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Sunday, March 7

Purim

10:00 am Megillah Reading

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Passover(first seder)

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Service of Peace, Comfort and Healing

Shabbat Services at 8:15 pm

First Friday of each month at 8pm

Saturday Mornings at 10:30 am



*Happy Purim
and a
Ziessen Pesach*

The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi

Laurence P. Malinger



Purim celebrates the downfall of a man who wished to wipe out the Jewish people. The Megillah-the Book of Esther, which is read on Purim, tells us to keep the 14th of Adar (Sunday, March 7, 2004) as a day of joy and happiness. The Megillah of Esther will be read in the synagogue on the morning of Purim (Sunday March 7, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.). The story of Purim is full of human interest and excitement.

The Book of Esther is of unique concern to modern Jews. A natural question to ask is, "Why isn't God mentioned in the Purim story?" Unlike most of the stories of the Tanach - Hebrew Bible, the Book of

Esther takes place outside the realm of the Holy Land. There is neither a Temple to defend nor the hope of redemption in a promised land. Instead it is very much a book of the Diaspora, concerned with people struggling to live a full Jewish life far away from the spiritual center of Judaism. It is thus uniquely relevant to modern times where the vast number of Jews live outside the State of Israel.

The story of Purim is not Anti-Zionist or atheist; it simply (and explicitly) ignores the discourses of Divine intervention and sacred land that inform most of the Tanach. None of the characters communicate directly with God; when Mordecai and Esther find out about their fate, they can only mourn and cry out (to whom?). The plot is propelled by human action rather than through plagues or divinely-spawned openings in the earth.

God is not in the Book of Esther because it is a text of an era where the actors have ultimate control of their own fates. Mordecai refuses to bow down to Haman and faces the consequences; Esther steps forward to plea for her people and risks her own life. And just as there is no Divine intervention when the Jews of the Persian Empire are faced with a problem, there are similarly no impediments when they assume power. In short, when we live in times where there are no contemporary prophets to guide us, we as children of God, individually and communally, must take responsibility for our own actions.

One month later, following Purim, we celebrate the Festival of Passover, our festival of freedom. On

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A Message From Our President

Sharon Steinhorn

THE HOW & WHY OF BOARD MOTIONS: or "How Come Temple Shalom is Schlepping Down to D.C.?.....And Why I Hope You Will Be On The Bus!"

Background:

In November at the URJ Biennial in Minneapolis, some 4000 Reform Jewish delegates supported a long-standing resolution to support Freedom of Choice. President George W. Bush had just signed legislation that made it very clear that efforts are underway to restrict a woman's ability to make her own medical decisions. It has also become obvious that foes of a woman's right to choose are seeking to overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. The freedoms we enjoy as American women are under siege!

We Reform Jews {URJ (lay leaders), CCAR (Rabbis), WRJ

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From
The Desk of
 Cantor
 Janice M. Gordon



My children will tell you that their favorite holiday is Hanukkah, of course! They cannot understand why I am not in agreement. My favorite holiday is Passover, of course! Passover is a time for family to be together, it's a time of tradition, and a time of love. That is why Passover is my favorite holiday. I know that each year, when we share in the traditions of Passover, my children are absorbing experiences of taste, sound and touch that will stay with them forever. There are so many lessons to be learned from Passover and so many fun ways to enjoy it.

Let's face it -- we have all experienced some pretty boring Seders in our days, or some that have turned into just another family dinner party devoid of meaning. In order to bring more meaning and enjoyment back to the family Seder, try the following:

1. Go to the dollar store and buy some "visual aids" for the plagues. When you get to that part of the Haggadah, throw out a pile of frogs...plastic cows and animals...snakes and spiders...ping pong

balls (hail)...dark sunglasses (darkness)...Be creative and fun. The kids (and adults) will love it.

2. Buy some dollar store "prizes" for kids. When they ask a good question (which is what you're trying to stimulate), they get a prize. Also give prizes for asking the Four Questions, good singers, etc... The kids will keep busy playing with their prize (doll, soldier, etc.) until they think of another good question and jump back in.

3. Explain to everyone that they are like royalty on Seder night. And since kings and queens do not pour for themselves, everyone gets a "pouring partner" who fills up their glass with wine or grape juice (or a combo) at the appropriate time. People pair up and have fun with this.

