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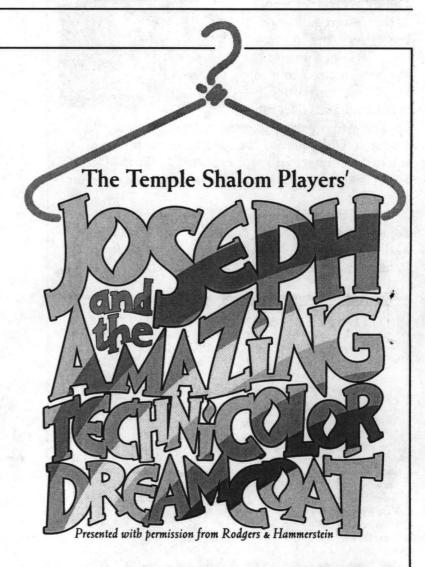
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The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinger

As you read this article, I along with six members of our congregation are busy preparing for a visit to Israel later this month. We have made a commitment to support our homeland and to let oth-



ers know that we support the Reform Movement. Please consider joining me for a future trip so you too can reconnect with our homeland. If travel to Israel is not possible anytime soon, why not consider the following.

One of the reasons to go and visit Israel is to reconnect with our Jewish family. Back in November, at the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial (formally known as the Union of American Hebrew

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Congregations), Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the URJ, spoke of our obligation to support Reform Judaism outside of the United States. He introduced a new program, "HINEINI: EMBRACING OUR PEOPLE, EMBRACING OUR FUTURE."

Rabbi Yoffie said, "Our people are an extended family, and our family is under siege. We know that ultimately our extended Jewish family is only as strong as its shared religious heritage. Therefore, our primary task is to support synagogues and to promote religious life wherever Jews are found. We are therefore calling for a Movement-wide, grassroots movement to change the face of the Jewish world.

The Union has adopted three projects, and we ask that each synagogue select one of the following:"

Building Reform Synagogues in Israel: Help two young Reform congregations in Israel - one in Modiin and one in Mevasseret Zion - construct the structures they require. Subsisting on shoestring budgets with no government support, both have created thriving programs that appeal to young, native-born Israelis. Both are served by dynamic rabbis, heroes of modern Jewish life who have built their synagogues yesh me-ayin, literally out of nothing. But they can only do so much, and they cannot ask young families in an utterly devastated economy to provide the funds for desperately needed buildings.

Sponsoring Israeli Rabbinic Students: The thirtyfive Israeli students now enrolled in HUC-JIR's rabbinical program in Jerusalem will lead a revolution

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A Message From Our President

Sharon Steinhorn

It seems like just yesterday, but in fact it was in 1967 - 36 years ago - that I began my Jewish education.....by teaching 2nd grade Religious School at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Glenview, IL. Having had no religious school education as a child, I scrambled each week to

keep one Bible story ahead of my students. I loved those Bible stories...real people, honest emotions, real life problems to solve. The textbook was Bible Heroes, but even then I realized that our "heroes" were less than perfect.

All these years later, I am still intrigued with what I now identify as "Torah Study." Engaging in our sacred texts and relating them to our personal life stories is a compelling life-long journey. It never fails; the same Torah portion (parashat hashavua)

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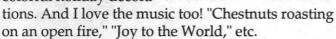
From

The Desk of

Cantor

Janice M. Gordon

December is upon us! I must admit that I love this 31-day excursion into a time when all of a sudden, everyone seems to love one another. Shopping malls are decked out with colorful holiday decora-



Oh, to be a cantor in the month of December is no easy task. It feels as if we Jews have been forever confronted with the issues of relating to Christmas. It usually starts right around Thanksgiving. Many Jews try holding their breath during this month, hoping that they or their children won't be placed in an uncomfortable position. Well, let's face it. Jews are a minority living in a Christian world. Maybe it's a good thing that we feel a bit uncomfortable. Maybe our discomfort will make us more appreciative of our rich Jewish heritage. And while we can appreciate our Christian neighbors' holidays, we don't have to feel bad about not celebrating them.

We Jews have coined a term for this time of year: the "December Dilemma," suggesting that Christmas



is a problem for us. We need to get away from looking at this holiday season as a "dilemma" and see it as just another celebration of diversity. We should actually feel some pride, for had it not been for us, there would be no holiday called Christmas. And while we all enjoy Chanukah, which coincidentally usually falls around the same time, let us remember that Chanukah is just a minor Jewish holiday. Let's not allow Chanukah or any other Jewish holiday to "compete" with the religious traditions and celebrations of our neighbors.

Allow me to conclude with a story of an incident that happened to one of my colleagues when her son was 3. She had taken him to a local shopping mall on a Friday afternoon. As they were sitting on a bench in the mall eating their ice cream, she noticed their son intently looking at the scene of children lined up to sit on the lap of Santa Claus. As they were leaving the mall, she felt a sense of relief that her son expressed no desire to join the line. Then, as they were exiting the mall, all of a sudden, he said, "I'll be right back." He immediately ran over to the display where Santa Claus was sitting, and as my friend ran after him, she heard him yell at the top of his lungs, "Santa, Santa." Everyone in line stopped to look at this 3-year-old--and then he yelled: "Santa, Santa, Shabbat shalom, Santa!"

Let us resolve to continue to teach our children the beauty of our Jewish heritage. If we are successful, they will indeed find the right balance in relating to the non-Jewish world in which we live.

that we have read in previous years has different meanings each time. We, at Temple Shalom, have so many opportunities to investigate our ancestors and our own connections to them. Here are just a few of them:

Have you ever seen "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat?" Could Torah Study ever be more fun than that!? Our Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Temple Shalom Players have chosen one of my all time favorite musicals. That Joseph narrative is so juicy and the music is so rockin'. ...six performances this month. Don't miss out. (even my daughter and granddaughter from Denver are coming in to see it.)

