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The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinge



Thanksgiving, being celebrated this year on Thursday, November 27, is a uniquely American family holiday. It is also a holiday that can be easily incorporated into Jewish family life. Most

American families get together for the traditional turkey dinner because it is nice for everybody, even those who live far away, to return home at least once a year. The story of the pilgrims and their plentiful harvest, followed by a feast with Native Americans is part of American folklore, but it is not recalled at the dinner table the way we recall the story of Exodus at the Passover seder.

We have the model of storytelling with which

generations of Jews have taught and renewed our values and commitments. We can apply that model to the Thanksgiving meal. At Thanksgiving, we can recall the good and the bad in American history. We remember the suffering and displacement of the indigenous people, and other shameful oppressions such as slavery, as well as the refuge the United States provided for so many people, and the ongoing fight for civil and human rights.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity for a living Haggadah ("telling" - the book used at Passover), an opportunity to take stock of the country and give thanks for its blessings and for the opportunity here to work for and create change. There are many special ways to integrate Judaism into your

Thanksgiving meal. The following suggestions are made by Yosef Abramowitz of Jewish Family & Life:

■ Bake a challah for Thanksgiving dinner. Try one with a Thanksgiving theme, such as cornmeal or cranberries. Say the motzi (the blessing over bread) before eating.

■ Recall the history of this land. Go around the table and have everyone participate in recalling the history of the land since the pilgrims arrived. Each person can continue where the one before left off.

■ Answer questions. Allow each person an opportunity to respond to questions such as these: What are we personally thankful for? What are we thankful for as American Jews? What do we wish to contribute to this country? What do we believe are the highest ideals and best values of the United States?

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A Message From Our President

Sharon Steinhorn

As you read this, I am most likely furiously packing my bags to leave for the UAHC National Biennial Convention in Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 5-9. Over the years, I have gone to dozens of biennials, national and regional, but never before have I worn the President's "Red Ribbon" on

my conference badge. Very cool! Other Temple Shalomites making the trip are Michael Hoffman, Mike Silverman, Susan Solow, Melissa & Jay Glick, Rabbi Malinge, and Myrna Kluger & Pat Brakman as WRJ delegates.

I said at my installation remarks last June, "I love Reform Judaism." The philosophy, theology, social conscience, worship, learning and especially, the people I've met along the way continue to inspire me. There are many interesting workshops

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From
The Desk of
 Cantor
 Janice M. Gordon



As I write to you, it is the season of "t'shuva" - of turning ourselves back to a life of righteousness, observance of mitzvot, and caring behavior. For many, Yom Kippur is perhaps the most meaningful of all the Jewish holidays: The religious message of Yom Kippur is one of the most universal of all the messages expressed our tradition. After all, who has not felt regret about efforts than have fallen short of the mark? Who has not felt troubled by less-than-perfect behavior? Who has not felt a desire to have another chance to make a better choice? Who has not felt a need for forgiveness? Yom Kippur calls us to take responsibility for our actions, to set things right when we can, to seek forgiveness when forgiveness is possible. Yom Kippur invites us to become more deeply aware of the tension between our ideals and our actual behavior, the tension between accountability and forgiveness, the tension between justice and mercy.

We have a ten-day "grace period" between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This is a time when in-

dividuals can seek forgiveness from and make amends toward those they had injured in the previous year. Those who could do this satisfactorily would then have their names entered into the Book of Life. Yes, we promise one another to do the best we can. But we trust that our relationship with God will not be severed or ended if we fall short despite our best efforts, because we realize that perfection escapes most of us. God's promise of forgiveness and history of forgiveness to the Jewish people enables this trust.

As modern, Reform Jews, I am certain that, for us, the concept of approaching people and God with humility may be an uncomfortable one. Our society teaches us to puff out our feathers, like peacocks, so as not to appear powerless, even though we may feel so at times. For us, the challenge of Yom Kippur is sociological rather than spiritual. We must try to restrain ourselves to let down our guard and to humble ourselves. This is something we competitive, fast paced, rational thinkers rarely do.

And what's more, Yom Kippur offers no easy answers or easy assurances. One cannot presume that forgiveness is automatic. One cannot presume that one has a right to be forgiven. One cannot presume that one deserves to be forgiven. But neither can one avoid the need for seeking forgiveness by attempting to live a perfectly blameless life, for this road is pretty much impossible for human beings to travel. In the end, one is left with the great tension between unyielding moral imperatives on the one hand and inevitable human shortcomings on the other hand.

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that we've each signed up to attend that will help us to be better leaders at Temple Shalom: workshops dealing with membership, finance, youth grouping, social action, and much more. Some of the issues that we, your Biennial delegates, will be voting on at the plenary sessions are as follows:

- An amendment to change the name of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to Union of Reform Judaism.
- Resolutions on: "Human rights in Cuba," "The medicinal use of marijuana," "In support of promoting awareness of African American heritage and the history of slavery in the United States," "Stem cell research," and "Confronting and combating poverty in the United States," to name a few.

But do not think it is all meetings. There is fabulous entertainment, dynamic, moving worship experiences, and lots of warm camaraderie and FUN. Biennials are always transformational in many ways. For our next year's Regional Biennial, we have budgeted a stipend to attract and reimburse first-time attendees. Keep that in mind and plan ahead!

Back on the home front, your board of Trustees is hard at work looking for ways to continue refurbishing our facility. I hope you've admired the new sanctuary carpeting, enjoyed sitting in the new social hall chairs, and breathed easier in the newly air-conditioned air - all under our new dry roof. Thank you to our Beautification Chair, Anita Prager, for bringing us good decorating sense and good buys. Thank you, also, to the Fryefield family for donating the comfy sectional sofa for our Youth Lounge. We now need to improve the lighting in the sanctuary and social hall, renovate the ladies bathroom and restore the courtyard walkway to a safe and attractive condition. So much to do, and so many nice people with which to work... And there's always room for you!

Call me, we'll talk.

Best wishes for a Thanksgiving filled with blessings and a Chanukah filled with chocolate gelt. (We all have our vices!)

Learn About Chanukah

What is Chanukah?

This was the question the rabbis of the Talmud asked. They answered:

When the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the oil in the Temple. When the Maccabees regained control of the Temple, they wanted to light the lamp. Only one cruse of oil with the seal of the high priest could be found, and it was only enough for one day. But a miracle occurred there and they kindled light for eight days because of it.

The Talmud does not discuss the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greeks. We find that story in the prayer "Al Hanissim - because of the miracles." During Chanukah, this prayer is added into the Amidah.

The prayer makes no mention of the miracle of the cruse of oil. It stresses that the miracle was the victory over the Greeks and the cleansing of the Temple, which was commemorated by the lighting of candles.

If this is so what is the essence of Chanukah? Rabbi Yehuda Levay ben Bezalel [1525-1609], known as the MAHARAL of Prague, taught that the main reason for the celebration of Chanukah was to celebrate the victory over the Syrian-Greeks. However, the Maccabee victory was due not only to might and heroism, but also to Divine Providence.

THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO THE MACCABEAN REVOLT

Alexander the Great of Greece conquered Judea, the home of the Jews, in 333 B.C.E. At that time Alexander allowed the Jews to maintain their beliefs

and traditions. With Alexander's death, the lands he ruled were divided between the Ptolemies, who ruled in Egypt, and the Seleucids, who ruled in Syria. The Ptolemies and the Seleucids fought for control over Judea. Under the Seleucids, Syrians had adopted Greek culture and habits; in other words, they were Hellenized. In 198 B.C.E. Antiochus III, king of Syria, conquered Judea. Like Alexander, he allowed the Jews to practice Judaism. But all that changed in 175 B.C.E. when Antiochus IV, also known as

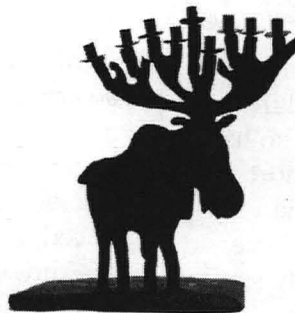
Antiochus Epiphanes, came to power. He wanted to bring Greek (Hellenistic) culture and religion to Judea.

Antiochus Epiphanes wanted to make Jerusalem a Greek city. He issued laws against the Jewish religion, banning Sabbath observance, circumcision and Torah study. He desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by building a pagan altar in it and forcing the Jews to sacrifice to the Greek gods.

The Jews resented what Antiochus was doing, and in 167 B.C.E. a revolt against Greek rule began. The revolt was led by a priestly family known as the Hasmoneans or Maccabees. The leader of the family was Matityahu (Mattithias). He and his five sons - Judah, Yonatan, Eliezer, Yochanan and Simeon - were from the village of Modi'in. Matityahu was so angry when the Syrian soldiers came to his village to set up an altar to the Greek gods that he slew one of them. Led by Judah, a son of Matityahu, the Jews formed a rebel army to fight the Syrians. The Maccabees defeated Antiochus' army and recaptured the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. The Jews cleaned the Temple and on the 25th of Kislev the Temple was rededicated.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The Hebrew word for dedication is Chanukah.
- The battle cry of the Maccabees was, "Mi Kamocha Ba'elim Adonai-Who is like You among the gods, O Lord." Can you find this phrase in the prayerbook?
- Take the first letter of each word of the battle cry and it spells out Maccabee.
- With the Maccabee victory, the Jews were again able to mint their own coins. We honor that freedom with the custom of Chanukah gelt, the giving and receiving of either real or chocolate coins!



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.

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What is scrip ?

It's an on-going fund raising program.

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When you shop with "Gift Card" scrip Temple Shalom earns money while you have fun shopping.

Buy "Gift Cards" for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Chanukah or just to thank someone.

How can you "Purchase Scrip"?

- ❶ If you have children in Religious School your child will bring home an order form.
- ❷ Determine which Gift Cards you'd like to purchase and the denominations.
- ❸ Return completed order form with a check payable to Temple Shalom in a sealed envelope.
- ❹ Call the Temple office (732-566-2621) to arrange for pick-up times.

You can also pick up order forms at Committee Meetings, Temple Events or print it out from our website: www.templeshalomnj.org Mail the order form to the Temple with your check. Call the Temple office to arrange for pick-up times. Or, simply buy the "Gift Cards" at the Temple Office (no form necessary).

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Lets Build a Stronger Future Together !***

Tales of

Talmud Torah

Elisa P. Bergenfeld, RJE

Director of Education



This summer, I had the pleasure of spending three glorious weeks in Israel. As many of you may already know, I try to travel to Israel almost every summer to renew my spirit and refresh my Jewish soul. Although I am always tempted to spend the summer lying on the beautiful beaches of Eilat or Tel – Aviv, I usually find myself taking advantage of the many opportunities for professional development and study that Israel has to offer a Jewish educator.

During this trip, I decided to spend a few weeks improving my conversational Hebrew skills while studying at Ulpan Akiva in Netanya. The Hebrew word ulpan actually means studio, as in television studio. But it is also the word used for a center for intensive Hebrew learning in an environment of total Hebrew immersion. Most new immigrants to Israel will spend several months studying Hebrew in an ulpan. Ulpan Akiva is the most well known ulpan in Israel and has a reputation for excellence in Hebrew teaching. Many ambassadors from several different countries have learned to speak Hebrew at this ulpan. But now it was my turn.

On average, I would say that I was studying Hebrew everyday from 8am – 6pm. In the morning, our sessions were spent learning new vocabulary, reading newspapers, and doing exercises to inspire and improve conversations in Hebrew. Although the classes were very intense, they were never boring. I will always remember my incredible teacher, Tami, who taught us by using all of our senses – listening to the news, singing Israeli songs, creating collages and other art projects, as well as by dancing and doing yoga! She will forever remain a role model for me of an excellent teacher.

In the afternoons, I participated in a special program called Shachaf: Hebrew for Hebrew Teachers. This was the first year that Ulpan Akiva offered such a program and it was quite a success. This program was specifically geared for teachers teaching

Hebrew in the diaspora. I learned many different methodologies for teaching Hebrew while studying with professors from several Israeli universities.

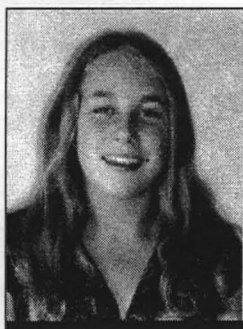
Luckily, they did give us one day off to relax and catch our breath on Shabbat. At the ulpan, everyone ate at a central dining hall, and we ate a special meal for Shabbat with all of the appropriate blessings and songs. One day, after a wonderful Shabbat lunch, I went for a walk with my friend Helen. Helen was currently living in England but she was originally from Iran. She came to the ulpan to study Hebrew with her two children. When I asked her why she came to the ulpan with her family, she said that she felt that it was very important for all Jews to know how to speak Hebrew. Then she asked me if I noticed anything special about our Shabbat lunch today. It was through this discussion that she made me aware of an incredible phenomenon that took place during this simple lunch. I suddenly realized that I was sitting around a table, speaking Hebrew, saying Shabbat blessings and singing Shabbat songs with people from at least 8 different countries – England, France, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States. We came from several unique places and cultures, but we were suddenly united as one nation of Jews through the miracle of Hebrew.

So next time when your child or grandchild asks you, “Why do I have to learn Hebrew?” – please share this story with him/her. Unfortunately, we have a very limited time in our school to cover a great amount of information. Therefore, the emphasis of our Hebrew curriculum is learning Hebrew in order to have the skills to participate in the synagogue. But, at the same time, we still try to instill in our students, that Hebrew is a living language and important to know. All of our Hebrew teachers are now doing short units in conversational Hebrew and a major part of our 7th grade curriculum is learning about the history of Israel as well as entire year of conversational Hebrew. You may also notice that we have Hebrew signs in all the classrooms and throughout the building. It is my hope that if we can at least inspire the interest, the students will choose to study Hebrew on their own in high school, college or as adults.

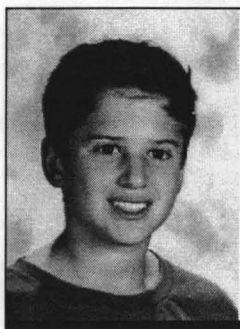
We all have to the opportunity to gain an incredible gift that can connect us to our history and heritage and well as with Jews throughout the world. So are you up to the challenge?

B'hatzlachah! (Good luck!)