4. Read the Haggadah in the language that you best understand. That means English is fine. Share the reading by going around the table and taking turns.

5. It's okay to stop during the reading for a good discussion on the topic at hand. You may want to prepare some questions in advance to throw out at people such as:

- "If the Haggadah tells us that we are still slaves and not free, our definition of freedom must be very different. We are Jews in North America, aren't we free? What is the Jewish definition of freedom?"

- "Next year in Jerusalem? How many of us really want to live in Israel? What does the Land of Israel mean to you?"

- "The wise son doesn't sound so wise. He doesn't

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(Sisterhoods)) have a long history of advocacy supporting a woman's right to choose. Our Union for Reform Judaism President, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, stated,

"We are deeply concerned about the growing threat to a woman's right to choose. Reform Jews are not pro-abortion; our tradition permits abortion in some cases and prohibits it in others. But Reform Jews are emphatically pro-choice; we see women as moral agents who must be free to consult their religious principles and their conscience and then decide for themselves."

Process at Temple Shalom:

The recommendation to support the April 25th Pro-Choice Rally in D.C. was brought to our Adult Jewish Growth (AJG) Committee. This committee is responsible for Adult Education and Social Justice issues. This, in itself, is problematic because that scope is very wide for one committee. Educating the congregation on tough social issues is a daunting, important task. It will be my recommendation to return to the days of old and separate these areas of interest into 2 committees.....but now I am getting

ahead of myself. The discussion at the AJG November meeting was very heated and passionate, and the resolution to bring the recommendation to our Board of Trustees passed, 6 yea, 3 nay.

At the December Board of Trustees meeting, the AJG Committee reported and (as with any important motion) we allowed the Board to consider the question for a month before bringing it to a vote. Because of the questions raised, ("Why should a Temple support such a controversial and emotional issue?" and "With so many imperatives for Tikkun Olam, why this issue?"), we invited those with the minority opinion to address the Board in January. I was very impressed with the thoughtful and respectful discussion that took place at that meeting and I publicly thank all those who participated. Special thanks to Barbara Kluger, Margo Wolfson, Susan Solow and Rabbi Malinger.

The Minority Opinion:

Affixing our name as a sponsor of the pro-choice rally would not be the right thing to do because it is divisive and it will cause

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Learn About Passover

Adapted from The Jewish Parent Page on the URJ website

In the Haggadah we read, "...He [Jacob] went down to Egypt with meager numbers and so-journed there; but there he became a great and very populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us; they imposed heavy labor upon us. We cried to Adonai, the God of our ancestors, and Adonai heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression. Adonai freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents." (Deuteronomy 26:5-8)

The celebration of the Passover Seder recreates that Israelite experience for us in our own time. We endure Egyptian bondage, the harshness of slavery and we become part of the redemption and the flight into freedom that our ancestors experienced so long ago. Their lives become our lives, their experiences our experiences, and their memories our memories.

It is a mitzvah to...

...participate in a Passover seder.

...eat matzah and no leavened products during the seven days of Passover.

...participate in tzedakah during Passover. The rabbis of the Talmud taught that when one Jew celebrates all Jews celebrate. Woven into the celebration of Passover are several opportunities for tzedakah:

■ **Maot Hittin** - "wheat money"

This was a communal fund established so that needy members of the Jewish community would

have the money to purchase matzah (wheat) and the other items needed for the seder. Check to see if your synagogue or community has such a fund for your family to make a contribution.

■ **Chametz** - leavened food

Consider donating unopened packages of chametz to a local food bank.

■ **Ha Lachma Anya** - "the bread of affliction", "the bread of poverty and persecution."



In the Haggadah we read, "This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt." We eat matzah because in the Torah it reads, "seven days shall you eat matzot - the bread of poverty and persecution." So that you may "remember that you were a slave in Egypt..." (Deuteronomy 16: 3 & 12)

The rabbis who originally authored the Haggadah were very wise; first they remind us of the slavery, poverty and persecution of Egyptian bondage as if we ourselves had lived it. The rabbis wanted us to understand the life of the impoverished and the oppressed, it is then that the

Haggadah reads, "Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in want share the hope of Passover." By understanding hunger and want, we come to know the need for sharing what we have. The rabbis taught us to open up our hearts and our homes at Passover. Thus was born the tradition of inviting guests to the seder. Is there someone in your community in need of a place for seder, someone new or without family?

Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the December donations and pledges from the following contributors to the **Bathroom Renovation Fundraiser**.

Remember - Many hands make light work! We thank all our donors. Keep up the Great Work!!

Dr. and Judith Gold	Myrna Kluger
Amy Kerner	Dorothy Lake
Barbara Kluger	Susan Solow

The Sisterhood Passover Bake Sale

Make sure to place your order!

Get your order form from the Temple office or via email from Susan Weiss (weissgang@hotmail.com).

Orders must be received by March 15.
Pick up will be at the Temple on April 1 from 4-8 PM.

Join with Rabbi Malinger, members of the Board of Trustees, Sisterhood and Brotherhood along with many other Temple Shalom congregants and friends.

The March for Women's Lives: March for Freedom of Choice

The National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Sunday, April 25th -- 6:00 am from Temple parking lot . . .
(We'll provide the breakfast!)

Show solidarity with the Union for Reform Judaism,
NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA and others
who believe we MUST support a **WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE!**

Via luxury motor coach. Price to be determined.

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For further information, tear off and return this form to the Temple office or call Susan Solow (732) 446-0228, Mike Hoffman (732) 566-2142 or the Temple office (732) 566-2621.

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Tales of

Talmud Torah

Elisa P. Bergenfeld, RJE

Director of Education



Although Temple Shalom is located in Aberdeen, New Jersey, our religious school includes students from Aberdeen, Matawan, Old Bridge, Hazlet, Marlboro, Manalapan, Holmdel and Middletown. Many parents send their children to our school not only to receive a quality Jewish education but also so they can just be around other Jewish children. Although some of the communities above have large Jewish populations, students in other school districts find themselves as a minority—many even the only Jew in the class. It was because of this issue that we implemented several youth group type programs within the school setting. We did this in order to provide a more informal environment to encourage interaction amongst students who would not ordinarily get an opportunity to know one another.

This year's youth programs have been based around Jewish values and mitzvot. Through this process, the students have an opportunity to get to know each other while looking out into the world and becoming aware of others in need. Thus far, with the help of the Junior Youth Group advisor, Stacey Ringel, the students have learned about feeding the hungry while making sandwiches and decorating lunch bags that were sent to "Lunch Break", a soup kitchen in Red Bank. In December, the students learned about respecting the elderly while decorating cookies, and making special cards containing a polaroid picture of each 4-7th grade student. These cards and cookies were taken to Sunrise Assisted Living facility, bringing joy to many people during the holiday season who are often forgotten and alone. In addition to the youth group programs, during Chanukah, instead of spending money on grab bag gifts for their class parties, students brought in hundreds of hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that were distributed to local shelters and hospitals.

As we approach the holidays of Purim and Pesach, it is interesting to note how these holidays seek to encourage the same important values as discussed above. Purim teaches the idea of K'lal Yisrael – all Jews must stick together as a "community of Israel" in times of joy and crisis. Another key teaching of Judaism emphasized during Purim is Kol Yisrael Arayvin Zeh Bazeh – every Jew is responsible for one another. We celebrate the joy of Purim with friends and family and reach out to our immediate community with the mitzvah of distributing Mishloach Manot. These gifts are usually baskets of hamentashen, candies, and nuts. But during this time of great celebration, we are also obligated to think of those in need in the greater community. We often forget that it is also a custom to send Matanot L'Evyonim, baskets of food to those in need so they can also enjoy the holiday.

During Passover we mark the emergence of Israel as a nation and a people, celebrating our freedom and accepting the Torah as a basis for Jewish life. We celebrate with friends and family at our seders, retelling the story of how we became Am Yisrael, the entire Jewish people. We are encouraged to invite those in need, or without friends or family in the community, to our seders because we were once strangers in the land of Egypt. We are also obligated to give to a special fund for Ma'ot Chitim, literally "money for wheat" so that Jews in need may have money to purchase matzah, wine and other essentials for celebrating Passover.