On February 28, our Union for Reform Judaism (formerly the UAHC....but that's another story), will be offering a Regional Shabbaton at Temple Beth El, Hillsborough, NJ. The featured scholar is Rabbi Norman Cohen. There is no one in the world who can make my old Bible Heroes come to life like Norman Cohen. He is a Professor of Midrash (he has been our Scholar-in-Residence) and truly shows us how the Torah is a living docu-

ment, relevant to decisions you and I make and emotions you and I feel every day in the 21st century. Join with many of the 'Rabbi Cohen groupies' and we'll carpool together.

And then there are the ongoing opportunities at Temple Shalom: Saturday mornings, 9:15-10:15, are enlightening and fun and the group of regulars (and some irregulars) are warm and welcoming. We began reading page 1 in The Torah – Plaut Commentary – five years ago and we are already on p. 929. I'd say that is real progress!

On Tuesdays, 10-11am, the pace is different, the material currently is Psalms, but the students are just as engaging, warm and welcoming. Both study groups are led by our teacher of vast knowledge and great humor, Rabbi Malinger.

At Yom Kippur, I briefly spoke about Jewish Journey Groups and since then, a few of you have expressed interest. I'm keeping a list. Yes, I am a few months behind my target date for 'rolling out' this idea, but I am committed to making it happen. Journey

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Learn About Tu B'Shevat

Adapted from The Jewish Parent Page on the URJ website

I u B'Shevat - the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat was the new year for the trees. Its observance dates back to the time of the Mishnah. On Tu B'Shevat, the tithe or tax on a person's fruit trees was assessed. This tithe would be brought to the Temple in Jerusalem to help provide for the priests who worked there.

When the Temple was destroyed, Tu B'Shevat lost its purpose, since the laws of tithing and planting did not apply outside the land of Israel.

Four hundred years ago, the mystic Jews of Safed established a new observance for Tu B'Shevat. They connected the rebirth of the earth after the long winter with the rebirth of the Jewish nation. They created a seder, similar in structure to the Passover seder. Seder Tu B'Shevat includes 4 cups of wine (representing each of the seasons), three categories of fruit (entirely edible, fruits with a pit, and fruits with a shell or peel), readings about nature, the earth, trees, the in-

gathering of the Jewish exiles and the covenant of the people of Israel with God.

In recent years Tu B'Shevat has become the Jewish ecology holiday, a time to celebrate the earth and to educate ourselves on ways to take better care of our planet.

Family Activities:

■ Visit the grocery store or farmers market with your children. Purchase fruits, nuts and vegetables that fit

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.

into the three categories of foods that you can eat at Tu B'Shevat seder.

- Celebrate both Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat with your family and friends by enjoying a Tu B'Shevat seder in your home as part of your Shabbat celebra-
- Plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones.

■ In Sephardic homes, parents would take their

children on a round of visits to relatives. At each home, an elaborate table was spread with a variety of nuts and dried fruits. Each child would have a drawstring bag and they were given some of the treats to carry home. As part of your Tu B'shevat observance, make or buy small bags for your children and their friends. Have them choose treats from a prepared table, which includes a variety of fruits, nuts and baked goods.



In Israel, the flower that signals that spring is on the way and blooms near Tu B'Shevat is the cyclamen.

At the Tu B'Shevat seder four cups of wine or juice are consumed, each a different color: dark red, light red, pink, and white to represent the four seasons of the year.

Purchase four cyclamen plants in colors that parallel the colors of the 4 cups of wine or juice. Buy four clay pots for the cyclamens and have your children decorate them with acrylic paints or decoupage (using thinned white craft glue) with magazine pictures and stickers.



Greetings again from the junior youth group. Our events are going very well.

In fact, the skating event at Old Bridge was in perfect timing with the excitement for the 2004 winter Olympics! The soup kitchen was very pleased to recieve the bag lunches that our students made in school, and the wonderful people at Sunrise were equally as thrilled to get all of our holiday frames and cookies. We're not done yet though, the junior youth group has much more to come. So, until next time...... Stacey Ringel



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Tales of
Talmud Torah
ElisaP.Bergenfeld,RJE
Director of Education

As I was thinking about what to write in relation to the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, I remembered an experience I had this summer while attending the UAHC Kallah in New Hampshire. The kallah



has a reputation for introducing experimental Shabbat services but this Friday night service was truly unique. It was created by the well-known Jewish storyteller, Marilyn Price and facilitated by her and Rabbi David Nelson. The service began with the reading of "The Giving Tree" by Shel Sllverstein. Rabbi Nelson chanted the words in Hebrew while Marilyn read them in English. We all sat and participated willingly while wondering what this was all about. The reading of "The Giving Tree" continued throughout the service with the regular Friday evening service prayers interspersed. I was trying to grasp the relationship between the text and the prayers but this was a difficult task. I came to the conclusion that the progression of the story was similar to the order and progression of the service.

Franz Rosenzweig, wrote in his work, "Star Of Redemption", that Jewish history can been seen as a three-fold process: creation (of the world and humanity); revelation (the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people and our rebirth as followers of God's laws); and redemption (historically at the exodus from Egypt and conceptually since the ultimate goal of observing God's law is that we will be "redeemed" and made one with God).

Rosenzweig applied this same theory of creation, revelation and redemption to the siddur (prayer book). He suggested that in the first blessing before the Shema, Ma'ariv Aravim, we speak of God's continuing creation of the world each day and night. In the second blessing, before the Shema, Ahavah Olam, we see God giving us the gift of Torah (revelation) with love. In the Shema/v'ahavta, we discuss our responsibility for loving God, also a part of

this revelation. In the blessing after Shema, we see God as the true and certain, redeemer of Israel.

Although the relationship between this theory and the story of "The Giving Tree" may be a little far fetched, it may also be interesting to try and discover possible connections. First, the boy and the tree were created by God. God loves the boy and the boy loves the tree. Just as God gave us the Torah, the tree continues to give gifts to the boy although he gives nothing in return. Just as God saved Israel from difficult times, the tree saves the boy during difficult times in his life.

