



SHALOM

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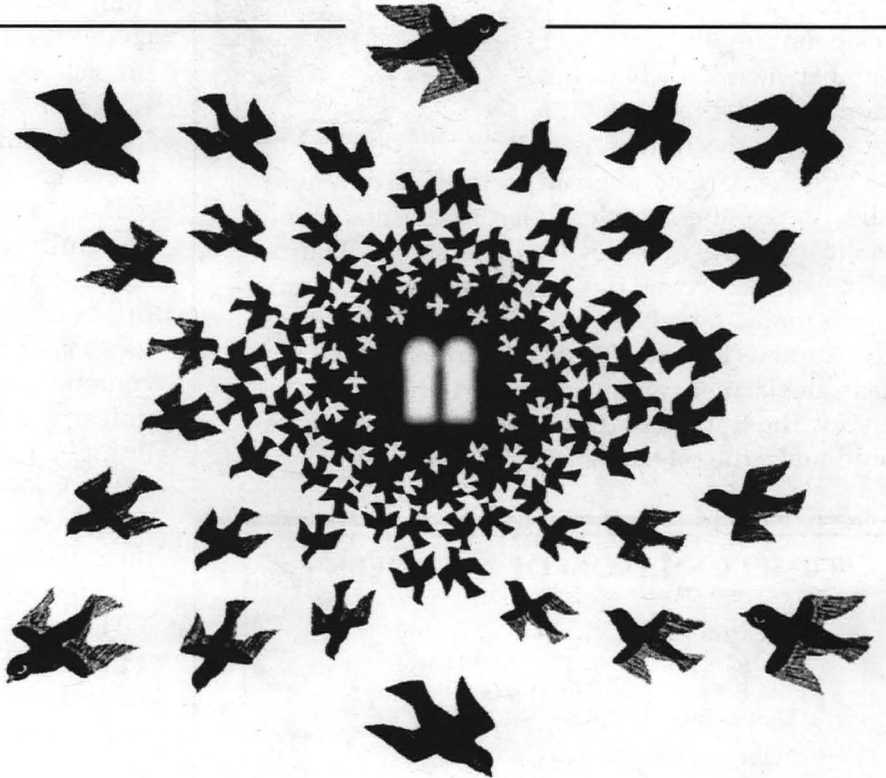
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Service of Peace, Healing & Comfort

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Happy Shavuot



The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinger



Lag Ba'Omer is a minor festival which is observed, as its name suggests, on the 33rd day of the seven week counting of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot. Its Hebrew calendar date is the 18th of Iyar, which this year, falls out on the 11th of May. In the times of the Temples in Jerusalem, an omer (a specific measure) of barley was offered by all farmers in Israel on the second day of Pesach. Until that offering was made, no breads or grains were allowed to be consumed (Leviticus 23:14). From that day onwards, the farmers would count forty-nine days till Shavuot, the festival of the wheat harvest, when they would make the pilgrimage again to Jerusalem.

The reason for the semi-mourning (no weddings or celebrations or haircuts) observed during the period of the Omer is found in the Talmud (Yevamot 62b) which describes how a plague killed the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva during the 1st Century. According to tradition, the plague ceased on Lag Ba'Omer. What exactly was this plague? Many scholars conclude that it was a catastrophe caused by Jews' divisiveness. In a short time, tens of thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students died because "they did not treat each other with respect," concludes the Talmud. Akiva and some of his students proclaimed Simon Bar Koziba, the leader of the Bar Kochba revolt in Judea against Rome, to be the Messiah. But colleagues opposed the revolt. Rabbi Yochanan Turta mocked Akiva.

If the students and rabbis had talked it over respectfully, perhaps they all would have devised a sober strategy of resisting the Romans. Using all the different approaches, they might have reached the masses, and could have overcome the enormous contempt that persisted between scholars and the unlearned people. Instead, there was a revolt that brought a crushing defeat and 1,800 years in exile. Many Jews were killed. Could it be possible this can happen again due to lack of mutual respect between the different branches of Judaism? It makes me wonder aloud.

However, due to the divisiveness and the sorrow it produced, our tradition has attributed other times in our history that this festival was a break in the middle of disaster. During the period of the Omer,

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A Message From Our President

Phil Rubin

Spring has finally arrived! After one of the toughest winters in memory, the trees are budding, the birds are singing, and the daffodils are poking their heads through the soil. I hope by the time you receive this issue of the Shalom, our roof work will have been completed, and the inconveniences caused are but a distant memory.

As I write this, the war in Iraq has begun in earnest. I pray that by the time you read this message, the war in Iraq has been successfully completed with a minimum of casualties, and our troops are on their way home. I also pray that peace and security will return to the entire world.

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration events have been in full swing, and a good time has been had by all who have attended. Our culminating event for the year is the Gala on June 14th. We

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From

The Desk of

Cantor

Janice M. Gordon



Reflections on the Present
Time

*adapted from an article by
Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein*

We are living during a difficult and unsettled time. For much of the past year we have experienced the possibility, then the expectation and probability, and now, the reality of war in Iraq. Some people have been clear and absolute in their position regarding this conflict from the beginning. Many more have felt ambivalent, even uninformed as to the reasons put forth by our administration as to why Iraq is a clear and present danger and whether it is necessary for us to attack in order to rid the world of Saddam Hussein and weapons of mass destruction.

With great certainty our President speaks of his religious faith and uses biblical language and content to frame America's role in the world. Obviously, not all readers of Bible draw the same conclusions from the biblical text as does the President so let us consider our tradition.

The Bible uses two standards to determine wheth-

er a nation is justified in going to war and whether that nation might be victorious:

1. Is the war righteous?

The first requirement for determining the right of a nation to initiate a war depends on whether the mission is righteous. In other words, does the purpose of conflict make the war "just"?

Based on Biblical passages the Talmud addresses criteria for "obligatory" wars. A milchemet mitzvah (obligatory war) is in defense against attack from a foreign power, when the security of a people or nation is threatened. As an example, the Bible refers to a war against Amalek as a milchemet mitzvah, an "obligatory" war. Amalek was an especially nefarious adversary who singled out the weak and stragglers for annihilation (Deut. 25:17-19). The Bible considered the destruction of Amalek an obligation and commands us to wipe out his name. Every citizen was called to engage in the battle against Amalek, the forerunner of villains throughout history. Despite our longing for peace, our rabbinic authorities supported, even encouraged wars fought in defense of our people or any people that could not defend itself.

2. Is the warrior righteous?

The second standard that should be applied regards the righteousness, the moral standing of the warriors.