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



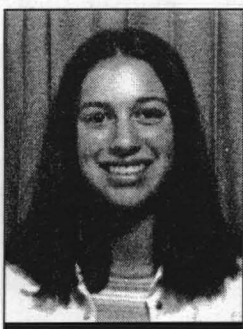
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Daughter of
Susan and Scott
Cort
November 1, 2003



Brian Calder
Son of
Sharon and Barry
Calder
November 1, 2003



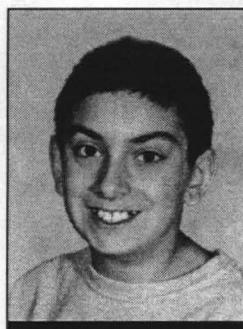
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Daughter of
Lisa and Gary
Kessel
November 15, 2003



Jessica McGillicuddy
Daughter of
Annette and John
McGillicuddy
November 15, 2003



James Rothman
Son of
Elizabeth and Gregg
Rothman
November 22, 2003



Michael Langman
Son of
Helene and Allan
Langman
November 22, 2003



Benjamin Ross
Son of
Deborah and Evan
Ross
December 6, 2003



Joanna Ross
Daughter of
Deborah and Evan
Ross
December 6, 2003



Amanda Kops
Daughter of
Leslie and Howard
Kops
December 20, 2003

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

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOOD

Jay Weiss, President

The start of this New Year has me looking back on how being involved in Temple Shalom has changed things for me. Through the Brotherhood, I have met and befriended people that I believe will be friends for the rest of my life. I have also learned a lot by giving to different committees and groups in the Temple. Some of these groups taught me how to improve myself such as Lador Vador, which was a program that brought together prospective leaders of the Temple and taught us different skills and methods of leadership. Being on the Board, I learned how the Temple works from a religious point of view as well as a business point of view, and how the two ends meet along the way.

I guess I have a lot to say about being involved. When I first joined Temple Shalom four years ago, I entered the doors cautiously. I only knew two families and was unsure of what this new relationship was going to bring. Susan and I really wanted to get involved to form a connection for both ourselves and our son, as he began his Jewish education, and as time went by, we knew it was going to be easy with such a warm, friendly group of people.

We have encouraged our son Josh to do the same – join things he enjoys while making new friends along the way and enhancing his knowledge of Judaism. I pass this same message along to all of the readers of this article who have not gotten involved in Temple life. Brotherhood is a great place to start, as this group of men is dedicated to our Temple, our children, and good times. Feel free to call me, or talk to any of our Board members – we are always available to answer your questions.

I would like to remind you of upcoming Brotherhood events: Brotherhood Paid up Dinner on November 13th, Brotherhood Breakfast on December 7th, and the Hanukah Party on December 21st. Also, coming up in January is the Brotherhood/Sisterhood sponsored show, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Look for information about stage building in December – the more hands the better.

Join Brotherhood, participate in a function, and make friends!

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

SISTERHOOD

Adrienne Friedman, President

Ever since I became a parent, I have been aware of the irony of the Jewish traditions that call for days of rest and cessation from work. Clearly, the patriarchs were not including women in their plans for rest. Women are acutely aware that these days don't exist for us. Even if we make a concerted effort to carve out some quiet family time for Shabbat, either at home or at Temple, someone still has to plan the meals, shop, prepare and clean up. Someone has to arrange for the haircuts, new shoes and outfits, medical appointments, and attend the back to school nights. When the High Holy days come in the middle of this, the challenge to create rest and peace becomes greater. Now, on the heels of one holiday season we are rapidly entering another, as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Chanukah.

Sisterhood is there for you throughout your busy calendar year. We are there at every holiday, providing the apples, flags, Torahs, dreidels, gelt, groggers and hammentaschen, and the cake you break fast with on Yom Kippur. But we're also there to hold your hand when you say Kaddish for a loved one.

Yes, Sisterhood can make your life busier, but it will most certainly enrich it. Besides helping to provide a home away from home for your children, we are working to provide opportunities for you as well. Please make time for yourself this year! Give yourself the gift of time spent with friends at our Shabbaton in February, or our Miriams' Seder- A Women's Journey in March, or bake hammentaschen with us in a cozy kitchen in January. Give yourself the gift of meeting friends, sharing Jewish experiences, and creating bonds that go beyond what you can achieve in other volunteer organizations. Spend a night with us wrapping auction baskets for the fashion show, learning to arrange flowers, packing Purim baskets, or play mahjongg.

These will be times you give yourself as gifts of personal enrichment, spirituality, fun, and friendship that you deserve. Then, Temple Shalom can become a home away from home for you as well as your children. It can become more than a place where you run carpools.

Call me to let me know which gift you'd like to give yourself and we'll make it happen. I wish you a season of gifts – the gift of rest, peace and time spent with friends.

RITUAL

Phil Devinsky, Chairperson

We all enter the walls of Temple Shalom attending services with differing needs and expectations. One of the most important purposes of the Ritual Committee is to make the worship experience at Temple Shalom as meaningful to as many congregants as possible. We truly want to hear what makes the worship process meaningful to you and what perhaps might be done to enhance this service in the future. We encourage everyone to communicate your feelings and feedback about your worship experiences with myself, a member of the Ritual Committee (or any Board member).

I would like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers at Temple Shalom who worked very hard behind the scenes to provide the enriching experience we had over the High Holidays.

Our High Holy Day Coordinator, Karen Winograd, worked tirelessly to organize the various committees and arms of the Temple in planning for this important time of year. The entire Ritual Committee is deserving of a "Todah Rabbah" for their collective efforts in making phone calls, acting as liaisons and chaperones at our various services, preparing the Yiskor Booklet and pitching in wherever necessary. Illana Feitlowitz this year produced a wonderful holiday enrichment program for the children during High Holiday services, lending more meaning to the holidays for the children and facilitated by the various parent volunteers.

Clearly everyone on each Committee is involved in the process but I would like to make special mention of the Facilities Committee for their hard work in preparing our sanctuary for the High Holy Days, the Board of Education for providing post-B'nai Mitzvah students to assist with opening the Holy Ark during services, the Youth Committee for coordinating the Teen Service, Brotherhood for their tremendous job of ushering, Sisterhood for providing the "break fast" after Yom Kippur, the Temple Shalom office staff and custodians for all their work "behind the scenes" and the Security Committee for making it as safe as possible for all of us during these difficult times.

Finally, our gifted and inspired clergy, Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon, and our Adult Choir were instrumental in leading our congregation in worship at this most important season.

The Ritual Committee is an open committee which meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

A.S.K. (Asking Saves Kids) Program

Sunday, November 2, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall

The Adult Jewish Growth Committee is proud to bring to you this important child safety program that will be of particular interest to Temple members who are parents or grandparents. The A.S.K. Program was developed by the Monmouth Reform Temple and will be presented at Temple Shalom by one of MRT's members. It won a 2003 Irving J. Fain Social Action Award presented by the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. The A.S.K. Program educates people on the importance of open and honest communication about guns in order to ensure the safety of children. Attending the program will help parents and grandparents to make informed decisions about where their children play.

Those who are dropping off children to attend the Temple Shalom Religious School on November 2nd are urged to stay in Temple in order to take part in this timely program while their children are in class.

Light refreshments will be available thanks to the support of Sisterhood.

The December Dilemma

A Panel Discussion by Some of our Temple Shalom Members

Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 am

As Chanukah and Christmas are quickly approaching and are arriving at the same time this year, a number of dilemmas and questions arise for many members in our Temple Shalom family...

For families born Jewish, it is a confusing season with Santa on every corner and in every mall. Is it appropriate for my child to sit on Santa's lap, sing Christmas songs, buy presents? How should I decorate my house? How can I celebrate Chanukah in a more meaningful way so it doesn't get drowned out by the sales and commercialism of our society?