When the service was over, we broke up into smaller groups to evaluate and discuss it. You would not believe the discussions that occurred because of this simple story. Some had never heard the story before and they thought that it was sweet. Some expressed that the story exemplified the unconditional love of a parent to his/her child, even when things get difficult. Others saw it as an allegory for the unconditional love of God towards us. A few people said that it was disturbing to have this as part of a service because the message was very depressing and selfish. One woman shared that the story made her very angry because it was about abuse and rape of women. It was amazing to see the kind of emotion that this simple story about a boy and a tree caused.

I would like to suggest that we all use this occasion of Tu B'shvat, birthday of the trees, to reread or revisit this story. You can read it to yourself, to your children, grandchildren, or to the entire family and see what kind of reaction it will bring. Use it as a basis for a discussion – what does the story mean to you? Does it cause you to have any particular emotions? What do trees give to us and what can we give to the trees? Is there a relationship between people, God and trees?

Let me know what happens and have a happy Tu B'shvat!

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

ToSTY

A Calendar of Musical Events by Jocelyn Titus - ToSTY Outreach

Music is the universal language. It truly captures more than just what can be interpreted through the notes but between the lines as well. ToSTY will be shining the spotlight on some of their musically talented and highly creative members these next few months.

■ All congregants are invited to attend ToSTY's Rock-N-Roll Creative Service to be held on January 30th. With some artists such as Blink182, Bob Marley, & Led Zeppelin, we hope to create a spiritual connection with music and religion. So please join us with an open mind and eager to listen to what we have to say - or sing rather - because you may learn something. There will be two rehearsals for the service on Jan 14th & 28th at 7pm. Those interested in participating in running the service, please

contact Steve Latman, our Religious & Cultural VP, at (732) 264-1891.

■ Attention all teens: ToSTY will be having an event on February 25 from 6:30-9pm at the Temple!

Everyone will be invited to enjoy a night of entertainment at ToSTY's Annual Coffee House on March 20. Mark those calendars because it is open to you, your friends, and family of all ages! Different genres will be played, so I guarantee that you will have a good time! So far, we have booked professional jazz artists, as well as a magician, pianist, acoustic rock band, and many more!

■ Artists are currently being booked, so those who wish to perform please contact me - Jocelyn Titus at (908) 309-3795 - as soon as possible. It is on a first-come first-served basis. I am looking for people of all ages to perform! Poets are welcome and anyone with musical/theatrical/comical talent who are interested -- your chance to perform is just a phone call away!

Sisterhood of Temple Shalom Judaic Studies Scholarship

Sisterhood of Temple Shalom is very proud of all our accomplishments for our congregation and our children. Throughout the years, we have continually strived to promote our heritage for our children. Once again, we are pleased to offer our Judaic Studies Scholarship of \$500.00 to one of our own who is pursuing their studies in the field of Jewish education or religion.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship please send an essay describing your involvement in Temple activities, community service and activities within the Reform movement. Let us know what your major is gtlike to be awarded this scholarship. The deadline for applying is January 31, 2004. Send your essay to Sisterhood of Temple Shalom, attention Linda Cannon.

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOODJay Weiss, President

Hanukkah is a time for gatherings and togetherness in our family. Susan, Josh and I always light the Hanukkah candles together each night. Even if one of us is running late, or has a late appointment, we choose to wait until we are all together at home. This has always been a family tradition, and is a time for us to be together during the holiday. We sing the blessings together as Josh lights the candles.

It is also a time when the next level of our family gathers to celebrate. Susan's parents, as well as her sister and her family get together to exchange gifts, eat latkes and just celebrate the holiday season. The kids usually sit on the floor, surrounded by wrapping paper, and have a good time being with one another.

The final level is a yearly celebration with our cousins. Since all of the first cousins have children in the same age range, we make it a point to gather at least once at this time of year for all of the kids to get together and have a good time. We have been doing this since they were small, and it helps to keep us all together as a family, at a time in our lives when we are always running to one event or another.

As I was writing this, I thought about how getting together with our Temple family is in a way like getting together with my personal family, just on a different level. The Temple family is like an extension of my own family, with special friends and special clergy. For example, the Brotherhood Hanukkah party, is a time when the children in our congregation come together for a celebration, and many of the adults enjoy joining in as

If you are not already an active member of Temple Shalom's Brotherhood, please consider joining our family, which is just one arm of the bigger Temple family. Remember that Brotherhood board meetings are the first Thursday of each month and are held at the Temple at 8pm - everyone is welcome. Don't forget the upcoming play, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," cosponsored by Sisterhood, which will be held for three weekends from January 10th to 25th, on Saturday nights at 8pm and Sunday afternoons at 3pm. There will also be a Brotherhood breakfast meeting on February 15th - look for future information about the topic.

SISTERHOOD Adrienne Friedman, President

This year, in addition to the full calendar of spiritual, social and educational activities we have planned, we are letting you in on the ground floor of our next major fundraising project. We have a tradition of providing for our Temple in signifi-cant ways. Sisterhood is responsible for having created the kitchen, creating and sponsoring the High Holy Day Torah covers, and installing the new sign on Ayrmont Lane. We respond to the needs we can all relate to! Now, we want to renovate the Ladies Bathroom on the nursery school side of the Temple. Who better to create something beautiful and functional than the women who will use it most? The added benefit, beyond the obvious, is that with a nicer restroom, families may be more inclined to book our social hall for their simchas.

To kick off this appeal with the proper level of enthusiasm, we are coming directly to you with an opportunity to contribute in a very real way to the success of this project. Please give at the most generous level you possibly can and the results will be tangible, long lasting, and valued by all.

Consider making your donation at one of the following levels, or create one of your own. You can also sponsor a specific item such as a diaper changing station, paper towel dispenser, or sink. The anticipated cost of this project is \$15,000 to \$20,000. Any donation will be recognized in The Shalom, Temple Shalom's newsletter. Individual donations of \$2500 or greater will also be able to count towards the Circle of Giving program.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS 50	
PAPER CHASE	25
THE BREATH OF FRESH AIR	18

Please make your check payable to Temple Shalom with a note in the memo for the Bathroom Fund. We will be getting bids on this project by the summer of 2004 and hope to have the project completed as soon as possible after that.