The book of Judges in the Bible chronicles the leadership of a series of military leaders called Shofetim

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will have a wonderful time dining and dancing the night away on our Shalom Cruise ship, Cornucopia Princess. We will honor all of our past presidents that night. Please sign up if you haven't already, and please support our Gala Commemorative Ad Journal.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your president these past two years. I would like to thank Rabbi Malinger for his unwavering support, guidance, and phenomenal energy. We have had many discussions, and I feel we have exemplified a true sacred partnership. I would also like to thank my Executive Board. They have been a wonderful sounding board every step of the way, but more than that, their views, their help, their creativity, and their willingness to take on additional tasks have been invaluable. The Executive Board consists of Executive VP-Sharon Steinhorn, VP-Mike Silverman, VP-Susan Solow, Secretary-Myrna Kluger, and Treasurer-Dan Steinhorn.

I would like to thank the Temple Board for their support these past 2 years. Their willingness to take on difficult challenges, dis-

cuss proposals, and develop a plan of action has been exemplary. We have had to make some tough decisions - especially this past year - and the Board has been up to the task. Thanks to Marvin Cohen for his help in evaluating financial relief applications. Thanks also to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for their constant support. They both have the best interests of the Temple at heart, and their willingness to work for the entire congregation should be recognized.

Thanks to all the Committee Chairs and their respective committees. We have an unbelievable diversity of programming at the Temple-from toddlers to seniors, and we owe it all to the hard work of the various committees, often in the background and often unrecognized.

Thanks to our other professional staff, Cantor Janice Gordon, Ms. Elisa Berginfeld, and Mrs. Laney Shapiro for all that you add to our temple life. Your dedication and your caring is an example to us all. Thanks also to our wonderful teachers, aides, and youth

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Learn About Shavuot

Shavuot is a Hebrew word meaning "weeks" and refers to the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Shavuot began as an ancient agricultural festival. It marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Shavuot was distinguished by bringing crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Shavuot, also known as the Festival of the Giving of the Torah, dates from biblical times, and helps to explain the holiday's name, "Weeks." The Torah tells us it took precisely forty-nine days for our ancestors to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai where they were to receive the Torah. This is the same number of days as the Counting of the Omer. Leviticus 23:21 commands: "And you shall proclaim that day (the fiftieth day) to be a holy convocation..." The name Shavuot, "Weeks," then symbolizes the completion of a seven-week journey.



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 is 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 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 great-grandmother 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.

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.



Morris and Rose Goldfeder Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi David W. Nelson

MAY 30-31, 2003

Rabbi David Nelson is the Director of the Jewish Life Connection at the Bergen county YJCC in Washington Township, New Jersey. After graduating from Wesleyan University, he received his Rabbinic Ordination at the Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion (New York), and earned a Ph.D. from New York University. He served as rabbi of a congregation on Long Island for five years, then left the life of a congregational rabbi to become a Senior Teaching Fellow at CLAL -- The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership -- a post he held for more than 15 years. He has served on the faculties of Adephe University, New York University, and Hebrew Union college, and has lectured and taught extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. Currently, he is completing work on a book on Judaism and Physics. He is an avid runner, cook, and folk-singer. He lives in Teaneck, New Jersey, with his wife Rachel and their three sons.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2003

8:15 PM Shabbat Services: Rabbi Nelson discusses "How Do Jews as a People Commemorate Events? How do we Mark Memory?" We mark instances of joyous celebration -- exodus from Egypt, declaration of Israel's independence, receiving Torah at Sinai -- as well as instances of sorrow and destruction -- Tisha B'Av, Yom Ha-Sho'ah, etc. How we decide which events to mark -- and how to mark them -- are questions of great interest, not only for institutions (like synagogues), but for families and individuals as well.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2003

10:00 - 10:45 AM Torah Study and Nosh

10:45 AM- 12:00 PM Shabbat Services

12:00 - 1:00 PM "An Exploration of the Number 40 in its Many Jewish Incarnations" It turns out that there is a certain maturity that biblical and rabbinic tradition see

in the number 40 (not only 40 years, but also 40 days). We will study some of the relevant text as an interesting exercise in communal introspection. This will lead us into issues of memory and forgetting, spiritual maturity, and more.

1:00 - 2:15 PM Lunch

2:15 - 3:15 PM "How Do We as Liberal Jews, Deal with Issues of Mitzvah, Obligation, Halakha, Divine Mandate, etc.?" It's too easy just to say, "We're Reform Jews, so we don't have to worry about that." In fact, the idea of law is so prominent in our history that we cannot take an authentic stand vis a vis our traditions without addressing it. (Break)

7:00 - 9:00 PM Deserts/Coffee and open session with Rabbi Nelson

9:00 - 9:30 PM Havdalah

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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Tales of
Talmud Torah

Elisa P. Bergenfeld, RJE
Director of Education



What is Jewish family education? Simply put, the first step of Jewish family education is getting parents to actually get out of their cars and mark the end of the long standing tradition of dropping the kids off for their Jewish education. It involves getting Judaism outside of the four walls of the synagogue and back into the home, and everyday life. Good Jewish family education helps Jewish families find a sense of community, values and some aspects of spirituality that they may have been seeking. It also helps to strengthen the family by providing opportunities for quality time together, allowing parents to interact and communicate with their children in a way that is often taken for granted in our busy lives.

But the main goal of Jewish family education is empowering Jewish families to take charge of their own Jewish lives. These types of learning opportunities provide information, and hopefully, inspiration, to reach this goal.

An important part of the religious school curriculum at Temple Shalom is Jewish family education for all of the reasons stated above. I am grateful to all of the families who have made these types of experiences a priority and I appreciate your participation and support. I would like to use this opportunity to share some of our most successful programs with you now.

In January, our third grade students and their parents learned about what it means to be created in the image of God. Rabbi Malinger and I met with the parents and discussed how to talk about God with their children. Parents and students participated in activities exploring the presence of God and how to be grateful for God's creations.

In February, our 8th - 12th grade students and their parents met with Rabbi Tovia Singer. Rabbi Singer portrayed himself as a representative from "Jews For Jesus" and showed the students and their

parents how easily it is to get influenced by these types of people.

At the end of February, our fourth grade families learned about Shabbat. Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon met with the parents and discussed Shabbat rituals and historical references while the students discovered ways of making Shabbat special in their own lives.

In March, our kindergarten families learned about the Torah and all of its different parts with Cantor Gordon and I. They decorated the miniature Torahs they received at consecration and created a beautiful ark to keep them safe.

I wish that everyone could have been here to experience our wonderful sixth grade family program. Students, parents and teachers came dressed as immigrants and government officials, at the turn of the century, as they participated in a simulation of what it must have been like land on Ellis Island.