For Jews-by-choice, it can be a challenging time with childhood memories of gift giving on Christmas morning, singing carols and happy extended family gatherings. How should I celebrate now with my parents, cousins, etc.

As an interfaith couple, how can we help our children understand the different traditions and how to celebrate with grandparents of a different faith and take part in these celebrations without losing their Jewish identity.

We will attempt to answer some of these questions and also share some unique experiences of our panelists.

This program is being organized by Temple Shalom's Outreach Committee and will be on Sunday Dec. 14th at 9:30 am during Sunday school. If you would like more information on this program or be a participant on the panel, please call the Temple office for more information at 732-566-2621.

Participate in the

Sisterhood Fashion Show

Sisterhood of Temple Shalom is hosting a fashion show and luncheon on Sunday, March 14, 2004 at the Robert Meyner Reception Center (PNC Arts Center) in Holmdel, NJ. This event will be a key fundraiser for Sisterhood. The Fashion Show helps us to continue supporting the Temple, its children and our community.

We invite all to participate in the planning of this event. Please help us: to select fashions, perform as models, reach out to donors, publicize our event, and 101 tasks that will make our event a success. We are a fun-loving group of dedicated women and are always looking for more friends to pitch in. Remember, without you we are one woman short. Call Suzanne Silverman at 732-264-4123 today.

And mark your calendar for: March 14, 2004

Mark Your Calendar

Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 21st

From 11:30 to 2:00 (Starts right after Sunday School in the Temple Social Hall)

Win great prizes at the FREE Chanukah Boardwalk Games featuring such funtastic games as the Menorah Ring Toss, Jelly Doughnut Bowling, Latke Toss, Putting for Presents, The Giant Dreidel Spin and more!

Join in the Potato Latke Eating Contest
Fun for Grades K-3, Grades 4 and older, and Grown-Ups

Hot Dogs, Knishes, and Sodas will be on sale for a Great Sunday Lunch.

For more information, call Harvey at 732-739-2661.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

1st Presbyterian Church of Matawan

Wednesday, November 26, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

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Temple Board And Committee Reports

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elliot Olschwang, Chairperson

So, it is already November, a chill is in the air and we are well into our school year routine. The holiday season is around the corner and we have entered the strangest of school months in New Jersey. At least for my daughter, in the month of November in secular school, she misses 8 days of school. As someone not originally from New Jersey, this break in November seems foreign to me. At least with the way the calendar year falls this year, we don't have Thanksgiving and Chanukah on subsequent days. To eat turkey, stuffing, deserts, etc on Thursday followed by a full meal with Latkes on Friday. Uy Vey!

So, aside from a bizarre November calendar for secular school and a more forgiving Jewish calendar, I do have more to write about. Via our religious school students, we provide an enlightening, inspiring view of the future in our Sabbath services. Throughout the school year, we have the privilege of having our students lead services. If you have not witnessed this before it is something to see. Of course, the parents are always glowing at seeing their children lead services. But even for someone who does not have a child leading services, to see our future leading services is something not to be missed. Your first chance to see this in the 2003/2004 school year will be with our 7th graders leading the service on December 5th. Don't miss it.

Finally, Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) to those of you who have sought me out with ideas about our school or concerns that you have. I have my ideas and each of the board members brings their own set of ideas to the table but as I talk to fellow parents I find their input to be extremely valuable. I want you to know that none of the ideas are summarily dismissed but rather considered and, if appropriate, serve as a source to improve the running of our religious school.

Please keep the ideas coming.

Help our Planet

**Recycle your batteries:
classroom 4.**

**Batteries will be delivered to
Monmouth County Recycling
Center.**

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

Our Committee has arranged for Monmouth Reform Temple's 2003 Fain award-winning gun safety program, A.S.K. Asking Saves Kids, to be presented on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m., while religious school is in session. Please mark your calendars.

The A.S.K. Program began when Monmouth Reform Temple presented a gun safety and awareness forum featuring the national not-for-profit alliance, PAX (Real Solutions to Gun Violence), U.S. Senator Jon Corzine, and a family in the congregation whose child was shot at a neighbor's house. There was an overwhelmingly positive response. As a result, the Temple's Social Action Committee decided to train over fifty volunteers in advocacy techniques - volunteering at A.S.K. events in the community and urging parents to make informed decisions about where their children play. Those of you who are parents or grandparents may have wondered when sending your children to visit friends in their homes whether or not the adults in that home may have guns that are not properly secured under lock and key, thus placing the children at risk. We have all heard horror stories on the television news about children discharging a firearm in the house and injuring themselves or a friend. But, how do you approach others who may be complete strangers with such a delicate matter? Come and join us for an informative program introducing to you the A.S.K. campaign and from which we can all learn how to make informed decisions about where our children play. The A.S.K. Program is presented from a nonpartisan, public health standpoint.

The Committee has decided to extend the Temple's Tzedakah campaign to collect money to send telephone cards to underserved Jewish United States military servicepersons beyond the High Holidays. Our successful campaign is an important way for us as American Jews to express our support of and solidarity with our troops who place themselves in harms way in service to our country. Let them know that we have not forgotten them.

For those of you who love to read, please consider attending a session of our Jewish Book Club. If you read The Avengers by Rich Cohen, you can join me and other congregants for a discussion group session on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. The book is about Jewish resistance fighters during WWII who bravely fought against the horrors of the Holocaust.

FACILITIES

Mitch Friedman, Chairperson

The Facilities Committee has been busy repairing, maintaining, and improving our Temple home. The building is over 30 years old and requires attention.

Any facility related issues should be directed to the Temple Office Manager, Stephanie Pinck, or to Mitch Friedman. The members of the committee are Andy Sackerman, Rudy Bergenfeld, Phil Rubin, Gary Enoch, Charlie Wolfson, Jeff Wiener, Len Prager, Evan Ross and Bill May. New members are always welcome.

Our Custodians Mike, Ross, Jessie and Angelo have been working hard to make the building and grounds attractive and safe.

Several large projects were completed before the High Holidays:

- New roof for the entire building
- New carpeting in the Sanctuary, Youth Lounge and Classroom #10
- New Social Hall chairs
- Dance floor refinished
- Replaced 3 failing HVAC units
- Painted exterior areas

Donations are being sought for the following:

- Refurbish bathrooms in Nursery School wing
- Replace Social Hall ceiling and light fixtures
- Replace Sanctuary light fixtures
- Replace Sanctuary wall covering
- Replace kitchen ovens

On September 14th, the committee had a "spruce up" the property day. Helping out were Gary & Joshua Enoch, Steve Surowitz, Mitch & Jared Friedman, Matt Solarski, Ruth, Cliff, Will & Peter Queen, Jeff Weiner and Ron Shapiro.

Thanks to everyone who helped get the Sanctuary ready for the Holidays on September 21. You guys were AMAZING!

The committee welcomes your suggestions and donations of time, expertise and materials. Contact. Mitch Friedman at 732-946-9385

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

Nursery School News

Laney Shapiro, Director

In Temple Shalom Nursery School, the faculty encourages interaction and conversation among the children. During circle time, we involve our students in the discussions of the day as we allow each child to express his own views and ideas. Through the course of the day, which includes the playground, lunch and time spent in the classroom, we engage the children in talking and working out situations with one another. This involves expressing feelings, sensitivity towards others, problem solving and effective listening and communication skills. The closeness the children feel when they get to know each other through conversation is very important in their socialization.