Thank you for all your contributions Adrienne Friedman, Sisterhood President Anise Alkin, Facilities Project Coordinator

BOARD OF EDUCATION Elliot Olschwang, Chairperson

We have reached the middle of the school year. If you look in or around the classrooms, you can often find results of your children's work. You can hear stories from them regarding the various topics they have learned about in religious school. These may range from the holidays and the associated celebrations to learning about Eretz Yisrael (the land of Israel) to learning the Hebrew language (biblical or even modern in our high school program). They may also talk about the values that we share as Jews. Perhaps, they will discuss the Mitzvot that we are commanded to perform. Or possibly they will talk about "Tikun Olam" - the Jewish imperative to repair the world.

Personally, I would hope that the lessons given in our religious school would be so exciting and energizing that our children would be anxious to talk to their parents about them. Because I am also a parent, I know that getting children to talk about religious school in any level of detail can be challenging at times. So, I challenge our parents to get involved with our religious school. Periodically, different classes are looking for chaperones for events. Take the opportunity, if you can, to do this. Our religious school program is also filled with family programs. I guarantee you that if you make the effort to attend these programs you will not be disappointed.

One final note.... since we are halfway though the year, your children should have completed half of their service requirements. If you have questions about the requirements, you can check the religious school office if you cannot find it. For those looking for a wonderful goal, have the students try for Rabbi's role. The requirements are fundamentally double that of basic service requirements and the Rabbi recognizes them at services. They get a special Rabbi's role only oneg at the end of the year. I can tell you from experience that the kids really enjoy this.

Hope to see you at services or around the classroom!

Please submit all Shalom articles directly to the editor, via email: Cindy4Shalom@optonline.net The Caring Committee of Temple Shalom

An Evening with Rabbi Malinger discussing

"A Caring Jew in the 21st Century: Is it Possible?"

A dinner program, Sunday, February 29th, at 5:30 pm

As a people, we are obligated to perform tikkun olam acts to repair the world.

What does this mean in today's difficult times? Come study and explore texts with Rabbi Malinger to discuss what responsibilities we have as Jews to the greater com-

This program is open to the community and is partially funded by the Natalie Rubin Caring Fund.

Reservations are requested.

Temple members -\$3. Non-members - \$5.

Contact the Temple office at (732) 566-2621 or Sam Shapanka (732) 946-9180

It's time to rally!

We're going to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 25 to show our President we care about a woman's right to choose!

A nationwide Pro-Choice March on Washington is being planned, and we are going to be there.

Save the day and save our civil liberties.

REGIONAL SHABBATON

FEBRUARY 28TH IN HILLSBOROUGH, NJ

The annual Regional Shabbaton (formerly "Spirituality Kallah") will take place on Shabbat, February 28, 2004 at

Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough, NJ.

As in previous years, the day will offer Torah study opportunities with a variety of regional clergy and educators, and workshops led by top-ranked regional scholars. The darshan at the day's worship service will be Dr. Norman Cohen, Provost of the Hebrew Union College -Jewish Institute of Religion.

More material will be forthcoming, including workshop titles, names of presenters, and registration information. Due to this program's increasing popularity, participants are urged to register early, once information

is published.

Refuah Shelemah %



a full healing to all who are ill.

Prayers are offered for the physical and emotional health of members, family and friends at services every Friday night.

If someone you know is ill or might like a visit from the Rabbi and/or Cantor, as well as a member of our Bikkur

Cholim group, please call 732-566-2621.

When you are hospitalized, please be aware that there are now stricter legal and ethical guidelines regarding the dissemination of patient information from hospitals to Clergy. In addition, today's shorter hospital stays make timely visits by Clergy difficult at best. Therefore, if you have occasion to be hospitalized, you or your family members should do two things:

First, notify the Temple or our Clergy of the hospitalization

as soon as possible.

Second, upon admission to the hospital, you will be asked if you desire to have your religious affiliation as part of your medical record and for permission to make your name available to Clergy who in turn will sometimes notify our Clergy.

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Temple Board And Committee Reports

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

On November 2nd, during Sunday school, we tried our best to reach out to the parents (and grandparents) of our school children with the Fain awardwinning A.S.K. Program. Yes, even though you are busy and stressed out, surely you could have taken some time to attend this excellent program in which you would have learned how to protect your children against the danger they could face when you send them out to play at someone else's house if there is a gun in that home. Where were you? I enjoyed the program and learned, to my surprise, that more American households have a gun in them than a dog. Did you know that every year more children are killed by guns than police officers who are killed in the line of duty? I also learned how to politely and inoffensively approach others about guns in their homes, in order to protect children against being shot by a gun in another's home. Those of you who did not attend missed out on a very good thing. Must there be a tragedy in our community in which a child is accidentally shot with a gun before you pay any attention to this very real danger in our midst?

We are willing to present the A.S.K. Program for you again. Our wonderful presenter, Jeffrey Willard of Monmouth Reform Temple, is willing to come back to Temple Shalom. However, our Committee is not going to bring the Program back unless you, our Adult Jewish Growth silent constituency, speak out and let us know you want this. If a significant number of you express your interest, we will ask Mr. Willard to come back to Temple to present the A.S.K. program during one of our Friday night services (it would not be appropriate to bring smaller children to this service).

In order to express your interest, please take the initiative and write me a little note stating that you are interested in having the A.S.K. Program presented at Temple again and slip it into the Adult Jewish Growth folder outside of the Temple Office no later than the end of January. It is all up to you. If a significant number of you express your interest, we will be happy to proceed and deliver to you a program that will be very meaningful to you. Now is your chance to speak up and make a difference. The choice is entirely yours...

CARING COMMITTEE Sam Shapanka, Chairperson

On Sunday evening, February 29th, the Caring Committee will be presenting a dinner program with Rabbi Malinger as guest speaker. His topic will be "A Caring Jew in the 21st Century: Is it possible?" Rabbi will be discussing what it means to be a Reform Jew in today's present geopolitical environment. This program is open to the entire community and reservations are requested.

