at 212-650-4280 or via email at applytogo@arzaworld.com.

** Cost of mission varies by departure date. Hotels & itinerary subject to change.*

VOLUNTEERS ENRICH OUR SERVICES BY CHANTING TORAH Join the "Torah Tropers" Club

This summer, an unprecedented event happened in the Sackerman garden of our Temple. Ten congregants chanted Torah and led Shabbat morning services. We are very proud and honored by all of our Torah readers: Karen Winograd, Myrna Kluger, Shelli Altman, Jeff DeLucca, Jared and Bruce Rubinstein, Sheila and Phil Rubin, Sara and Margo Wolfson. Each reading was followed by a 'round the courtyard discussion of the Torah portion.

Please feel free to join our "Torah Tropers" club. In this club, we support each other to make it easier to learn and buy bagels for each other's readings! We meet each Saturday at 10:15 after Rabbi's Torah study in the youth lounge. For further info, speak to Rabbi, Cantor, or Margo Wolfson (303-1754 or Biomusicmm@aol.com)

SUPPORT GROUPS for information call:

Mike Hoffman, 566-2142Families of Alzheimer's Patients

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An Invitation to All Seniors

WELCOME!

As you read this ad today, please realize how much we would appreciate you coming to our Shalom Seniors Club meeting.

In turn, please remember the special gift you share of being a senior. Bring your friends and neighbors. Join us at Temple Shalom on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 11 am to 3 pm.

Temple Shalom has formed this non-sectarian Senior Social Group at which we enjoy bagels and cream cheese, coffee, tea and dessert. We have card games, board games, Mah Jong, and socializing with our peers.

Join us at our next meeting and see what it's all about. Try it, you'll like it. Transportation is also available. Yearly dues are \$5 and refreshments are \$1. For further information, call Manny Strauss 732-566-6620.

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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.

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Temple Shalom

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**Saturdays at 8:00 pm
January 11, 18, 25**

**Sundays at 3:00 pm
January 12, 19, 26**






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Calendar Of Congregational Activities

January 2003 / 27 Tevet – 28 Shevat 5763

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
			1 New Year's Day Temple Office Closed	2 Nursery School Resumes 7pm Outreach 7:30pm Kabbalat Torah 8pm Brotherhood Board	3 8pm Shabbat Evening Service 	4 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
5 9:30am Religio us School Resumes; Cradle Roll	6 7pm Hebrew High School Resumes 8pm Choir Rehearsal	7 10am Sisterhood Class 7pm ToSTY Board 7:30pm P.A.C. Meeting	8 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth 8pm Sisterhood	9 7:30pm Youth; Kabbalat Torah	10 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	11 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service 8pm 40th Anniversary Kickoff – "Guys and Dolls"
12 3pm "Guys and Dolls"	13 11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7pm Ways and Means 8pm Board of Trustees	15 8pm Membership; Renaissance	16 7:30pm Kabbalat Torah 8pm Caring; Nursery School	17 7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	18 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Family Shabbaton (Tentative) 8pm "Guys and Dolls"
19 No Religious School 3pm "Guys and Dolls"	20 Martin Luther King Day No Hebrew High School 7pm L'dor Vador	21 10am Sisterhood Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort and Healing	22 7:30pm Administration	23 7:30pm Kabbalat Torah 8pm Board of Ed; Facilities	24 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service; ToSTY Shabbat 	25 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; Pre-school Shabbat 8pm "Guys and Dolls"
26 3pm "Guys and Dolls"	27 11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal	28 10am Sisterhood Class 7:30pm Worship Initiative 8:30pm Ritual	29 8pm Social Justice Program	30 7:30pm Kabbalat Torah	31 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	