An article I read offered many good suggestions to enhance the quality of family time together in the home through conversation. Given our busy lives, mealtime is a wonderful opportunity for the family to gather. Thought and planning should go into the time the family spends during a meal, whether it is breakfast, lunch or dinner. Unfortunately, according to a

recent study, more than half of all American homes watch television during dinner! Without the distraction of the television, computer and telephone, mealtime can be a special time to discuss opinions and share concern for each other.

The article further recommends that parents think of specific questions to ask the children to start conversation during mealtime. To set a positive tone for the meal, each person in the family should talk about one good thing that happened that day. It suggests that all the members sit at the table, whether or not they are hungry, cranky or in a bad mood. This leads to the wonderful lesson of "respecting the cook"; comments like "gross" or "yuck" are not allowed! Family in-jokes should be encouraged because they are powerful bonders.

Family comradarie is a direct result of "family first", which involves reserving time that the entire family can spend together without interruption. Table talk is a wonderful opportunity to make family connections. Between school and home, we can encourage "jabbers" and "gabbers!!!"

SAVE THE DATE:

TUESDAY JANUARY 27TH AT 7:30
TEMPLE SHALOM PRESENTS:

HUNGER NO MORE

David Napell, from Mazon: the Jewish Response to Hunger will speak about poverty and hunger in our area. In addition a speaker from our local food bank will be on hand to answer questions. Following this presentation, we will break into workshops to explore reform Jewish answers to combating hunger in America.

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

Sunday, November 2 from 11:30-1:30
Join us for an event filled with Fun & Friendship & of course Food!
RSVPs to Debbie Ross at 732-946-3689.

To join call Ruth Queen at 732-679-0491.
\$32 general membership, \$16 senior/ junior membership,
\$250 lifetime membership

"A preacher, lawyer, and a standup comedian all walk into a room..."

Meet Susan Sparks, November 22*.



Trained as a trial lawyer, then a standup comedian, and finally as an ordained minister, Susan's work has been featured in USA Today, on such networks as CNN and the Discovery Channel, and in numerous comedy clubs, including Caroline's in New York City. Coats Guiles, a Producer and Director in New York, perhaps described Susan best when he said, "This is no average comedian. Susan Sparks is an explosive combination of Matlock, Billy Graham and Ellen DeGeneres all rolled into one."

*Appearing with Rabbi Alper (see page 14)

**Seems like
Nov. 22
is going to be
an hilarious night
of good fun.**

Committee Reports

ToSty Events Underway for Grades 9 - 12

ToSty has had an amazing summer. The ToSty Board has been hard at work. We had five participants attend Summer Kallah with the Rabbi. We have cleaned and organized the youth lounge. We even have a great new couch. Make sure to check out our new bulletin board for all events and info. It is right outside the youth lounge. At the end of August, we went to our board retreat. We accomplished great things. After a five and a half hour board meeting, our calendar is planned. We also worked on programming skills, trust, and problem solving. A great time was had by all. A BIG thank you to our chaperones on the retreat - Sue May and Greg Asch! I attended Leadership Training Institute in New City, NY with four board members. We all gathered great information about NFTY, being on a board, and computer skills. Again - a lot was accomplished while having a great time. Our car wash was September 21, Opening event September 24, and Mystery night was October 29. Our next event will be December 10. You will receive more information about it. We hope to see all 9 through 12th graders at our next events. If you have any questions, just call Lauren Griffin at 732-370-7978.

New Junior Youth Group Advisor Plans Exciting Year

Hi! My name is Stacey Ringel, and I am the junior youth group advisor for grades 4-8. I am an elementary/special education teacher with a masters' degree in counseling, as well as the 5th grade teacher this year at Temple Shalom. This year promises to be filled with exciting and different events. Our kickoff event was bowling at Strathmore Lanes - a sure hit! Our October events were habachi dinners and laser tag. Still, the fun doesn't stop there, more is being planned for January, March, and April. In class we will be learning about all the different ways to achieve mitzvot - so keep an eye out for lots of good deeds! Until next time....

HELP WANTED TEMPLE EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Help Temple Shalom to get the attention we deserve! Volunteer your time to take photographs of Temple events for publicity purposes.

Contact Cindy Terebush at Cindy4Shalom@optonline.net or 732-721-3222 to join Temple Shalom's new group of Event Photographers.

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

**Represent Temple Shalom at
our Community Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 26
at 7:30 pm**

Temple Membership Lists

Membership lists are available, upon request, for Temple members. These lists MUST NOT be used for business/solicitation. If you do not wish to be included, please contact the Temple office. Previous requests for unlisted information will be honored.

CARING COMMITTEE

Sam Shapanka, Chairperson

This year's Caring Weekend will be Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 16, with a special Shabbat evening service and a Sunday morning breakfast program. Our theme this year is Bikkur Cholim, visiting the sick. Temple Shalom's Bikkur Cholim started last year with a small volunteer group who visited fellow congregants or family members in local hospitals and nursing homes.

Our plan this year is to grow our group to provide regular visits and phone calls to members who are too old or infirm to leave their homes. We hope that with a large enough Bikkur Cholim group the burden of making visits and calls will not be too great, perhaps one or two visits per month. Those members who have made the visits have found them generally very enjoyable and immensely rewarding. We are particularly interested in attracting our Temple youth to participate.

We are particularly excited about our guest speakers for this Caring Weekend. Anne Esposito, Chaplain of Bayshore Medical Center, will speak from the bema during Friday night services. On Sunday morning, November 16, at 9:30am, Rabbi Ephraim Karp, Community Chaplain with the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County, will present a breakfast program on Bikkur Cholim. Rabbi Karp is an enthusiastic speaker who will discuss how congregants can reach out to fellow members who live alone, are being hospitalized, or reside in assisted-living facilities.

On Sunday morning, December 7th at 9:30am, the Caring Committee and the Temple Brotherhood will present a breakfast program on Long Term Care, the costs of nursing homes and in-home assistance. Temple member, Mike Hoffman, will be making a presentation on what medical insurance and Medicare will not provide in the case of long-term illness or disability.

If you wish more information about the Caring Committee and its various programs, or if you are interested in attending our monthly meetings, please contact me at 732-946-9180. Our monthly meetings are scheduled for 8pm on the third Thursday of every month.

Don't Forget to Purchase Supermarket Scrip



Temple Shalom Nursery School

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY CENTERS

Visitors Welcome • Open to the Community

Family
Participation Days

Adult & Children's
Free Lending
Library

Holiday
Celebrations

MOMMY & ME

14 months — 30 months
BABY SITTING AVAILABLE
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2 1/2's, 3's, 4's/Pre-K

Extended Day Available

Special Art
& Music
Programs

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Program

Field Trips
& Guest
Speakers

EXPERTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Learning Through Play
- Warm & Caring Staff
- State Certified Teachers
- Beautiful Facilities
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Rabbi Laurence Malingier Cantor Janice Gordon Laney Shapiro, Director

Temple Shalom Nursery School 5 Ayrmont Lane, Aberdeen, NJ 732. 566-2621

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A SERVICE FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS & THEIR
FAMILIES

Welcome Shabbat with age
appropriate prayers, songs, stories &
dances.

Friday Evenings at 7pm

Nov 21
Dec 19
Jan 23
Feb 20

Mar 12
Apr 16
May 21
June 11

If you are interested in sponsoring a
Tot Shabbat Oneg, or if you would
like more information on Tot Shabbat,
please contact:

Lorraine Katz 732-888-9202
Mimi Medlin 732-946-7972

CRADLE ROLL

This parent/child program is offered by Temple
Shalom Sisterhood for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 (pre-
kindergarten). Children learn about Jewish holidays &
rituals through interactive activities such as crafts, sto-
rytelling, songs & more.