During our past Caring Weekend, we had the opportunity to listen to two wonderful speakers, Chaplain Anna Esposito and Rabbi Ephraim Karp, on the importance of being a caring community. If you know of a fellow congregant or have an elderly parent who is being hospitalized, living in a nearby assisted-living residence, living alone, or are just isolated due to an inability to get around, please let Rabbi Malinger or Cantor Gordon know. We have a group of dedicated congregants who are interested in visiting, calling, and assisting their fellow members in need.

If you are interested in volunteering in Bikkur Cholim, "visiting the sick", please contact a member of the clergy or myself.

The Caring Committee still has honey for sale to soothe those winter colds and flus.

Contact the office or myself to order your jars of honey.

Finally, the Caring Committee, presented jointly with the Ritual Committee, offers a Service of Peace, Comfort, and Healing the third Tuesday of every month. Led by Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon, the service is conducted in a small informal setting. The theme is directed to those in need of physical and emotional comfort, as well as anyone who wishes a mid-week respite from everyday pressures and concerns. Upcoming dates for the Service are January 20th and February 17th.

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.

DELEGATES TO REFORM JUDAISM CONVENTION ADOPT NEW NAME

Union For Reform Judaism:

SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

Article from the URJ Online Press Room

One hundred and thirty years after it was founded, the Reform Movement's synagogue arm voted to change its name from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to the Union for Reform Judaism: Serving Reform Congregations in North America.

The vote by an overwhelming majority of the delegates attending the Union's Biennial convention in Minneapolis is an acknowledgement that the largest, most liberal, and most vibrant form of Judaism in North America needed a name with which its 1.5 million current adherents could identify.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union, said that many people have asked why this is the time to undertake a name change. "Let me be the first to say that the most important part of any Jewish organization is not its name but its values and its mission," he said. "But in Judaism, a change of name takes place when a person or a group undergoes a change in essence."

"In the 130 years since our founding, Reform congregations and the Union that serves them have undergone radical changes, growing into the largest and most dynamic religious movement in North American Jewish life," he said. "The time has come for our name to reflect that."

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

Nursery School News Laney Shapiro, Director

"Me to We"

The holiday season is a time of gift giving. However, for children it is most often a time of receiving. This is why it is the perfect time of year to teach young children the importance of giving and sharing. Learning to share with those around them and with the larger community is an important step in children's social development. It helps them understand, in a very positive way, that their behavior affects other people. It helps them to progress from "me" to "we."

It is important for our pre-school children to realize that all of the world is one large family and that in a family everyone helps and takes care of each other. The children will understand that when we share the things we have or when we provide for others, we help make the world better.

Although Hanukkah is a good time of the year to help children experience the joy of giving to others, the children in Temple Shalom Nursery School never wait until December! We began monthly mitzvot in September and each month a different mitzvah is selected and discussed. For example, in September, we made beautiful New Year's cards for a nursing home. In October, the children make tzedakah boxes in which they collected money for phone cards for our overseas service men and women. Food was collected

for Emanuel Cancer Care in November. The Hanukkah cards the children created for the overseas service men and women will be sent out in December. In the coming months, men and women from Bayshore Adult Center will visit us at Temple and we hope to sing and spend time with them. We will also gather arts and crafts items for an adult center to use, and make gifts and posters for a local nursing home. In this way, all through the year, the children have the experience of caring for others.

It would be a wonderful opportunity as well as a meaningful experience for you and your child to start new traditions by coming up with different ways your family can help others. For example, a wonderful tradition you can begin is to allow your child to pick out a can of food when you do your weekly shopping and place it in a food collection, such as in our Temple entrance. Encouraging children to drop a few coins in the tzedakah box teaches them to think about the welfare of others. Participating in community programs, such Temple Shalom's Mitzvah Day, provides opportunities for children to learn more about the world around them and how they can improve their own community and the lives of others.

By helping others, children understand more about their own world and how they can make a difference in it. They are able to understand their own experiences in a larger context and how their own world is influenced by others. This is important in developing self-esteem, a healthy respect for others and moving from "me" to "we."

10 MINUTES OF TORAH

Union For Reform Judaism's Department Of Lifelong Jewish Learning

The Union will send you a one-page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah."

WHO?

Reform Jews committed to having Judaism inform their daily lives are encouraged to participate.

WHAT?

10 minutes a day of personal connection to a Jewish text, issue or topic.

- Monday: Torah
- Tuesday: Social Action
- Wednesday: Israel Connections
- Thursday: Jewish Ethics
- · Friday: Jewish World

Select all five days or any combination.

HOW?

Each weekday morning (Monday-Friday) an email will be delivered to your inbox for you to study at your convenience.

To sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah, please visit www.urj.org/torah/ten.



Camp Harlam represents the ultimate in summer camp living. Children thrive in our warm, nurturing and supportive Jewish environment. "Where Friends Become Family"

U.A.H.C. Camp Harlam

Located in the foothills of the magnificent Pocono Mountains, Camp Harlam provides the finest in recreational and educational activities and programs for boys and girls aged 8—17.

It is a place where children experience what it's like to live, learn and grow with other Jewish children. Our camp nurtures independence and self-esteem, promotes confidence through skill development, and instills an appreciation and love of Judaism in our campers. The experiences, memories and friendships formed at Camp Harlam will remain with a child throughout his or her lifetime.

Our facilities include instructional and recreational sports, swimming and elaborate arts and adventure programs. Sports and adventure facilities include: lighted softball diamond, soccer fields, large indoor gymnasium, indoor and outdoor street hockey, basketball and beach volleyball courts, ga-ga pits, outdoor rolling blading path, mountain biking trails, three swimming pools, a lake, a tree house and climbing tower and two walls. Arts programs include: arts and crafts, drama, dance, guitar, nature and camp craft, photography, digital photography, video and radio.



For more information, contact the winter office:
U.A.H.C. Camp Harlam
1511 Walnut Street, Suite 401
Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 563-8184
Website: www.campharlam.org E-Mail: campharlam@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.

Interesting Jewish Web Sites

Union For Reform Judaism -

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

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- No Cost to Participants.
- **■** Dollars for our Temple
- **■** Help our Planet

Recycle your used cell phones, laser and inkjet cartridges and all batteries:

Just drop them off in classroom 4.