As the summer approaches, I hope that you will continue to think of opportunities for Jewish family educational experiences. I encourage you to visit the Jewish museums in New York City or to visit the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C. If you are traveling around the country or the world, take the time to look for Jewish places of interest. Use this less complicated time to make Shabbat special at home. As a family, set a beautiful Shabbat table, bake a challah together and create a special dinner. These types of experiences will only help to enrich your time together as a family and teach your children that Judaism extends beyond the synagogue.

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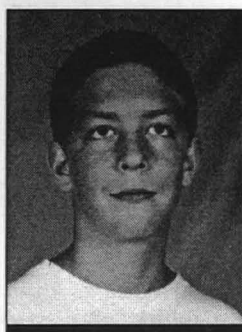
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In-School Youth Group Programs

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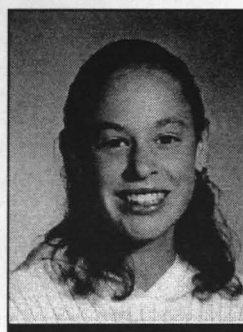
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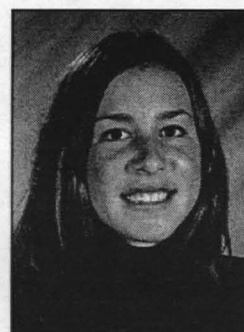
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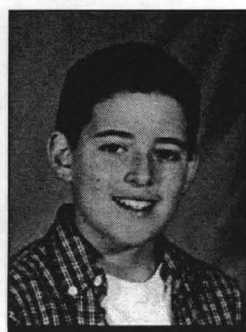
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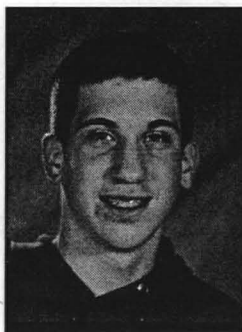
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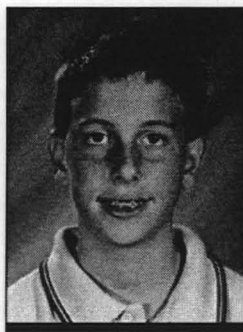
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Daughter of
Betsy and Steven
Kimmish
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Mark Satty
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Bonnie and Dr. Robert
Satty
May 17, 2003



Daniel Gordon
Son of
Lianne and Wayne
Gordon
May 17, 2003



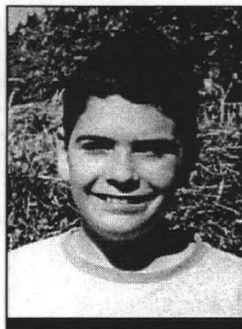
William Queen
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Ruth and Clifford
Queen
June 7, 2003



Alexandria Schneider
Daughter of
Mary and Michael
Schneider
June 7, 2003



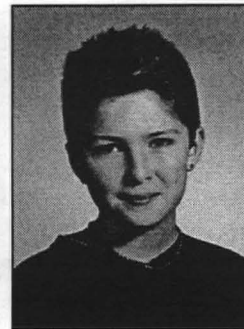
Amanda Neubart
Daughter of
Andrea and Cliff
Neubart
June 14, 2003



Adam Lewental
Son of
Nancy and Mark
Lewental
June 21, 2003



Adam Ronner
Son of
Lanie and Michael
Ronner
June 21, 2003



Max Weinstein
Son of
Lorraine and Myles
Weinstein
June 28, 2003

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

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOOD Jay Weiss, President

everyone has gotten over the long, cold winter and all are outside enjoying the nice weather. Of course, with that comes the yard work and planting, but that's better than shoveling snow! This winter was a hard one for everyone with the cold weather that wouldn't end and the snowstorm that left mountains of snow on everyone's front lawns. I know that the children had fun - my son wished for a big snowfall every time even an inch was predicted. That is what children are supposed to do - play in the snow while we clean it.

At the time that this article was written, I was preparing for the Brotherhood Shabbat Service. Knowing that my fellow Brotherhood members are behind me and will be there for support makes it a lot easier for me to do something that I don't really like to do - give a speech. But with all of the friendly faces that I know will be in the congregation, I think that I can make it through my speech without too much trouble.

By the time that you read this, the Matzoh Brei Breakfast will have taken place and you'll know what a good sport I can really be for the kids. Hopefully, you joined us and experienced the cooking of my fellow Brotherhood members. This feast is an annual event that is as much fun to run as it is to attend. A special thanks goes out to Harvey Waxman for his creativity in designing a theme for this breakfast.

With the end of the year coming, there is one last event that Brotherhood is working on - the Family Picnic on May 18th. Arrangements are being made and I know that it will be a great event and fun for all members of the family. Brotherhood is also working on planning events for next year. If you have an idea, please contact me. We are always looking for new suggestions.

My family and I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and cool summer.

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

SISTERHOOD Deborah A. Worthington, President

Happy Birthday Temple Shalom! We are almost finished celebrating our 40th Anniversary as a Temple. I'm really looking forward to our Temple picnic and our Gala dance. It feels great to celebrate this milestone with so many of our friends. Looking back on the year, it hardly seems possible that it is so close to ending.

I am wrapping up my last year as President of Sisterhood. I will continue to offer my hands, my heart and my brain to my sisters. They have been a strength to me personally and to Temple Shalom. We were strangers when we joined Sisterhood, but we have forged lifelong friendships through the meetings and the programs that Sisterhood offers. Thank you for your support and your encouragement.

I would like to thank my family for their patience and their commitment to my responsibilities. My husband, Gary Enoch, has been my cheerleader and my biggest fan. My children, Joshua, Rachel and Daniel have helped prepare our programs and have kept me focused on what Sisterhood is accomplishing.

Sisterhood continues to look for ways to fulfill our mission statement:

- To teach our families Jewish values, traditions, and their connection with the Reform Jewish Community.
- We serve our membership by offering a variety of interesting, enjoyable and informative events
- To promote a better understanding of Women of Reform Judaism as both an organization and the cornerstone of Sisterhood worldwide.
- To collaborate with other arms of Temple Shalom to strengthen our temple community.

I encourage each of you to offer your ideas, your suggestions, your comments to any Sisterhood member. We are eager to have you join us in this mission as active and committed members of Sisterhood. Remember, without you we are one woman short.

B'Shalom.

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RITUAL Karen Winograd, Chairperson

On Friday, May 30, during Shabbat evening worship, we will again acknowledge and thank our volunteers during Volunteer Recognition Shabbat. All of the wonderful programs and events that take place year-round at Temple Shalom are the result of the untiring efforts of the many members who give their time to the Temple. This service coincides with the Scholar-in-Residence program, so it promises to be a most worthwhile evening.