This program is offered five Sundays per year at
Temple Shalom. The program begins at 9:30 am.

December 21	Chanukah
February 1	Tu B'shvat
February 29	Purim
March 21	Pesach

We happily accept donations of art supplies.
For further information, please contact:
Stephanie Phillips 732-335-1269
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Cindy Terebush 732-721-3222

Jewish Book Sale

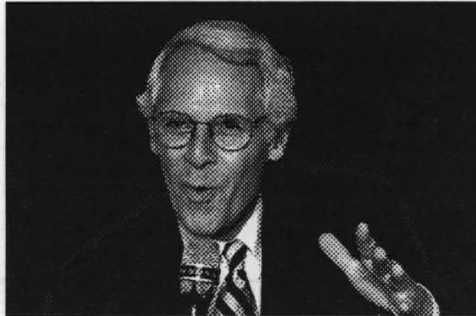
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the Temple Library

Sunday, December 14
at 9:30 am
Tuesday, December 16
at 4:00 pm

*Jewish Books Make
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Gift!*

Sophisticated Intelligent 100% Clean

Bob Alper
Rabbi/Stand-Up Comic
(Really)



See why Chicago's premier entertainment weekly, *The Reader's Guide*, featured Rabbi Bob Alper as its *Critic's Choice*, writing,
"With his more leisurely performing style – and refusal to play to the lowest common denominator – he's a throwback to the street-smart, intensely verbal stand-ups who found their comedic voices in the 50s and early 60s...funny and comfortingly familiar."

As seen in *The NY Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsday*,
and on *ABC Evening News*, *American Morning with Paula Zahn*,
Good Morning America, *Comedy Central*, and *Showtime*.

Rabbi Alper will be joined by SUSAN SPARKS,
A PREACHER, LAWYER AND A STAND UP COMEDIAN
...trained as a trial lawyer, then a standup comedian, and finally as an ordained minister.
(see page 11)



Saturday, November 22nd 8:00 pm

Tickets: In advance: \$20 At the door: \$25 Seniors: \$18
(Adults and children 11 and over are welcome.)

Temple Shalom, 5 Ayrmont Lane, Aberdeen

732-566-2621

Advance tickets on-line at www.theatermania.com or call 1-866-811-4111

Jewish Book Club

(presented by the Adult Jewish Growth Committee)

Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Barbara Kluger will facilitate a group discussion of *The Avengers*, by Rich Cohen, a book that focuses on Jewish resistance fighters during WWII. The book has been described as, "a Holocaust story without a concentration camp." Please join us and share your thoughts with others about this uplifting story of Jewish bravery.

Caring Weekend

Friday, November 14 – Sunday, November 16, 2003

The Caring Committee welcomes Anne Esposito, Chaplain of Bayshore Medical Center, who will speak from the bema on Friday evening Shabbat services at 8:15

Sunday morning at 9:30 am, a breakfast program featuring Rabbi Ephraim Karp, Community Chaplain with the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County, who will speak on Bikkur Cholim.

Help Military Personnel Phone Home for Chanukah

Donate to the "Phone Home for the Jewish Holidays Campaign"

The Adult Jewish Growth Committee announces the "Phone Home for the Jewish Holidays Campaign." Help Jewish military personnel phone home by donating money to purchase phone cards. Donations of international calling cards are also accepted. Monetary donations will be used to purchase phone cards which will be forwarded to five deployed chaplains for distribution to the troops. They will be forwarded in greeting cards made by Temple Shalom's Religious School students. Send donations to Temple Shalom, Attention: Annette, 5 Ayrmont Lane, Aberdeen, NJ 07747

TEMPLE SHALOM DIETARY POLICY

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.

Temple Brotherhood and the Caring Committee Presents a Educational Program on

Long Term Care

Sunday, December 7, 2003 at 9:30 am

"A year in a nursing home now averages more than \$40,000 and can exceed \$100,000 annually in some parts of the country."

- *The Wall Street Journal* 3/31/99

"After age 65, Americans have more than a 70% chance of needing some form of long-term care."

- *American Society on Aging* 5/23/2003

"77% of adults have planned and saved for their retirement, while only 37% have saved any money to cover their expected long term care costs."

- *American Society on Aging* 5/23/2003

Do you think your Disability, Health Insurance and Medicare are sufficient to cover the cost of long-term care needs? Are you concerned that the need for long-term care, either in a facility or at home, may eat up your savings?

Please attend this educational program sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood and Caring Committee and presented by Temple member Mike Hoffman to learn what you can do to protect your assets in the event of the need for long-term care.

For further information, contact Sam Shapanka through the Temple office.

This program is free and open to all Temple members.

Contribute to our Religious School with General Mills BOX TOP\$ for Education

Don't forget to save your Box Top\$!! Clip them from the many eligible General Mills products and then put them in the basket in the Temple lobby.

You will be helping the religious school earn money!

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Email your address to shalom@monmouth.com

Please type "Add to Email List" in the subject line.









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.








Calendar Of Congregational Activities

November 2003/ 6 Cheshvan – 5 Kislev 5764

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
						<div>1</div> <div>***</div> <div>10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; B'nai Mitzvah Julianne Cort & Brian Calder</div> 
<div>2</div> <div>9:30am Adult Jewish Growth Program 11:30am Sisterhood Paid-up Brunch</div>	<div>3</div> <div>8pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10am Sisterhood Bible Study Class 7pm PAC Meeting</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>No Religious School 7pm Outreach</div>	<div>7</div> <div>8pm Shabbat Evening Service</div> 	<div>8</div> <div>***</div> <div>10:30am Shabbat Morning Service</div>
<div>9</div> <div>No Sunday School</div>	<div>10</div> <div>11am Shalom Seniors No Hebrew High School 8pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10am Sisterhood Bible Study Class 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8pm Renaissance Group; Sisterhood</div>	<div>13</div> <div>6pm Brotherhood Paid-up Dinner</div>	<div>14</div> <div>8:15pm Caring Shabbat Evening Service</div> 	<div>15</div> <div>***</div> <div>10:30am Shabbat Service/B'not Mitzvah Amy Kessel & Jessica McGillicuddy</div> 
<div>16</div> <div>9:30am Caring Program</div>	<div>17</div> <div>8pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10am Bible Study Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing</div>	<div>19</div> <div>7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth; Youth 8pm Membership</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8pm Caring; Nursery</div>	<div>21</div> <div>7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service honoring Chai/Silver Members</div> 	<div>22</div> <div>***</div> <div>10:30am Shabbat Service; B'nai Mitzvah James Rothman & Michael Langman</div> 
<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>25</div> <div>10am Bible Study Class 8pm Ritual</div>	<div>26</div> <div>7:30pm</div> <div>Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</div> 	<div>27</div> <div>Thanksgiving.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service</div> 	<div>29</div> <div>10:30am Shabbat Morning Service</div>
<div>30</div> <div>No Sunday School</div>						<div>***</div> <div>9:15am Torah Study</div>

Calendar Of Congregational Activities

December 2003/ 6 Kislev – 6 Tevet 5764

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
	1	2 Sisterhood Bible Study Class 7pm PAC Meeting	3 7pm ToSTY Board 8pm Sisterhood	4 7pm Outreach 8pm Brotherhood	5 8pm Shabbat Evening Service 	6 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; B'nai Mitzvah Joanna & Benjamin Ross 
7 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast Renaissance Trip	8 11am Shalom Seniors 8pm Choir Rehearsal	9 10am Sisterhood Bible Study Class 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees	10 Tosty Event (TBA)	11	12 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat & Shabbat Dinner 	13 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service; Learner's Shabbat
14 9:30am December Dilemma Program; Sisterhood Book Fair	15 7pm Last Session Hebrew High 8pm Choir Rehearsal	16 10am Bible Study Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	17 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth; Youth	18 Last Day Religious School 8pm Caring; Nursery	19 see below First Night Chanukah  	20 *** 10:30am Morning Service; Bat Mitzvah Amanda Kops 
21 9:30am Cradle Roll 11:30am Chanukah Party	22 11am Shalom Seniors	23 8pm Ritual	24 8pm Membership	25 Temple Office Closed	26 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	27 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
28	29	30	31		7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service Honoring New Members; First Night Chanukah	*** 9:15 am Torah Study

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Contributions

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

Tree of Life: Honor special family occasions with an engraved leaf of the tree bearing the name of the person honored. Donation \$175.