***9:15am
Torah Study

Calendar Of Congregational Activities

February 2003 / 29 Shevat – 26 Adar 1 5763

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SHABBAT

1



10:30am
Shabbat Morning
Service; Bar
Mitzvah Jason
Mandragna

2

3

8pm Choir
Rehearsal

4

10am
Sisterhood
Class
7pm ToSTY
Board
7:30pm P.A.C.
Meeting

5

8pm Sisterhood
Meeting

6

7pm Outreach
7:30pm
Kabbalat Torah
8pm
Brotherhood
Board

7

8pm
Shabbat
Evening
Service



8

10:30am
Shabbat
Morning Service
8pm **40th
Anniversary
Event** see p.5

9

9am Blood Drive
9:30am
Brotherhood
Breakfast
1:30pm Nursery
School "Fathers
Day"

10

3pm Sisterhood
Showcase
11am Shalom
Seniors
8pm Choir
Rehearsal

11

10am
Sisterhood
Class
8pm Board of
Trustees

12

7:30pm Adult
Jewish Growth

13

7:30pm Youth;
Kabbalat Torah

14

8:15pm
Shabbat
Evening
Service;
Social
Action Shabbat



15

10:30am
Shabbat
Morning Service

16

No Religious
School

17

President's Day
No Nursery or
Religious
School

18

10am Sisterhood
Class
8pm Service of
Peace, Comfort &
Healing

19

8pm Social
Justice
Program;
Membership;
Renaissance

20

7:30pm
Kabbalat Torah
8pm Caring;
Nursery

21

7pm Tot
Shabbat
8:15pm
Shabbat Evening
Service



22

10:30am
Shabbat
Morning Service;
L'Dor Vador
Program
4pm New Member
Havdallah

23

10am Family
Book Club
7pm L'dor Vador

24

11am Shalom
Seniors
8pm Choir
Rehearsal

25

10am Sisterhood
Class
6:30pm ToSTY
Program
8pm Jewish Book
Club; Ritual

26

7:30pm
Administration

27

7:30pm Kabbalat
Torah
8pm Ways &
Means; Facilities

28

6pm
Shabbat
Dinner
8:15pm
Shabbat
Evening Service



9:15am Torah
Study

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Memorial (yahrzeit) Plaque: The traditional way to memorialize those who have passed away. Names read from the pulpit on their yahrzeit each year. \$225. (members); \$325 (non-members)

Tree for Israel Certificates: A gift with special significance, help restoration of Israel's forests. \$13.00 per tree.

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

FUND SPOTLIGHT

Michael Henry Memorial Children's Fund

by Robert Lear, Funds Chairperson

This month, we are highlighting a new fund - the Michael Henry Memorial Children's Fund. This fund was established by the family of Michael Henry. The family includes congregants Ray and Barbara Henry and Annette McGillicuddy. The fund is in memory of their son and brother, respectively.

The purpose of the Michael Henry Memorial Children's Fund is to provide financial assistance for needy children to pursue Jewish experiences, including both formal and informal Jewish education, as well as marking Jewish life cycle moments.

When you are making donations to the Temple, please consider this fund so that less fortunate children can have positive Jewish experiences.

For help and information regarding contributing to an existing fund or establishing a new fund, contact Robert Lear at 290-0698.

Remember Temple Shalom In Your Will

Temple Shalom is committed to preserving the future of our congregation for generations to come. One of the ways that you can join in this commitment is to remember Temple Shalom in your will.

We encourage you to be a link to the future. Bequests of all sizes can help to assure the financial integrity 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.

Contributions

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.

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.

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TEMPLE SHALOM



Torah, Worship, Loving Deeds

Explaining Rituals

Rabbi Laurence Malingier

Some members have asked what is the significance of the tallit (prayer-shawl)? One of the best summaries of information about the tallit (or tallis, depending on where you are from and how you pronounce Hebrew) is in the Jewish Catalog, pp. 51f. Also a good book to have in general.