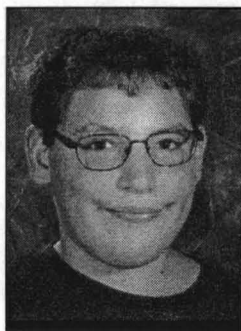
We have a wonderful community at Temple Shalom filled with friends, family and a sense of community. May we always continue to see the value of our small Jewish community and support it while reaching out to those in need around the world.

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.

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Jay Hyman
Son of
Janet and Ronald
Hyman
April 17, 2004

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

ToSTY

UPCOMING TOSTY EVENTS
SAVE THESE DATES

March 7th

Purim Carnival

March 20 7- 10 pm.

ToSTY Coffee House At Temple Shalom

Havdalah Service begins at 6:30 pm
\$5 General Admission
\$3 Senior Citizens & ToSTY Members
All are Welcome

April 28th 6:30 Event

May 22 - 23 ToSTY Shul in

June 2 Elections

June 5 Final Event

Any Questions
Call Lauren at 732 - 370 - 7978

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batteries:

Just drop them off in classroom 4.

Help our Religious School by donating your used cell phones and printer cartridges. Recycling these items benefits our environment as well - making this a double mitzvah. All proceeds go to enhancing our children's education. Just bring your cell phones to the Religious School office, or classroom 4 to Mrs. Wolfson. Old cell phones are worth from \$5 to \$30 each when we turn them in for recycling. Printer cartridges can be dropped in the box in

the Temple lobby - we can recycle all brands except Epson. THANKS!

Don't forget, we also take batteries for recycling - it doesn't earn us funds, but does save the environment from the heavy metal contamination of decaying batteries- room 4 with Mrs. Wolfson.

Junior Youth Group News

Junior Youth group had an incredible winter. All the cards and cookies we made for Sunrise turned out well and were greatly appreciated. The ice skating event went extremely well. Everybody met for pizza first and then went over to the rink together. It was only 12 degrees outside, but the students were having such a great time that they braved the cold for two hours!! Thanks again to those who came out in the freezing temperatures to help and especially to those parents who got up on skates!! Until next time...

Temple Board And Committee Reports

BROTHERHOOD

Jay Weiss, President

Brotherhood has a full calendar for this coming spring. Our annual Matzoh Brei Breakfast will be here soon, with games and food (and who is going to dress up this year and what will they be?). Aren't you also wondering what will be in the Matzoh Brei this time??? The Sunday morning breakfasts are informal get togethers to discuss topics of interest. The March breakfast is on financial planning for long-term care. The Brotherhood annual blood drive is also coming this spring, and is open to the community as well as to Temple members. Finally, to end the school year, the always popular Maccabee Games - fun for the whole family.

All of these events take manpower and money. The members of Brotherhood enjoy pitching in to help, especially when we see the smiles on all of our children's faces. We have a great group of men who always seem to be there when they are needed. Whether it is building, unbuilding, cooking or serving, or whatever else has to be done so 'the show can go on', there always seem to be someone available. But, we can always use another hand or two, or another opinion. There can never be too many members of Brotherhood. If you are interested in helping out, or have ideas for some new events, please contact me or any Brotherhood member directly, or leave a note in the Brotherhood folder by the office and we will get back to you. Your help and suggestions are always appreciated, and definitely needed.

On a final note, this year I have seen wonderful camaraderie between Brotherhood and Sisterhood - resulting in the incredible production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." I would like to thank the cast and crew, as well as my fellow volunteers, for making this one of the most successful and enjoyable shows ever. What a wonderful way to start out the New Year!

SISTERHOOD

Adrienne Friedman, President

Spring is being anxiously awaited along with all the holidays for which Sisterhood has been busily preparing. We've been busy planning for Purim by baking hamantaschen and packing Shalach Manot baskets. We made all the arrangements for what promises to be a spectacular Fashion Show, complete with 50/50 raffle, silent auction, vendor tables, beautiful fashions and a delicious lunch. We also prepared for Passover by restocking the Judaica shop and reworking our Sisterhood Seder- A Woman's Journey.