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

Friday Night Oneg Sponsorship: Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, engagement, marriage, Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Suggested minimum donation \$60.

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

The Natalie Rubin Family Caring Fund

By Robert Lear, Funds Chairperson

This fund was established to fund activities and support groups needed by Temple members through the Caring Community. The Caring Community permits congregation members to provide guidance, comfort and assistance to Temple members with problems related to illness, family strife, or finances.

Among the events and activities funded are the upcoming Caring Weekend (November 14-16) and the annual Temple Shalom Caring Committee Scholarship awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student in a mental health or medical related field (Social Work, Medicine, etc). The Scholarship winner will be announced at the Caring Service in November.

The resources of the Donald Wallman Memorial Fund will be transferred to this fund. Many thanks for the support given to this fund over the last seven years.

Your donation to the Natalie Rubin Caring Fund shows that you care about the Temple community and that loving deeds are financially supported.

For help and information regarding contributing to an existing fund or establishing 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.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

Michael Henry Memorial Children's Fund assists financially needy children in pursuit of Jewish experiences, including formal and informal Jewish education as well as marking life-cycle moments.

Our Nursery School Fund provides resources to assist the nurturing atmosphere for which the Temple Shalom Nursery School is known.

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

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Evan Ross, our deepest condolences on the

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Myrna Kluger, our deepest condolences on the passing of your father, Louis Glazer

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Myrna Kluger & Family, our deepest

condolences on the loss of your father,

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Evan Ross, in memory of your mother,

Helen Ross

HELENE LANGMAN ON BEHALF ON THE

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Lauren & Andrew Fryfield, in appreciation of

the couches

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Helene Ross

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marriage of Stacey and Tim

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engagement of John & Rachel

Shelli & Steve Altman, Mazel Tov on new

granddaughter, Lauren Taylor

Elaine & Steve Levine, on birth of twins

Maggie & Theodore

Linda Cannon, Mazel Tov on birth of first

granddaughter Elle Cannon Shenkin

Marilyn & Jerry Lubin, on marriage of

Danielle to Kevin

Sam & Lois Saidel, good luck in your new home

Ida Brakman, Mazel Tov on 80th birthday

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Annette & Bernie Weinstein, Thank you for

visiting Darcie & Jeff in Israel

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your father

Paul Hecht & Family, in memory of your father

Sharon & Dan Steinhorn, Mazel Tov on the

birth of Charlotte Rose

Arlene & Harvey Lazar, Mazel Tov on the

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Helene Langman, enjoy your new clear eyes
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Sheldon Denburg, wishing you a
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new home
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granddaughter
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MELISSA GLICK
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of twin grandbabies
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In memory of my mother, Betty Rosenthal

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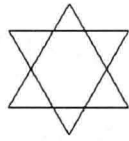
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What a blessing--The Lubin family

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In A Time Of Need

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 Bloomfield-Cooper or 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 Homes (Bloomfield-Cooper or Gutterman-Wien). The terms of the agreement should also be honored if the family contacted the Funeral Homes (Bloomfield-Cooper or 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."

There are currently four chapels in New Jersey (Manalapan, Ocean Township, Englewood, & Hackensack), as well as one each in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The use of any of these locations is available under the "Plan," as well as our own Sanctuary. Special arrangements can be made for Florida and other areas of the U.S. with appropriate cost savings.

The proper use of this "Plan" should be to not only simplify funeral arrangements to contain costs.

Temple Shalom believes it has an obligation to meet the needs of the members as part of a caring community. One of our roles is to help provide a support system to those who need it and to share the Jewish responsibility of making Temple Shalom an even more caring and supportive congregation.

Any member interested in obtaining a copy of the **Voluntary Funeral Plan**, may contact the Temple office and it will be forwarded to you.



*The Funeral Arrangements Committee
of Temple Shalom
566-2621*

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Federation News

The Manalapan office of the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County continues to reach-out, make connections, and provide western Monmouth residents with opportunities for learning and playing an integral role in strengthening the Jewish community.

On Monday evening, November 3rd, the Federation will welcome Dr. Sabi Shabtai, an internationally recognized authority on terrorism. Dr. Shabtai was born in Israel and served in the intelligence branch of the Israel Defense Forces before becoming a member of the Israeli Foreign Service. Since September 11th, Dr. Shabtai has been working closely with various law enforcement and intelligence agencies, assisting them in the pursuit of the suspects and in the prevention of further terrorist assaults. Dr. Shabtai will share an insider's look into the crisis in Israel and its global implications. The program will be held at the home of Sharon and David Raanan of Marlboro. For further information, please call the Federation's Manalapan office at 732-866-4300.

In an effort to engage and inspire young mothers, a new group, entitled Mom's Mornings has been formed. Chaired by Holly Weiss of Freehold, Mom's Mornings will offer a series of programs designed to explore and discuss parenting issues as well as topics that are of interest to women, as they balance a variety of responsibilities and challenges. The first Mom's Morning program, scheduled for December 10th, will focus on "The December Dilemma" and how parents can create their own new family traditions. On February 24, 2004, mothers are invited to bring their children to "Party with Esther and Mordechai". There will be Purim crafts, music, refreshments and special treats. The third program in the series is "Where did I lose ME on the Mommy Track?" The subject matter, which every Mom can relate to, will be a forum for exchanging of ideas and strategies to cope with everyday stress. The three part series will be held at the Federation Manalapan office, 100 Route 9 North, Galleria Mall and will begin at 10 AM.

"Golda" is coming to western Monmouth County. On Tuesday, December 2nd, the Jewish Federation and the JCC of western Monmouth invites senior adults to attend a riveting one-woman performance by professional actress Joan Wolfberg. Ms. Wolfberg's portrayal of Golda Meir will capture Golda's feelings, thoughts, and beliefs about her world, her work, and their impact on all our lives. The couvert for this extraordinary event is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The event will be held at Marlboro Jewish Center beginning at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. To register, call Sharon at the Federation office, 732-866-4300.

Learn about UAHC

As members of Temple Shalom, we receive information from various Reform organizations. How much to 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)

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.

*Join Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon for the
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*Service of Peace, Comfort
and Healing*

Nov 18 and Dec 16 8pm

THINK SCRIP

Rabbi's's Message

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Have we, as a nation, lived up to those ideals and values in the past year?