On Friday, June 13, during Shabbat evening worship, we will have our annual Choir Recognition Shabbat. As many of you know, the Adult Choir at Temple Shalom rehearses nearly every week in order to enhance our services, whether it is Shabbat, High Holy Days, or observances such as Yom Hashoah. This particular weekend also happens to be the culmination of Temple Shalom's 40th Anniversary with a special worship service planned for Friday evening and the gala dinner dance on Saturday night.

With regard to the Adult Choir, I feel it is important to ask that when you send a tribute card from the Temple that you consider earmarking the donation to the Music & Choir Fund. Our Choir needs to purchase new music from time to time, engage instrumentalists to enhance our musical accompaniment, and cover expenses in order to participate in certain off-premises events such as the annual Regional Jewish Choral Festival. The Choir has no budget for itself, so it is only from donations that these activities can be funded.

We will again have lay-led Shabbat morning services in July and August. Please join us at 9:15 am as we combine heartfelt worship with Torah study and conclude with a Kiddush. If you would be interested in leading a service, conducting Torah study, or chanting a Torah portion this summer, please contact Rabbi Malingier.

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.

Temple Shalom 1963 ~ 2003



Gala Dinner-Dance June 14, 2003

Join us for a magical evening aboard the Cornucopia Princess –
dinner, music, dancing and spectacular sightseeing –
marking the culmination of our 40th Anniversary celebration.

Space is limited. Please respond promptly. Mail completed form and payment information to:
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Check payable to Temple Shalom enclosed for \$ _____

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Temple Board And Committee Reports

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sheila Rubin, Chairperson

Our children have been very generous with their contributions to the various projects they selected to receive their Keren Ami/Tzedakah monies. Over the years, the children have performed mitzvot by helping charities and organizations in both the Jewish and secular communities. Their monies have helped people in both this country and in Israel. Thank you letters are displayed on the bulletin board near the school office. Please stop by and see for yourself the extent of the children's generosity.

As you know, the PTO along with the Board of Education is sponsoring three on-going fund raising projects. The snack program will continue in the fall. Thanks to Beverly Shabat for all of her efforts in making this popular fundraiser profitable.

The other two projects, BoxTop\$ for Education and shopping on line at School Pops continue non-stop throughout the year. Ruth Queen is our BoxTop chair. She would like to see the collection basket in the lobby overflowing with your contributions. Everyone uses these products -from the youngest to the most senior family in our congregation. Remember your religious school before you toss your trash. When you are making purchases, please think Shop on Line at School Pops. With just a click of your mouse, you will benefit our school. Please try this painless shopping.

This completes my third year as Board of Education chair. During this time, we bid a sad farewell to Ilana Feitlowitz and welcomed our new educator, Elisa Bergenfeld. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work with both of these fine educators and to be involved in the smooth transition. We have seen the start up of the PTO, our parent organization, and the change of traffic flow for a safer drop off for our weekday school children. We have received a SPIF grant from the Federation of Greater Monmouth County allowing us to open up our class for the learning challenged to the community at large and have incorporated youth group programming on a monthly basis in our school. We have increased the scope of family education and continued our support of the regional high school program. Your Board of Education continues to work for the betterment of the educational program offered by the Temple. There is something here for everyone if you will only take advantage of it. This is your Temple. It is here for you and your whole family. Come and learn with us.

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

I hope that all of you have been enjoying this spring and looking forward to the summer. There is a great deal of activity at Temple this time of year and many opportunities for your participation. A lot of members came out to participate in Temple Shalom's Mitzvah Day activities on April 27th. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your efforts in doing good works by performing mitzvot and in making our Mitzvah Day such a resounding success.

Did you know that Jewish study is also a mitzvah? If Jewish learning is your thing or, if you just want to take a peek at what this Jewish learning thing is all about, please join us for our Scholar-in-Residence Program on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st. This year's scholar will be Rabbi David Nelson. Rabbi Nelson will join us for Friday night services and will participate in programming on Saturday, through the Havdalah service at the end of Shabbat. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to interact directly with a noted Jewish scholar (and, I am told, a very interesting person) and to learn from him. The schedule is contained elsewhere in this edition of The Shalom. If you can make it to one or all of the Saturday sessions but haven't already signed-up, please take the opportunity to do so now. You won't want to miss this very special learning experience.

Our Jewish Book Club series finishes up this year with a discussion of "The Periodic Table" by Primo Levi on Thursday, May 29th at 8:00 and "In Speech and Silence" by David Wolpe on Wednesday, June 18th. These book discussions are always interesting, giving participants a chance to share their ideas on a book they have all read. Find out what others think about the book and share insights. It's always a fun evening out of the house and a great excuse for reading a book you may never have considered reading before.

The final program in this year's Jewish Cultural Series will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 pm at the Marlboro Jewish Center. Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, a noted speaker and scholar, will address "The Ethics of Speech". Those of you who are reading "In Speech and Silence" as part of our Jewish Book Club may be particularly interested in Rabbi Telushkin's presentation. Individual tickets for this final program of the series may be purchased at the door if you have not previously purchased tickets for the entire series.

MEMBERSHIP

Diane Allen, Co-Chairperson

If you did not attend Temple Shalom's 40th Anniversary 60's Dance on March 22nd, you missed a fantastic party and an opportunity to show support for our Temple. Ask anyone who was there about the music, the costumes, the food, nostalgic candies, trivia contest, Laugh-In skit, dancing, decorations and the fun of celebrating our Temple's anniversary together.

Danny Rachmelowitz, better known professionally as "Sax Man Dan" put on quite a show. He spun one 60's tune after another. He also gave us a treat by belting out a few numbers on the saxophone. If you missed his show, check out his website: SAXMANDAN.COM. Dan specializes in Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and games for kids.

The costumes were wild - ranging from the early 60's with white go-go boots, fishnet stockings, and mini skirts to the mid and late 60's with hippie attire. John Gordon won the prize for Best Male Costume (he looked straight out of Haight-Asbury in San Francisco) and Mimi Bergenfeld won the prize for Best Female Costume (you had to see her hair!)

There were tons of party favors such as hamburger yo-yos, mini 60's yo-yos, tie-dyed notepads and goody bags, dog tags with peace signs, and hippie style sunglasses. Each table had all the ingredients needed to make delicious egg creams including seltzer in vintage seltzer bottles, which Howard Spitzer and Harry Weisz schlepped from Brooklyn. Each table also had plenty of nostalgic candies. A scrumptious chocolate cake was specially decorated for the winners of the Trivia Contest. Even the Social Hall was dressed 60's style.