A tallit is a prayer shawl with Biblically mandated fringes (tzitzit) on the four corners of the garment (see Numbers 15:37-41). While Orthodox Jewish men wear such garments all day long (although tucked in and usually hidden), the prayer shawl is worn during the morning service, and by the prayer leader at other services. Often, people wonder if it is acceptable to wear the tallit on Friday evening at Shabbat services. The custom in traditional congregations is to wear the tallit only during the day. The verses from the Torah command us to look upon the fringes and be reminded of God's commandments.

Prior to the advent of artificial lighting, you could only see the fringes during daylight hours. Hence, the prevailing custom is to wear a tallit during the morning prayer service. You will often see

the rabbi, cantor and others who lead services wear a tallit, since they are leading the congregation in prayer. And, in many liberal congregations, all worshipers are encouraged to wear a tallit during Friday evening services.

There is one notable exception to the general rule of not putting on the tallit in the evening. On the night of Yom Kippur, all worshipers wear a tallit during the Kol Nidre service. This reflects the great solemnity of the occasion. The tzitzit are a symbol -- a reminder -- of "all" of the commandments (all 613 mitzvot). It is sort of like tying a string around your finger, only here it is an elaborate set of strings. The word "tzitzit" adds up to (in the Jewish tradition of gematria, the assigning of numeric value to each letter of the alphabet) 600. In addition, there are eight strands, and five knots, so this is how you get to 613.

To me, as a liberal Jew, the 613 commandments are themselves a symbol for the totality of Jewish life. Therefore, to me, wrapping myself in the tallit, draping it on my shoulders, having parents placing it on the shoulders of their b'nai mitzvah is a symbol of commitment to that way of life, to the responsibility that rests on our shoulders, or that comes upon the shoulders of a young person at that special moment.

The return to ritual in Reform Judaism remains a matter of personal choice. It is not uncommon, therefore, to see a man praying bare headed and without a tallit standing next to a woman wearing both kippah and tallit in Reform settings.

As Temple Shalom is committed to the concept of allowing for -- and facilitating -- ritual choices, then both a kippah box and a tallit rack are visible as you walk in. I hope this helps in making your informed choice.

Rabbi's's Message

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many of today's ecological threats. When God created the world, God was able to say, "It is very good" (Genesis 1:31). Everything was in harmony as God had planned. The waters were clean. The air was pure. But, what must God think about the world today? What must God think when the rain God sends to nourish our crops is often acid rain due to the many chemicals poured into the air by our industries? When the ozone layer that God provided to separate the heavens from the earth is being depleted at such a rapid rate? When the abundance of species of plants and animals that God created are becoming extinct in tropical rain forests and other threatened habitats, before we are even able to catalog them? When the fertile soil that God provided is rapidly being depleted and eroded? When the climatic conditions that God designed to meet our needs are threatened by global warming?

An ancient midrash has become all too relevant today: In the hour when the Holy one, blessed be God, created the first person, God showed him the trees in the Garden of Eden, and said to him: "See My works, how fine they are; Now all that I have created, I created for your benefit. Think upon this and do not corrupt and destroy My world, For if you destroy it, there is no one to restore it after you." (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:28)

Again, vegetarianism is consistent with this important Jewish environmental concern, since modern intensive livestock agriculture contributes to many current environmental problems, including soil erosion and depletion, air and water pollution, the destruction of habitats, and potential global warming.

May your Tu B'Shevat celebration be filled with celebration and reflection.

Cantor's Message

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and gave me a hug. "I had almost forgotten those songs," he said. "Thank you." My heart was ready to burst.

As I left the day care center, I was escorted out by the social director who shared with me that Harry was a new member and that until today, he really hadn't connected with any of the activities or any of the people. She said that she had never seen him so happy as he was today. When I heard that, I felt so good. I had a smile on my face for the whole rest of that day. Nothing could have knocked me off my cloud. That experience was so spiritually nourishing for me that my heart still becomes full whenever I think about it-and it was so easy to do!

We all have the capacity to spiritually feed and be fed. We just have to look for the ways that are best suited to us. Those investments that we make will yield great returns, especially in a down market!