■ Read aloud great quotes. A great example of something you can read aloud at Thanksgiving is the Emma Lazarus poem that is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame;

With conquering lips astride from land to land,

Here at our sea-washed sunset gates shall stand

A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame

Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name

Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand

Glowed world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp! cries she
With silent lips.

"Give me your tired, your poor;
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

■ Conclude with a blessing. Here's an example of a blessing you can say before you conclude with the Birkat Hamazon (grace) after meals: "God, source of life, compassion, and justice, grant us wisdom and strength that we may lift our lamps for freedom, justice, and compassion. Amen."

And Thanksgiving is about the immigrant family experience.

Especially now that most Jews are at least third-generation Americans, we have been losing the history of the great wave of migration that brought our ancestors to these shores. Making a family tree, showing pictures of great grandparents, and telling their story - their struggles and triumphs - will lead our children to come away with a greater appreciation of where they came from. May your Thanksgiving be filled with many new blessings.

Cantor's Message

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Two things can ease this tension: the attitude of sincere acknowledgment of one's own shortcomings; and the choice of forgiveness, the free and unforced choice of forgiveness to each other and to ourselves provided by God's covenant.

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's e-store

Before you shop online, go to templeshalomnj.org and click the button for e-store.

If a merchant you use is there, and you purchase from the temple site, Temple Shalom will receive a percentage of the sale. It will not increase your costs in any way.

My First Kallah Experience

by Barbara Kluger

For five days this past June, I along with nine other Temple Shalom congregants, attended my first UAHK Kallah at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire. It raised the level of my Jewish learning much higher, to a point that I hardly believed could exist (despite the fact that several of my congregational friends had told me how great Kallah is). Some things you just have to experience for yourself to appreciate.

Kallah was five busy days, filled with tuneful and soulful services (enhanced by two great cantors in the Reform movement; Ellen Dreskin and Jeff Klepper), studying Kabbalah with noted scholar Lawrence Kushner, and also studying about "Jews in Jazz", Jewish Meditation and Torah study. The community at Kallah was regaled with a wonderful concert of Jewish and rock music. The members of our temporary community of approximately 150 intellectually-curious, committed Adult Reform Jews, shared good food and conversation together.

The highlight for me was my first experience of a real, take time out and look-at-yourself and the world around you Shabbat. This was an especially eye-opening experience for me. As a habitual overachiever, I find it extremely difficult in my "real life" to put the hustle-bustle of the world to the side and take time out to observe the Shabbat in a traditional way. As with most of us, I am lucky if I can share a Shabbat dinner with my family and light candles. I cannot achieve a full day's traditional Shabbat experience in what passes for my "normal" life because, if I did so, my family might starve. Now, I can say that I have experienced a full day of Shabbat peace and found it to be an eye-opening, wonderful experience. I felt so calm, so relaxed, so in touch with myself and the world around me.

I hope to be able to attend another Kallah. Although I recognize that the Kallah experience might not be enjoyable to everyone, I am certainly glad that I had the opportunity to take time out from my usual grind and smell the roses (and study Torah).

Spotlight on Membership

by Jay Glick

Last year, my wife and I participated in a program at the Temple called L'Dor v Dor – "from generation to generation". In addition to building many valuable skills, we also built new friendships that we hope will endure for many years to come. And for us, this is one of many reasons why we are such active members of our congregation. It is not only the place where we celebrate the spiritual events of each passing year (both good and bad) and where our child will receive his Jewish education; but it has become a part of our social fabric. The Temple has become an extended family for us.

I was brought to these thoughts this summer as I held my first meetings as the chair of our membership committee. Why do we remain a vibrant congregation, even if our membership numbers decline? Why do people continue to remain actively involved in the many facets of our Temple with so many other things going on in all of our lives? How do we ensure that the current members of our Temple family continue to participate and view the Temple as more than just a house of worship and education; but also a key part of their social lives? Our challenge as a congregation is to increase our membership by recruiting new members and retaining those members that might leave.

Recruitment of new members must focus on the warmth and vibrancy of our congregation. Every new member I speak to says that this congregation stood out among all of the others because they felt welcome the moment they stepped into our doors. Our educational programs from Nursery School to Hebrew High continue to build and maintain excellent reputations. Our clergy make each service special and enjoyable and are very accessible to individual congregants. All of this makes our congregation unique among the many various reform synagogues in the area.

Keeping existing members depends on involvement beyond the religious school and irregular service attendance. The members that stay are the

ones who are actively involved in the many things our temple offers: from youth groups to brotherhood/sisterhood and the various committees that keep the temple running. These members make connections with other congregants and develop friendships that may last a lifetime.

I urge everyone to become more involved in our Temple family in any way that you can. Whether you just attend many different events, join one of the other arms of the Temple or you become involved in a committee; you will find your experience here at Temple Shalom greatly enhanced. You will become a tighter part of a great community.

This year, our committee is striving hard to reach out to our community and find unaffiliated Reform Jews who are searching for a spiritual and social home. We are attending various community days, holding open houses, and hoping to plan many oth-

er events to get our Temple name and reputation into the wider community.

We are also focusing on providing a warm welcome of new members into the congregation with welcoming calls, visits and the development of a new program to introduce new members to all that Temple Shalom offers. Our goal is to tightly integrate our new members into the warm spiritual and social fabric of our temple family.

One thing we know for sure is that once someone comes to visit our congregation they understand what makes us so unique. We hope that whenever you speak to someone about our congregation that you let them know of the special warmth that is always present.

If you have any thoughts about how we more easily reach unaffiliated Jews and bring them into our congregation, please call me at 732-698-9282 or email at jglick@comcast.net. Best of all come join our committee – we meet on the 4th Wed. of each month.

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❁ Liz & Joel Feldschneider on the marriage of their daughter Melissa to Christopher Acquaviva
❁ Sherry & Mike Danzig on the birth of their grandson Joseph Emanuel
❁ Barbara & Don Falk on the birth of their grandson, Liam David, son of Susan & Michael Klass
❁ Mindy Adler & Jeffrey Tabor on their marriage

CONDOLENCES

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ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzi leh-chem min ha-a-retz.

Parasha HaShavuah - Torah Portions of the Week: 11-12 03

11/7-13 Cheshvan: Lech-Lecha; Gen. 12:1-17:27;

Haftarah-Isaiah 40:27-41:16

11/14-20 Cheshvan: Vayera; Gen. 18:1-22:24;

Haftarah-II Kings 4:1-37

11/21-27 Cheshvan: Chaye Sarah; Gen. 23:1-25:18;

Haftarah-I Kings 1:1-31

11/28-4 Kislev: Toledot; Gen. 25:19-28:9;

Haftarah-Malachi 1:1-2:7

12/5-11 Kislev: Vayetze; Gen. 28:10-32:3;

Haftarah-Hosea 12:13-14:10

12/12-18 Kislev: Vayishlach; Gen. 32:4-36:43;

Haftarah-Hosea 11:7-12:12

12/19-25 Kislev: Vayeshev; Gen. 37:1-40:23;

Haftarah-Zechariah 4:1-7

12/26-2 Tevet: Miketz; Gen. 41:1-44:17;

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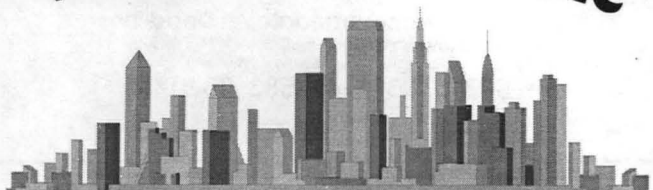
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