Howard Spitzer and I thank those who arrived early to set-up and those who stayed late to help clean up. We are especially grateful to: Evan Ross, Ron Shapiro, Rita Carol, Melissa Glick, Cheryl Auditor, Annette McGillicuddy and all the others who helped in a myriad of ways.

As you know, our 40th Anniversary celebration culminates in June when we will dance and dine the night away at a formal dinner on the Cornucopia Princess Cruise ship. Please show your support for our Temple by attending this Gala or by placing an ad in the Commemorative Journal. Be an active and visible member by supporting our year-round calendar of events.

Nursery School News

Laney Shapiro, Director

It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming our children to the new school year and celebrating the wonderful fall holidays. It is amazing how much we have all discovered and learned together these past ten months. The enthusiasm, curiosity and imagination of the children once again show that through play and hands-on discovery, our nursery school has enabled our wonderful children to reach their complete and individual potential.

From art projects to hatching chicks to creating a science fair, our classrooms are always busy and filled with smiles. Visits with Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon remain highlights for the children. Our students have remained involved in many aspects of Temple life and community such as participation in tzedakah projects, Mitzvah Day and singing at an adult day-care center.

With June approaching, it is with pride that we present a graduation ceremony for our students and their families. We hope that the friendships formed with the school continue for a very long time.

On behalf of our faculty and nursery school committee, we wish all the children and their families a safe, happy and restful summer. We hope to see you in our Summer Program and in the fall.

SHARE-A-SHABBAT

Wouldn't you like to share your Shabbat experience with new and old friends? Usher in the Sabbath together at an intimate, friendly dinner and then join together for services at the Temple?

We are looking for Hosts & Guests and your Membership Committee will make the match!

Return the response form below to the Temple Office (attn: Sharon Steinhorn) no later than May 5. You can sign up as guest or host.

The dinner can be as simple (Shabbos pizza?) or as elaborate as you want. Remember...It's the people and the prayers, not the food preparation, that matters. The Temple will provide you with the Challah.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

I would like to be a _____ HOST _____ GUEST on May 9.
I will have # _____ other family members participating.

Temple Shalom 1963 ~ 2003



JAMBOREE

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May 18

Rides

Food

Exotic Animal Safari

Hold the date & watch for
upcoming flyers for more
information!

Religious School 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.

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

Committee Reports

FACILITIES

Gary Enoch, Chairperson

In February, we had the pleasure of having a L'dor Vador guest sit in on our Facilities Committee meeting. After this meeting, I started to think about how many congregation members only see the Facilities Committee as we adjust the sanctuary before and after high holidays, yet don't really know about us. We are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the building and grounds - including insuring safe, sanitary, and functional conditions at all times. This involves reviewing and approving repair and contractor services, annual service contracts, and supply and furniture purchases.

While there is money in our operating budget for services and repairs, you may be surprised to learn that we have no capital budget. Before spending from the building fund, capital improvements to building and grounds are presented to and approved by the Temple Board. A typical process would be determine need; meet vendors and get competitive bids; evaluate the bids; and present the business case to the Temple Board for funding approval.

Our committee is made up of volunteers. We could not ask for a better group. They possess a vast array of expertise and historical knowledge that we could not do without. They have done a wonderful job and I'd like to thank them all for their tremendous support and hard work: Rudy Bergenfeld, Mitch Friedman, Howard Holowitz, Myrna Kluger, Bill May, Len Prager, Evan Ross, Andy Sackerman, Dan Steinhorn, Jeff Weiner, and Charles Wolfson.

In addition to the Temple Board, we interface with other independent committees - Beautification, Security, and Catering. We also work very closely with Stephanie Pinck, the Temple Office Manager, who staffs and manages our custodial staff on a daily basis and is our lifeline of communication on minute-to-minute developments at Temple.

I could not discuss the upkeep of our building and grounds without acknowledging you - the congregation members. We have Temple members who have donated, and continue to donate, much to our Temple by generously funding services and improvements, providing supplies, and volunteering their time and technical expertise. On behalf of the Facilities Committee and, if I may, the entire congregation, we thank you all for your donations and time.

ToSTY

For the past four years, I have had the honor to serve as the Senior Youth Group Advisor at this temple. For the past four years, I could not stop talking about what a wonderful temple this is. I have never encountered a congregation that is as dedicated as this one. The fact that every June there is a "Super-Board Meeting" to book the following year's calendar amazes me. Even more amazing is the number of groups fighting over calendar dates until nearly every single day is booked. At Temple Shalom, there is always something going on. It is a true community and a great place to be.

The support for ToSTY has been greatly appreciated. All I have heard for the past few years are inquiries about how people could chip in and help the youth group. I believe that was due in large part to the hard work of the Youth Committee. Roz, Sue, Debbie, Helene, Laney, Bruce, Myrna, Beverly, Cindy and a host of others have been the best support group any advisor could ever ask for. I have also received a great deal of support from the Rabbi, Cantor, Hebrew School Directors, Office Staff, Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Synagogue Executive Board Members. If I forgot anyone specifically, please forgive me. What more can I say but THANK YOU!

My final thanks goes to the ToSTY Members themselves with whom I have been able to create a lot of fantastic memories that will stay with me forever. Specifically, I look to the Presidents (Debra, Robin, Beth & Lauren) and the countless Board Members that I have worked closely with and who have taught me a few lessons in leadership and dedication. It's often been a case of the students teaching the teacher. I look to the future and I see that ToSTY is good hands with a large percentage of our current Board returning next year. I am sure that Ally, Ben, Emily, Jessica, and Jocelyn will continue to move ToSTY forward.

To the new ToSTY Advisor, congratulations! You have a great place to work. Once again, thank you all. I look forward to visiting in the future.

L'hitraot
Bruce Monte-Leon

PS You can always e-mail me at bruce-monteleon@yahoo.com.

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

*Join us for our small
and intimate
Service of Peace,
Comfort
and Healing
May 20 and June 17 8pm*

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.



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Friday Evenings at 7pm

Prayers, Songs, Stories,
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Lorraine Katz 732-888-9202
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CRADLE ROLL

Cradle Roll program is offered by Temple Shalom Sisterhood for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 (pre-kindergarten) to learn more about Jewish holidays and rituals. The program is offered five Sundays a year at Temple Shalom. The children learn through interactive activities such as crafts, story telling, songs & more. Snacks are provided through the creation of holiday-themed edible crafts.

Don't miss any of next year's Cradle Roll dates!

Join the Mailing List for 2003 - 2004 Cradle Roll Reminders

Provide your child's name, address & birth date to receive postcards before each Cradle Roll. Send the information to the Temple office marked "Attention Sisterhood - Cradle Roll Mailing List" or email the information to Cindy Terebush at cjt622@aol.com. Please type "Cradle Roll Mailing List" in the subject line.