Temple Shalom has teamed up with a company who will collect all of these items and PAY US FOR THEM! They will even absorb the cost of shipping.

Batteries will be delivered to Monmouth County Recycling Center.

Contribute to our Religious School with General Mills BOX TOPS 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!

THINK SCRIP

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.

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.

THE JEWISH VOICE WANTS TO HEAR GOOD NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth's monthly newspaper, the Jewish Voice, wants to be the bearer of your glad tidings. Anyone who has recently celebrated a birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, engagement or wedding is encouraged to send the appropriate information to: THE JEWISH VOICE, 100 Grant Avenue, Deal Park, NJ 07723.

(And don't forget to tell us here at the Temple about it, too!)

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

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> Holiday Celebrations

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Rabbi Laurence Malinger Cantor Janice Gordon Laney Shapiro, Director

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

TOT SHABBAT

A SERVICE FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS & THEIR FAMILIES

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

Friday Evenings at 7pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 23 Apr 16 Feb 20 May 21 Mar 12 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 Mimi Medlin 732-888-9202 732-946-7972

CRADLE ROLL

This parent/child program is offered by Temple Shalom Sisterhood for children ages 21/2 to 5 (pre-kindergarten). Children learn about Jewish holidays & rituals through interactive activities such as crafts, storytelling, songs & more.

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

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 Cheryl Hare 732-345-9109 Cindy Terebush 732-721-3222

Moms and Dads

Recycle your used ink jet, laser cartridges, cell phones and batteries.

Its a triple win:

- Help save the Planet
- No cost to you
- Temple Shalom makes money

Drop off items in classroom #4

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the November donations and pledges to the Bathroom Renovation Fundraiser. Remember – Many hands make light work! We thank all our donors. Keep up the Great Work!!

Diane Allen Madeleine Blodgett RoseAnne Devinsky Adrienne Friedman Myrna Kluger Helene Langman Annette McGillicuddy Ruth Queen Debbie Worthington Helen Selinger Shalom Seniors Diane Szafran

AND....

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

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

A complete list is published as an insert in this issue.

The Fabulous Jazz Cafe is returning! Save the Date!

Join us on Saturday night, April 24 for an evening of Outstanding Music

Featuring Cantor Janice Gordon.

If you are interested in being one of the sponsors of this elegant event, contact Sharon Steinhorn.

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.

Federation News

The Monmouth County Jewish community has always answered the call to help our fellow Jews in need wherever they are. This past November, there were twin terrorist bombings at the Neve Shalom and Beth Israel synagogues in Istanbul, Turkey. When the blasts occurred, families at one synagogue were celebrating a Bar Mitzvah. At least 24 people were killed in the blasts and more than 300 people were wounded.

In response, our overseas partners, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), has begun a special fundraising drive to assist victims of the attack. JDC representatives are on the ground in Istanbul assessing the physical and human needs of the Jewish community, which numbers 25,000. Through this fundraising effort, JDC will provide medical care and economic assistance to all the devastated families, care for all Jewish victims, aid in rebuilding the synagogues and extend assistance to other innocent victims of the attack.

Once again, we must respond. If interested in donating, contributions may be made by sending a check to the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County, 100 Grant Avenue, Deal, NJ. Indicate that the donation is for JDC/Turkish Assistance. 100% of all money received will go directly to the JDC. Your support will mean a great deal at this time of extreme need and devastation.

Temple Shalom

Sisterhood Fashion Show

March 14, 2004 - 12 pm PNC Arts Center Reception Hall

- Beautiful fashions
- Sumptuous luncheon
- Gorgeous models (Sisterhood members)
- Silent auction
- Vendor tables
- Door prizes, 50/50 raffle

Tickets available from Ruth Queen 679-0491 at \$45 for sisterhood members, \$50 non-members, \$400 tables of ten

All proceeds to benefit Temple Shalom

Donations for auction gladly accepted Annette McGillicuddy - 706-3993

The Jewish Book Club

On Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 8:00 pm, the Adult Jewish Growth Committee will present a discussion of "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Michael Chabon. Please join other congregants for a lively discussion of this fascinating book, facilitated by Sharon Steinhorn.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29, 2004 IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Sisterhood presents **Ellen Rubinstein**, discussing her book, *A JOURNEY*, which is a travel description of her stay on an Israeli kibbutz and further trips in Europe. Please join us for cake and coffee, a question and answer discussion and the opportunity to purchase her book in advance.

Join Rabbi Malinger and Cantor Gordon for the monthly

Service of Peace, Comfort and Healing

Jan 20 and Feb 17 8pm

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.

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 Shalom "Mustangs" Need Softball Players

The Temple Shalom "Mustangs" softball team is looking for a few players for the upcoming 2004 season. The team, which plays all of its games on Sunday Mornings from April through July, is building for what we hope will be a successful season. The team, sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood, is a great opportunity to have fun and meet some really great guys. It's not too early to join us. We'll be out there before you know it.

Those who are interested, call Howard Scheines at (732) 957-0299.

The Jewish Cultural Series presents:

Sunday, January 18, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson

Zohara Women Dance Group

Performing Yemenite Jewish dances under the leadership of Anat Zohar

Sunday, February 22, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Temple Rodeph Torah in Marlboro

Leave A Little Bit Undone

A Concert by Rabbi Joe Black

A dynamic performer, lyrical composer, and accomplished musician, Rabbi Black will entertain all of us (including our children).

Tickets to both programs will be available for \$10 at the door.