Planning your social calendar around the Jewish calendar can give you a sense of belonging to the greater Jewish family. I know it is reassuring to me and even comforting to know that as I bake hamantaschen for Purim and prepare matzo ball soup for Passover, I am connected to other Jewish families around the world. I am passing on those traditions to my children, and they come to anticipate the holidays as well. It is no coincidence that one of the principles of Sisterhood's mission statement is: To teach sisterhood families Jewish values, traditions, and their connection with the Reform Jewish Community.

As strong and committed women in the reform movement, WRJ is committed to providing all women with the ability to stand for themselves. As part of this effort, Sisterhood of Temple Shalom is joining with our district, national and worldwide Boards in support of the Pro-Choice March in Washington, D.C. on April 25. We hope you will consider coming to lend your voice with ours.

As you can see, we are truly a Sisterhood for all generations. Our success from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" that we shared with Brotherhood will move us closer to our goal in this year's Bathroom Renovation Fundraiser. Thank you to all who have donated to this project. If you have not yet done so, please consider making a contribution.

We are also participating in this year's Biennial District 4 WRJ convention. This year, the meeting will be in Parsippany from April 16-18. Several Sisterhood board members will be attending. We are also encouraging any Sisterhood member with aspirations towards leadership roles to contact me. We want our future leaders to attend with us. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the role of sisterhoods and WRJ at the local level.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elliot Olschwang, Chairperson

So, you complete 7th grade in religious school and you have had your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Now what? Is your Jewish education complete? Because I am still continuing my personal Jewish education, I would humbly suggest that no 7th grader could call their Jewish education complete.

Let's assume that we have agreed that the Jewish education does not end after Bar/Bat Mitzvah nor after the 7th grade is finished. What options do you have as a student to continue your Jewish education? If you were a child going to religious school at Congregation Beth Israel in Long Grove, IL, your only choice was to attend Bible Study with the Rabbi and adults. I did this for a short time as a teenager, but I was not with any children my age. I soon lost interest.

Luckily for the children in the Temple Shalom Religious School, they have a much better option available. They have the Monmouth Regional Reform Hebrew High School or MOREHSHa program available to them. For those of you unfamiliar with MOREHSHa, it is a joint high school program co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and Temple Rodeph Torah in Marlboro. Through this program, children can attend classes from 8th grade - 10th grade after which they are confirmed. They can then continue onto post-confirmation for 11th and 12th grade after which they have a Hebrew High school graduation.

The program leverages the resources of both temples to create a plethora of options for the high school students to choose from, ranging from The Jewish Kitchen to Conversational Hebrew and many more. The program also includes the option of a weekend retreat at Camp Kutz in 8th and/or 9th grade and, in 10th grade, 4 days attending L'taken-the social action seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C.

We have had many students go through this program over the last 14 years and it has been highly successful. Even with all the program's success, there is room for improvement. In that spirit, we sent out a survey last year looking for things that were particularly good or possibly needed some improvement. Although the response date for that survey has long since passed, I welcome your feedback on our high school program as we continuously look for improvements. Feel free to send me e-mail at Olschwang@comcast.net.

I look forward to any and all feedback!

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

Morris and Rose Goldfeder Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Matthew Aaron Kraus

MAY 14-15, 2004

Rabbi Matthew Kraus received his Ph.D. in Classics from the University of Michigan in 1996 and was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1991. His main interests include the history of biblical interpretation and Judaism in the Greek and Roman world. He has written on Jerome's translation of the Bible from the Hebrew into Latin and on Philo, and he has given papers at scholarly conferences on the Old Latin version of the Bible and on the legend of the Septuagint (the Greek version of the Bible). He has given a paper on Jerome at the World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. An article entitled "Christian, Jews, and Pagans in Dialogue: Saint Jerome on Ecclesiastes 12:1-7" has appeared in the 2001 issue of Hebrew Union College Annual and he has also published articles in Tikkun and Vetus Testamentum. Prof. Kraus spent 1999-2000 in Jerusalem on a Yad Hanadiv/Beracha foundation fellowship and lectured at Hebrew University on "Jerome as an ethnographer of the Jews." He currently is an Associate Professor of Classics at Williams College where he teaches courses on Bible in its Near Eastern Context, History of Interpretation of the Bible in the Greco-Roman Period, Introduction to Judaism, Myth and Biography in Late Antiquity (an upper-level Latin course on Apuleius' version of Cupid and Psyche and The Confessions of Augustine), and first and second year Latin and Greek. Prof. Kraus lives in Williamstown with his wonderful wife, Rabbi Sissy Coran and 3 wonderful children, Jacob, Shirah, and Michah.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004