For more information please contact:

Stephanie Phillips 732-335-1269
Cheryl Hare 732-345-9109
Cindy Terebush 732-721-3222

Sign up for HUC-NY e-Newsletter

nyupdate@huc.edu
Give your name, temple affiliation and the email address where you would like to receive the newsletter.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: A Guide for Families Dealing with Illness and Mourning

Available in the Temple office.

Join us for UAHC Summer Kallot

by Annette Weinstein

Kallah is a spiritual retreat filled with study, worship, and song. We invite you to choose an opportunity to explore Jewish texts with outstanding teachers and experience Jewish living in a vibrant community of Reform Jews. Kallot 2003 is an unparalleled opportunity for Jewish learning and spiritual renewal. This year, at the two Kallot, we will explore the theme Erecting Fences: Bridging Differences: Judaism Encounters the "Other." Choose either location: Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH (June 25-29) or the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA (July 16-20). This is the 15th year of Kallah – I know because I have fifteen T-shirts.

Every year, Bernie and 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.

Through the years, a number of people from Temple Shalom have attended and returned with renewed spirituality and new knowledge. It does not make any

difference what level you are at - you will fit in.

One of the members of our temple, Esthelle Gordon, may her soul rest in peace, loved going to Kallah. It was very important to her. Her family, in her memory, established a fund so that others could attend for the first time. So now, you too can have this unforgettable experience and you may apply for a scholarship. If you are interested please contact Rabbi Malinger no later than May 5, 2003. Full payment is due May 15th. The registration form is on the web – address below.

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

By the way, Rabbi Larry Kushner will be at the New Hampshire Kallah!

Contact Annette Weinstein – 732-679-3113 or e-mail to annettew@optonline.net. I'll be happy to answer any of your questions or you may go to:

www.uahc.org/growth/kallah

Recollections from the 2002 Summer Kallah

by Bob Brakman

It took years of love, patience, and gentle persuasion from my beloved wife and our friends. The Estelle Gordon Scholarship helped as well. So finally, last summer, I went to the UAHC Kallah in New Hampshire. I am very glad I finally went.

If you ever wondered what it must have been like to study under the great rabbis, to hear their wisdom, to share your own opinions with them - Kallah gives you a glimpse of that process. It also gave me an incredible religious and spiritual experience. Imagine going everyday to services led in song by Debbie Friedman and Jeff Klepper. The music alone had deep meaning and beautiful sound. Combine it with an entire congregation singing and harmonizing, shaking tambourines and shakers, and, sometimes, even dancing and you get a picture of what I experienced in prayer.

Last June, Kallah's theme concerned shattering and healing – apropos of the September 11 terrorist attack and the hideous terrorist bombings occurring in Israel. The key phrase was "All the world is a narrow bridge". Before attending, I was able to choose sessions of interest. I had never studied under a mystical scholar, so I chose Elliot Ginzberg's Limud – daily sessions on a specific topic. Elliot taught us, through Torah and

through writings of mystics like Rabbi Nachman of Breslev, ways to look at shattering and healing - where God fits into the equation, how to strive to end the injustice we see today, or at least how to cope with it.

I took a course in how to write a midrash. Many of us have thought of a midrash or perhaps discussed them in a torah study group. But how many of us have approached a midrash in a systematic manner? In our class, we studied the text, shared our observations and feelings with others, learned some tips on starting to write and what to include in writings. Then, we set pen to paper and wrote our midrasheem, our stories, which help explain Torah text. It was a wonderful, creative experience.

We also studied Elijah the prophet - learned why Elijah is so ever-present in our lives, why he is invoked at Havdalah, at a Bris, at the Seder Table, and other times. We learned of Elijah's charisma and the miracles he performed.

All of this learning occurred in such a friendly and "user friendly" manner that I did not even realize I was working at the same time. The five days were a total rejuvenation, a five-day Shabbat if you will. I hope you will try to attend with us this year.

UAHC 2003 Kallah

- Do you wish you had more time for serious study?
- Do you enjoy worship with people who love to sing and pray?
- Do you look forward to meeting others who love to explore their Judaism?

Then the summer of 2003 is the year you should attend a UAHC kallah!

Franklin Pierce College
Rindge, New Hampshire
June 25 – 29, 2003

University of California
Santa Cruz, California
July 16 – 20, 2003

For more information contact:

UAHC Department of Adult Jewish Growth
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017-6778
Phone: 212-650-4087
Email: ajgrowth@uahc.org
www.uahc.org/growth/kallah/

Email Discussion List for Families of Military Personnel

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism invites our members (as well as Jews of all denominations) to participate in an email discussion list that it has established for families with members in the military. It is designed for family members to feel connected to others who are facing the challenges and uncertainties of the coming months.

There are two ways to join:

- Via the web at www.uscj.org/archives/thebrave.html
- By sending an email to listserv@uscj.org with NO SUBJECT (some providers demand one so use a ";" or a SPACE) and type "subscribe thebrave Your Name" as the message.

Did you know that check and cash are not the only ways to remit payment to Temple Shalom? Take advantage of convenient:

Visa or Mastercard Payments

To arrange payment, contact Sheila at the Temple office.

Jewish Book Club Announces May & June Meetings

Sponsored by the Adult Jewish Growth Committee

1) "The Periodic Table" by Primo Levi – Myrna Kluger will lead us in a discussion of this book on Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 8:00 pm. The author, a Holocaust survivor and chemist, tells tales based upon his recollections and reflections that are inspired by the elements contained in the periodic table.

2) "In Speech and Silence" by David Wolpe – Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 8:00 pm. Margo Wolfson will facilitate our discussion of this book of non-fiction in which the author addresses the power of speech.

We Are Not Alone Greek Jews & The Holocaust

A film by Isaac Dostis & Diana Sunrise

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Marcia Ikononopoulos

President of the Association of Friends of Greek Jewry

May 28, 2003 at 7:30 pm

Brookdale Community College
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There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. Please call 732-531-6200 to register.

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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.