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Our guidelines, which have been recommended by the Ritual Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees, stipulate that only Kosher or Kosher style food is allowed on our premises. That prohibits pork, shellfish, or any dish combining milk and meat products. Individual meat and dairy food items may be served at a Temple function but should be segregated at different ends of the table or at different tables. Also, if a dinner takes place at Temple at which meat is served, non-dairy creamer should be available for hot beverages.

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Educator's Message

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sion making in their personal lives and understanding Jewish texts and law. The theme of our post confirmation class this year is "A Jewish Road Map to Life". Students have the opportunity to address issues that they will be facing as they move towards an adult Jewish life such as confronting anti-Semitism, feeling 1st class as a Reform Jew, and understanding their obligations to the Jewish community.

I must acknowledge that none of this would be possible without the dedication and creativity of all of our teachers. They bring great honor to our students and our congregation in all that they do. Todah Rabah!

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Religious School Drop Off Information

In December, the Religious School announced new drop-off information. There are new traffic signs at the entrance to the Temple (disregard the arrows on the pavement). Students may be dropped off at the Ayrmont Lane door until 4:15 pm. After 4:15 pm, students must enter through the garden doors.

Please note that dismissal will remain the same. Parents/drivers need to park their cars and enter the building. Students will not be permitted to leave the building without adult supervision.

Todah Rabah



*Thank you to our many congregants
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If you have not yet made your pledge, please call the Temple office and remember that your pledge can be paid through the end of our fiscal year on June 30th.

Your participation and support helps make Temple Shalom a special place.

**If you didn't make any of the summer kallot,
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☼ Sylvia Dlugatch on the marriage of her granddaughter Hillary Steinberg to Josh Baras
☼ Lenore & Paul Robinson on the engagement of their daughter Stacy to Tim Fuller
☼ Dorothy & David Gross on the birth of Michael Jason

CONDOLENCES

✧ Julie Evans on the passing of her mother, Laurie Klein-Evans
✧ Joan Marotta on the passing of her aunt, Helen Kaplan
✧ Nelu Grinberg on the passing of his aunt, Rebecca Reichman
✧ Barry Berkeley on the passing of his father, Seymour Berkeley
✧ John Gordon on the passing of his grandmother Catherine Lenora

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ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ree ha-ga-fen.

Challah

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech
ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzi leh-chem min ha-a-retz.

Parasha HaShavuah - Torah Portions of the Week: 1-2 03

1/3-Shevt 1: Va'era; Exod. 6:2-9:35;
Haftarah-Isaiah 66:1-13, 23
1/10-Shevat 8: Bo; Exod. 10:1-13:16;
Haftarah-Jeremiah 46:13-28
1/17-Shevat 15: Beshalach; Exod. 13:17-17:16;
Haftarah-Judges 4:4-5:31
1/24-Shevat 22: Yitro; Exod. 18:1-20:23;
Haftarah-Isaiah 6:1-7:6;9:5-6
1/31-Shevat 29: Mishpatim; Exod.21:1-24:18;
Haftarah-Jeremiah 34:8-22;33:25-26
2/7-I Adar 6: Terumah; Exod.25:1-27:19;
Haftarah-I Kings 5:26-6:13
2/14-I Adar 13: Tetzaveh; Exod. 27:20-30:10;
Haftarah-Ezekiel 43:10-27
2/21-I Adar 20: Ki Tissa; Exod. 30:11-34:35;
Haftarah-I Kings 18:1-39
2/28-I Adar 27: Vayakhel; Exod. 35:1-38:20;
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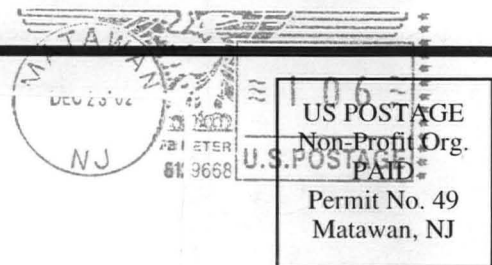
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