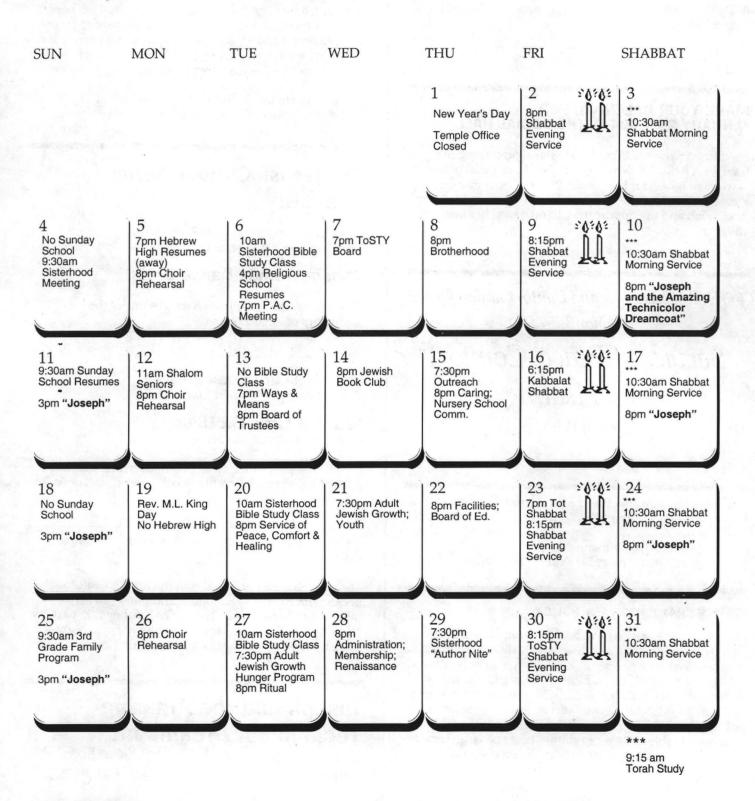
*Temple Shalom participates in the Jewish Cultural Series with 9 other synagogues and other Jewish institutions in our area. The Series is funded, in part, by a grant from the Strategic Plan Initiative Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturdays- January 10, 17, 24, 2004 at 8pm Sundays- January 11, 18, 25, 2004 at 3pm

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TEMPLE SHALOM



Torah, Worship, Loving Deeds

Todah Rabah to our congregants . . .

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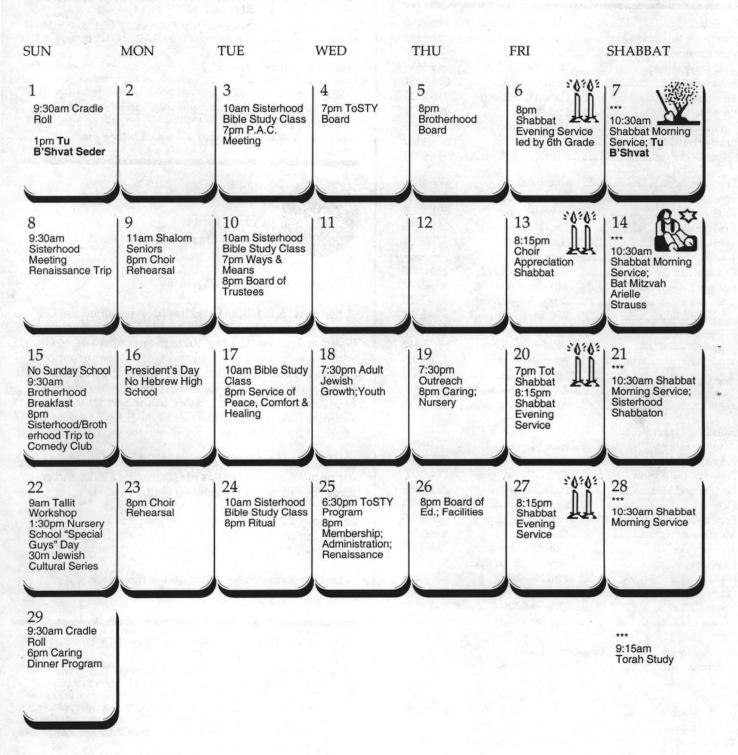
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Contributions

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.



By Robert Lear, Funds Chairperson

The Music and Choir Fund has been renamed the Lee Gura Music and Choir Fund. This step was taken by the Board of Trustees to perpetuate the memory of Lee Gura, whose educational, musical and spiritual contributions instilled in our congregation a love and appreciation of all forms of Jewish music. Existing moneys in the original Lee Gura Fund will be set aside to support an annual Temple Shalom Lee Gura Prize at the School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College for the next six years.

All contributions received from this point on will serve to support the musical needs of Cantor and Choir and continue the musical legacy of Lee Gura.

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

A tear off form can be found on the next page.

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

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 integrality of the Temple and are a lasting tribute of your commitment to the survival of the Jewish faith and our people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Fund supports the Temple Youth programs.

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

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

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

Lee GuraMusic and Choir Fund for support needed by Cantor and Choir.

Hoffman/Weinstein Family Fund to provide Shabbat meals and/or other appropriate items to be reaved 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.

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

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

Larry Sadja Memorial Fund, to provide funds for the beautification of the Sanctuary and the building.

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

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

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

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

Golden Book Fund, (min. donation is \$5.) maintained by Sisterhood for community projects, nursing home visits, gifts, etc. Contact Michelle Himmelfarb: 679-6393

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Marcia & Gene German, mazel tov on the birth of Arielle Leba

Bernie Presser, , Much Love and Hugs on this very "special" birthday

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Congratulations on the birth of Daniel James Asbery Condolences on the passing of Victoria Rivera Condolences on the passing of the father of Rochelle Sokol