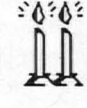



Calendar Of Congregational Activities

May 2003 / 29 Nisan– 29 Adar 5763

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
				1 7pm Outreach 8pm Brotherhood Board	2  8pm Shabbat Evening Service in Honor of Religious School Faculty	3 ***  10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; B'nai Mitzvah Blake Jankowski & Alex Rosenberg
4 9:30am Sunday School "Trip to Israel" 1:30pm Nursery School "Mothers Day"	5 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal 8pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10am Sisterhood Class 7pm ToSTY Board 7:30pm PAC Meeting	7 Yom Ha'atzmaut 8pm Sisterhood Meeting	8 7:30pm Youth 8pm Renaissance Group	9  8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service; Yom Ha'atzmaut & Hebrew HighSchool Graduation	10 ***  10:30am Shabbat Service; B'not Mitzvah Lauren Weiner & Amanda Kimmish 7pm ToSTY Shul-In
11 Mothers Day	12 11am Shalom Seniors 7pm Cofirmation Rehearsal 8pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10am Sisterhood Class 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees	14 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth	15 8pm Caring Committee; Nursery School Committee	16  7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service	17 ***  10:30am Shabbat Service; B'nai Mitzvah Mark Satty & Daniel Gordon 6pm Circle of Givers Reception
18 9:30am Last Day Religious School 12:00 Family Jamboree	19 7pm L'dor Vador; Confirmation Rehearsal 8pm Choir Rehearsal	20 Lag Ba'omer 10am Sisterhood Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	21 8pm Membership	22 8pm Facilities; Board of Ed	23  8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service	24 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
25	26 Memorial Day – Temple Office Closed	27 10am Sisterhood Class 6pm ToSTY Program 8pm Ritual	28 7:30pm Administration	29 8pm Jewish Book Club	30  Yom Yerushal ayim 8:15pm Shabbat Service in Honor of our Volunteers; Scholar-in-Residence	31 Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat 10am Torah Study & Nosh 10:45am Shabbat Services (see below)
			5/17 8pm Nursery School Social	5/31 12:00 Lecture/Discussion 1pm Lunch 2:15pm Lecture/Discussion 7pm Dessert 9pm Havdallah		*** 9:15am Torah Study

Calendar Of Congregational Activities

June 2003/ 1 Sivan – 30 Sivan 5763

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
1	2 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal 8pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10am Sisterhood Class 7pm ToSTY Board 7:30pm PAC Meeting	4	5 7:30pm Confirmation Service	6 Shavuot 10am Yizkor Service 8pm Shabbat Evening Service 	7 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; B'nai Mitzvah Alexandria Schneider & William Queen 
8 7pm Congregational Meeting	9 11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal	10 10am Sisterhood Class 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees	11 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth	12 6:30pm Brotherhood Dinner 7:30pm Youth 8pm Renaissance Group	13 10:30am Nursery School Graduation 7pm Tot Shabbat 8:30pm Shabbat Service in Honor of our Choir 	14 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; Bat Mitzvah Amanda Neubart 
15	16	17 10am Sisterhood Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	18 8pm Jewish Book Club; Membership	19 8pm Caring Committee; Nursery School Committee	20 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service; Installation of Officers 	21 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; B'nai Mitzvah Adam Lewental & Adam Ronner 
22 Brotherhood Program	23 11am Shalom Seniors	24 10am Sisterhood Class 6pm ToSTY Program 7:30pm Super Board 8pm Ritual	25 7:30pm Administration	26 Facilities; Board of Ed.	27 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	28 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; Bar Mitzvah Max Weinstein 
29	30				6/14 6pm 40th Anniversary Dinner Cruise	*** 9:15am Torah Study

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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.



SPOTLIGHT

Music and Choir Fund

The Temple choir has long been one of the pillars of our Friday night and High Holiday services. The choir's energy and enthusiasm for traditional and contemporary Jewish music greatly enhances our worship experience. And this is from a volunteer organization! Their regular practice routine is indicative of their dedication. A common post service refrain is "The Choir sounded great!"

Donations to this fund are used to purchase music, to fund accompany solo instrumentalists, and to participate in off premise performances and events.

Please consider contributing to this worthwhile fund so that our strong worship experience may be accompanied by the music we love.

For help and information regarding contributing to an existing fund or to establish a new fund, contact Robert Lear 732-290-0698.

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.

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Union of American Hebrew Congregations - www.uahc.org
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Interfaith Families - www.interfaithfamily.com
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Temple staff members have recently participated in several security briefings sponsored by UAHC, ADL and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. We have also been in touch with the local authorities, most particularly the Aberdeen Township lieutenant who is the Township's Anti-Terrorism Officer. Rest assured that our facility is as well secured, if not better secured than most. We have been complimented on our efforts, and have been told that all that can be done to secure our children, members and staff as well as the building itself has been done. If you have any questions concerning our security procedures and our plans in case of an emergency, please feel free to contact the temple office or Susan Solow at 732-446-0228.

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut

(Israeli Independence Day) – May 7, 2003

Happy Birthday, Dear Israel Where's the Party? At Your House!

by Elizabeth Applebaum located at www.jewishfamily.com

Some countries celebrate their birthdays with fireworks. Some mark the anniversary of their founding with festive programs and parties. In Israel, citizens use a flimsy plastic hammer, called a tipesh, to bop each other on the head. It's their own special -- and, let's be honest, weird--way of saying, "Happy Birthday, Israel." Thousands of miles away, we in the United States have yet to take up this tradition. But we can still celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut-- Israel Independence Day--in our own fun, and funny, ways. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Pin The Tail On Tel Aviv

Nobody likes to admit it, but more than a few American Jews couldn't really tell you where Tel Aviv is ("somewhere on the west, I think") or exactly where Haifa is located ("up north maybe?"). A fun way for adults and children to learn the geography of Israel is to play "Pin The Tail On..." with participants aiming their mark for any one of Israel's cities or other highlights (the Golan Heights, Masada, the Dead Sea). Simply use a large sheet of paper to make the outline of the State of Israel. Affix it to the wall. Then design a star, or other appropriate shape, with tape on the back. Blindfold the player (this spares everyone embarrassment) and have him draw a location out of a hat, then try to affix his star to the proper place. You will, of course, need to give a copy of a real map of Israel to one person sitting out the game so he can make sure each person has correctly identified his or her location. Another way to do this is to use masking tape to design a large map of Israel on the floor. Then ask players to stand in the city whose name they have drawn.

Martha Stewart, Eat Your Heart Out

You won't feel blue on this holiday if you've decorated your home in blue and white, the colors of the flag of Israel. There are a million possibilities; here are a few ideas:

- Buy white carnations. Leave half in plain water, and place the other half in water into which you have placed a few drops of blue food coloring. As the flowers absorb the blue water, their petals will turn the same color.
- Make a coconut cake, then spell out "Happy Birthday Israel" in blue jelly beans on top.
- Serve milk with blue food coloring, or add food coloring to pasta as it's cooking.
- Buy a white plastic tablecloth and have your children use permanent blue makers (but be careful, as it will be hard to wash this off little hands and clothes) to decorate it.
- Look for blue-and-white straws and party hats.
- Have family members dress in blue and white only.
- Use blue-and-white balloons and streamers to decorate your house.