8:15 PM "The Blessings and Curses of Assimilation: Being Jewish in a non-Jewish World"

God tells Abraham, "Lecha L'cha", to go from Mesopotamis—from his land, from his birthplace, from his father's house—and so begins the journey of the Jewish people. Judaism starts with a departure. The Book of Leviticus makes a strong case against assimilation, against copying the practices of the other nations. What should Reform Jews do with this book since we value the healthy interaction with our surrounding culture? Is there a place for distinctiveness in Reform Judaism? Does Leviticus provide guidance for how we should interact with the non-Jewish world?

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004

9:30-10:45 am	Torah Study and Light Continental Nosh
10:45 am – 12 n	Shabbat Services, "Relationship Between Jews and non-Jews"
12 n – 1 pm	"Big Fat Greek Torah"
1pm-2:15 pm	Catered Buffet Lunch
2:30-3:30 pm	"Christians Love Hate Relationship"
3:30-4:30 pm	Panel Discussion
5 pm	Sudat Shilshit & Havdallah

REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

of Attendees _____ x \$20/congregant or \$22 Others = \$ _____ Amount Enclosed

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Committee Reports

ADULT JEWISH GROWTH

Barbara Kluger, Chairperson

Every Jew should have a selection of books they and their family members can refer to in order to learn more about Judaism and the Jewish people, seek inspiration and comfort, and access references from scholars on religious and cultural issues. A wonderful resource for finding out about books of interest to you and your family is the Union For Reform Judaism web site at www.urj.org. Go to its Lifelong Jewish Learning section and click on Building Your Jewish Library. You can review many categories of recommended books including Basic Jewish Thought and Theology; Jewish Texts; Jewish Observance; Jewish History, Women's Studies and Jewish Parenting. An adult Jewish learner needs to have reference resources easily at hand to help them address questions as they arise.

One of the ways in which our Committee supports Jewish learning is the Jewish Book Club - a popular series of Jewish book discussion groups that has been engaging adults in our congregation who love to read. Each year, we select five or six different books and a facilitator for each discussion group. Anyone can volunteer to facilitate a discussion group on a book you have already read and enjoyed, or a book you wish to read. You are always welcome to attend our Committee meetings, which are generally held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

This year, one of our selected books, presented in January, was "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay" by Michael Chabon, a novel that takes place just before WWII through the post-war period. It is set in the milieu of the beginnings of the American comic book industry, which owes a great deal to Jewish stories and culture. The industry was greatly influenced by Jewish business people, artists and writers. Our President, Sharon Steinhorn, facilitated the discussion. You may be interested to read an article by Arie Kaplan entitled "How Jews Transformed the Comic Book Industry" which appeared in the Winter 2003 edition of Reform Judaism magazine. It is Part II of the article and talks about the Silver Age of comic books (1956-1978), the period just subsequent to the one encompassed by "Kavalier & Clay." Part III of the article is due to come out in the Spring 2004 edition of the magazine. It is a very interesting story.

Share your Passion in a Jewish Journey Group

Our Temple is the place where we come for worship, connection, support, celebration, guidance and learning - wherever we may be on our own Jewish journey. Here at Temple Shalom, we recognize the need for congregants to feel a sense of community within our larger congregation. Often, one's sense of belonging requires connection with a small group of people who share a common interest.

Jewish Journey Groups are small groups of 8-10 people with shared interests and passions. They meet for a limited number of sessions. When you join a JJG, you will meet other people to explore a topic of shared interest. JJGs can be organized around any topic relevant to the lives of Jews. There is a specific structure for each meeting. The group begins with an opening ritual allowing the participants to gather and focus on the group and the activity. After check-in, a time that allows everyone to greet each other, an exploration of the group's theme through text-study follows with an experiential activity, discussion or presentation. At the end of the meeting, there is a checkout allowing for closure of the day's session. A trained facilitator leads each group. Examples of group themes are; cooking, creating ethical wills, parents of newborns, B'nai Mitzvah families, parents of children with learning challenges, children of aging parents, new members, meditation, spirituality, pets, life after divorce, foreign language, leisure activities (e.g., golf, bowling, knitting, film, yoga, travel, art, music etc.) The topics are endless.