Congratulations on the promotions of Jeronimo Bremer, Ami Goldfein, Marcus Hagnesten, Momoko Itoh, Christopher Lenox, Stuart Prince, W. Douglas Schrank, **Julian Snaith** Cheryl Auditor, Keep your chin up Thank you to my parents Condolences to Myrna Kluger on the death of your father Thank you to Rabbi Malinger Thank you for JoAnn Cooper Condolences on the death of William Packouz Congratulations on the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. C. Cheung Thank you for Christina Mutz & John Zacamy Congratulations on the retirement of Erland Karlsson Happy 50th Birthday to Cheryl Auditor Congratulations to Linda Cannon on the birth of her granddaughter Thank you to Adrienne Friedman SUSAN SOLOW & LARRY BERKOWITZ Mazel Tov on the B'not Mitzvah of RoseAnn Devinsky, Ruth Queen, Annette McGillicuddy, Diane Allen & Debbie Ross MYRNA KLUGER Congratulations to each of the B'nai Mitzvah women **NELU & CINDY GRINBERG** In memory of Myrna Kluger's father SUZANNE & MICHAEL SILVERMAN Mazel Tov to each of the B'nai Mitzvah women BARBARA & RAY HENRY Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Palamera, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary Evie Navigate, Get well soon Mr. & Mrs. Hansen, Congratulations on your new home NELU, CINDY & MARK GRINBERG In memory of Biance Grinberg, Rebecca Reichman **RUTH & CLIFF OUEEN** Annette McGillicuddy, congrats on Jessica's Barbara & Ray Henry, mazel tov on Jessica's Bat Mitzvah SHARON & DAN STEINHORN Annette McGillicuddy, mazel tov on Jessica's

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I would like to thank my friends at Temple Shalom for being there for me when I needed them following my auto accident and surgery. Each phone call, visit, and all the wishes for my recovery were greatly appreciated and definitely helped in keeping my spirits up and speeding up my recovery.

This is what being part of a community is all about. Thank you.

John Marotta

mitzvah

The Reading Corner

Reviews by Sheila Rubin

Looking for something to read during the cold winter? Here are two books that you might enjoy:

Hunting Midnight By Richard Zimler

Richard Zimler takes the reader to nineteenth-century Europe and America. John Stewart, the son of a Portuguese Jewish woman and an ambitious Scotsman, lives in the city of Porto as a non-Jew. John learns early on about his roots and discovers that being a Jew can be dangerous. The story includes neighbors who make him aware of the world of art and a hidden lew who teaches him the ethics of Torah. John's relationship with Midnight, an African bushman brought to Porto by John's father, teaches him the meaning of love and self-protection. When John travels to America's antebellum South, he comes face to face with the ugliness of slavery. This is a story of love and loss, freedom and slavery, and the essence of Torah.

Blues in the Night By Rochelle Krich

If you like mysteries with lots of Yiddish kite, you will enjoy reading Rochelle Krich's latest book. In this novel, modern orthodox, divorcee Molly Blume, a free-lance true-crime writer, becomes enmeshed in the story of a young woman involved in a hit and run accident. As the woman begins to recover in the hospital, she commits suicide. Molly, who seems to ask the right questions, helps unravel the story. Krich uses Yiddish expressions and descriptions. There is a lot going on in this fast reading book that includes a Note On Pronunciation for those of us who are Yiddish illiterates.

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in the Jewish state. While the presence of so many students is a blessing, it is also a challenge. We will therefore offer scholarships to students in their final two years of study, and we will support them for two years after ordination while they establish new Progressive synagogues.

Strengthening Progressive Judaism: In Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, there is a burgeoning Jewish consciousness but little infrastructure and few professional leaders. We propose to help those volunteers who want to create a congregation but do not know how by sending rabbis, cantors, and educators to teach Jewish and practical skills required for synagogue life. These training sessions will provide basic leadership and synagogue skills; educational, ritual, and worship resources; and ongoing support to new and established leaders of Progressive communities that are emerging throughout the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Congregations are also asked to sponsor teenagers from Eastern Europe to attend a summer leadership session at URJ Kutz Camp, where they will gain the needed skills to build strong youth groups at home.

I have asked our Board of Trustees to accept this mission and for Temple Shalom to become a Builder Congregation. Once our board has chosen one of the projects above and accepts its commitment by way of a board resolution, we will ask our members (per family) to donate at least \$18 a year. In addition, we are all encouraged to commit to engaging in ongoing congregation-wide study about Reform Jewish com-

munities around the world and to build a lasting relationship with the community we have chosen to

support.

In addition, I will ask the Board of Education to help create programming that will allow pen pal and online chat connections for our students. Furthermore, the URJ will provide regular updates and communications to share with us about our selected community. Please consider supporting us in this endeavor. Maybe next year, we all can go to Jerusalem to visit our new family.

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Groups were introduced in synagogue life by the national Synagogue 2000 program. They are small, elective, time-limited groups where people with similar gifts and passions or in similar life-cycle stages, study relevant Jewish texts and learn about and from each other. JJGs go beyond impersonal committees by becoming places where "life meets text" and people come together as "biographies in the making." They provide a place where we continue our individual spiritual journeys and deepen our relationship with other members of the congregation. Both lofty, yet achievable goals. Stay tuned. They ARE coming.

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.

An Invitation to All Seniors

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

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- Larry Fink on his re-election as Mayor of Holmdel
- © Barbara & Marvin Strauss on the birth of their grandson Benjamin Oliver, son of Melissa & Adam Kudelka
- Barbara & Marvin Strauss on the marriage of their son Jonathan to Alyssa Kramer
- Congrats to Marlene & John Maciaszek on the birth of their grandson Harrison Wolf Gordon, son of Danielle and Robert

B'ruchim Habaim-Welcome to our new members:

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- ➡ Jane & Stewart Weinstein, of Old Bridge
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CONDOLENCES

- ♣ Belle Liss on the passing of her father Elias Pretter
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Challah

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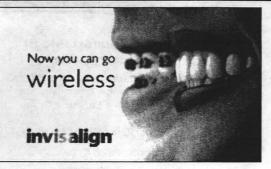
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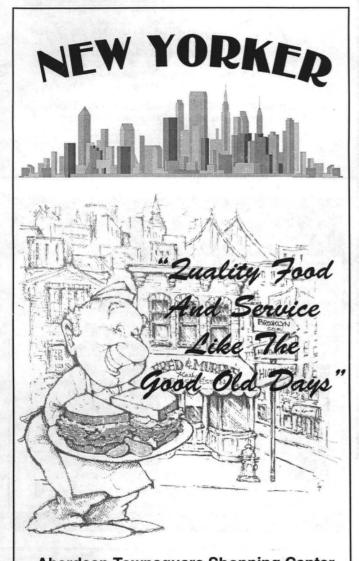
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