Learn about UAHC

As members of Temple Shalom, we receive information from various Reform organizations. How much do you know about the history and mission of UAHC?

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of the Reform Movement in North America, was founded in Cincinnati in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. It has grown from an initial membership of 34 congregations in 28 cities to more than 900 congregations in the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. It is the largest Jewish movement in North America and represents an estimated 1.5 million Jews.

As the congregational arm of the Reform Movement, the UAHC's primary mission is to create and sustain vibrant Jewish congregations wherever Reform Jews live. The Union provides leadership and vision to Reform Jews on spiritual, ethical, and political issues as well as materials and consultation for programs in the congregation. The Union also provides opportunities for individual growth and identity that congregations and individuals cannot provide by themselves, including camps and Israel programs, study kallot, and national and regional biennials. (From UAHC.org)

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Rabbi's's Message

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350 years ago, the Chmielnicki massacres took place in Russia, and thousands of Jewish men, women and children were killed. On Lag Ba'Omer, the Jewish rebel Bar Kochba secured a victory against the Romans after a series of defeats. There is a tradition that suggests that in the time of the Jews wandering the desert, the manna began to fall from heaven on this date.

Nowadays, Lag B'Omer is mostly a curiosity. Synagogues hold picnics on that day, especially when it falls on a Sunday. Otherwise, we do not particularly feel the restraints of the Omer period, and therefore do not find special joy in its thirty-third day. The actual reason for counting out a certain dry measure ('omer') of grain for each day from the second day of Pesach until, fifty days later, Shavuot, is mysterious. The Rabbinic literature describes a Temple ceremony involving an omer of grain, but this is probably a later retrojection in order to give sense to the earlier Torah injunction. After the destruction of the Temple, the omer disappeared altogether, and all one would do is count each day following the recitation of the proper blessing. In other words, it is pure ritual, completely unhitched from any underlying reason or purpose.

Nevertheless, as my colleague Rabbi Paul Golomb of Vassar Temple suggests. "Reform Judaism invites us to examine frequently and critically our traditions, rituals and practices. It gives us the opportunity as a community to find new meanings in them, or to modify them in accord to what we sense is God's will. But Reform Judaism, like all of Judaism from the revelation at Sinai to this day, demands that our being Jewish must not be an occasional, every-once-in-a-while thing. From the tiny act of counting out each day (think of Psalm 90: "Number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom"), we are reminded of our daily—continuous—obligation to be a people worthy of God's blessing."

Counting the Omer lasts only seven weeks. What Jewish acts do we, must we, do every day of the year? I encourage you to explore and find your Jewish meaningful experience.

Cantor's Message

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(Judges). Deborah and Samson are best known among these military wizards. Contrary to intuition, the military success of the Israelites depended far less on military prowess and might than on the people's moral behavior and commitment to moral values and adherence to the covenant with God. When the Israelites behavior was morally offensive to God, the people and their army were delivered into the hands of their enemies. (See Judges 4:1 and 6:1 for instance.) When the people faithfully walked in God's ways their army was successful in battle. Israel's success depended on "whether or not they would faithfully walk in the ways of the Lord, as their fathers had done...." (Judges 2:22) Military victory depended on the warriors being pure in heart and in purpose.

Thus, the two Biblical standards for victory: the mission needed to be just and righteous and the army themselves needed to be righteous, devoid of selfish motive and self-interest. These two Biblical and traditional standards pose challenges as we consider the present situation: Is our mission righteous? Are we righteous warriors?

Each of us has personal perspectives on these matters. Yet, whatever our opinion of the past, we can hope and pray that as we go forth we will demonstrate the best values of American history both in battle and in policy: concern for the community of nations as well as for our own, support of those who suffer from natural or human causes, keeping our word, and the pursuit of justice as well as peace. Let us build our moral capital and keep what we have intact.

We arrive at this juncture unleashing forces which will lead us to...well, only God knows where. Let us join in a prayer for justice and peace for all people and nations of this world. May our soldiers and all innocent civilians both in our nation and around the world soon be able to be home in peace.

June 20, 8:15
Installation of Officers
Shabbat Service

President's Message

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advisors for providing guidance and teaching to our Nursery and Religious School children and to our Temple Youth Groups.

I would like to thank our Office and Custodial Personnel who work so hard to keep our Temple operating smoothly and efficiently.

A special thanks to you - our wonderful Temple Shalom Congregation - for your advice, your volunteering and participation, and your financial support.

Finally, I would like to thank Sheila, my wife, for putting up with late night meetings and phone calls, for being a fund of ideas, and for her love and support.

A Voluntary Funeral Arrangements Plan

is available to members of Temple Shalom. This "Plan" has been negotiated by the Funeral Arrangements Committee of Temple Shalom with the Funeral Directors of Gutterman-Wien. The intent is to relieve the bereaved family of making funeral arrangements under adverse conditions and keep costs down

Members of the congregation are in no way obligated to use this "Plan", and may make other arrangements with any Funeral Home of their choice.

Under the "plan," the family of the deceased would contact the Temple office (566-2621) who would then confirm the arrangements with the Funeral Home (Gutterman-Wien). The terms of the agreement would also be honored if the family contacted the Funeral Home (Gutterman-Wien) directly, identified themselves as members of Temple Shalom and asked for the agreed upon arrangements.

The "Plan" may be utilized by members of Temple Shalom and members of their family. An integral component of this "Plan" is the consideration of cost. The Funeral Arrangements Committee has negotiated a substantial saving to our members through the implementation of this "Plan." The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) states: "The biggest problem in the cemetery goods and services business isn't unscrupulous behavior--it's high prices."

Any member interested in obtaining a copy of the Voluntary Funeral Plan, may contact the Temple office.

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Parasha HaShavuah - Torah Portions of the Week: 5-6 03

5/2-Iyar 1: Kedoshim; Lev. 19:1-20:27;
Haftarah-Isaiah 66:1-13.23
5/9-Iyar 8: Emor; Lev. 21:1-24:23;
Haftarah-Ezekiel 44:15-31
5/16-Iyar 15: Behar; Lev. 25:1-26:2;
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5/30-Iyar 29: Bemidbar; Num. 1:1-4:20;
Haftarah-Hosea 2:1-22 or I Samuel 20:18-42
6/6-Sivan 7: Shavuot; Exod. 19:1-8; 20:1-14;
Haftarah-Isaiah 42:1-12; The Book of Ruth
6/13-Sivan 14: Naso; Num. 6:1-7:89;
Haftarah-Judges 13:13-24
6/20-Sivan 21: Beha'alotecha; Num. 8:1-12:16;
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