Please complete the following survey and return it to the Temple office. If you prefer you may summarize the information in an email to sfrubin@att.net. Each member of the household should complete his/her own survey reflecting individual interests. List below any group(s) you would strongly consider joining.

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(your name)

If you have any questions,
Call: Sheila Rubin 732/671-2004 or
Sharon Steinhorn 732/946-2226



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.

Help us help you during your time of need.

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.

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

Nursery School News

Laney Shapiro, Director

We are all aware of how quickly time passes and how quickly the children grow up. Do you ever wonder which family memories your children will hold and perpetuate as they grow older? I believe the memories of "everyday" family traditions are the ones which remain strongest and most meaningful. Perhaps a child will grow older and develop a fondness for a certain fruit or vegetable- not as much for the flavor as for the memory of picking it from the garden every summer with a grandparent. Or perhaps the lullaby a child's parent sang often will be remembered and then passed on to the next generation. These traditions tie generation to generation.

Therefore, we must provide our children with traditions they will remember and opportunities for families to share special times together. I recently read an article in Parents magazine which offered excellent ideas for special time activities. Here are a few of my favorites:

"The Never-Ending Game" can take as little as ten minutes a day. Choose a game or activity to which you and your child can return each day. It could be a continuous board game, a puzzle or a long book from which a few pages are read each day. They will look forward to this activity all day.

"One at a Time" is an activity I often stress to parents. It is excellent for families with more than one

child. Set aside time each week for each child to spend alone with you. Your child will enjoy having you all to him/herself and I'm sure you will, too. This is especially important for an older sibling when a new baby is born.

"Hitting the Road" entails leading the family into the car for a mystery ride. The destination can be a park, candy store, grandparent's house, or any other special place.

"Counting Blessings" is a wonderful dinner or bedtime ritual. Simply have each family member share the nicest thing that happened that day. This can also be a Shabbat family ritual, where everyone thinks back on the most special events of the week.

"Media Blackouts" can also be a Shabbat family ritual, or you can try it on a weeknight to ensure the family spends time together. Simply leave all TV's, VCRs, and computers off. Use this time to have interactive fun. Try looking at family pictures, singing, and telling jokes.

As adults, rituals are also important to us. Don't we get a warm feeling when we remember special times with our parents and grandparents? We can feel good about doing the same for our own children by continuing these rituals with our children and by creating new ones!

Registration for our summer program and for September 2004 is underway. Our Open House will be on Sunday, March 21st. from 2:00 - 3:30.

Temple Shalom Brotherhood
Is Proud To Present Our Annual

Matzoh Brei Breakfast

Sunday, April 11, 2004

Starting at 9:30 am Temple Social Hall

After breakfast, there will be fun for all ages in the

**"Help Nerdy Norman
Solve the Passover Puzzle" Scavenger Hunt**

Questions - Call Harvey Waxman 732-739-2851

TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD and THE CARING COMMITTEE
Are Please to Announce that
We Have Rescheduled the Educational Program on

Long Term Care

Please join us on this new date:

Sunday, April 4, 2004 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.

SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE SHALOM along with
THE ADULT JEWISH GROWTH COMMITTEE
Invite you to attend

Sisterhood Seder — A Woman's Journey March 28, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number in party: _____

Entrée Choice: Chicken _____ Vegetarian: _____

RSVP by March 15. Please checks payable to
Sisterhood of Temple Shalom and mail to Samantha Malingier,
23 Ivyhill Dr, Aberdeen, NJ 07747 (732-765-1850)

Join the Renaissance Group

Welcome all 49+ generation

Who Are We?

We are an intergenerational group open to all Temple members who are 49+ in age. Please come and join us!!

What do we Do?

We are a Social Group that offers exciting day trips, shows, concerts, friendship and ALWAYS FOOD!!

Membership Fee

\$10 per person per year to defray expenses.

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

1. Sunday, March 7, 2004

Dinner at Harold's New York Deli in Edison New Jersey. We will gather at Harold's at 4:00 P.M. Please let Myrna Kluger know if you will attend, by sending her an e-mail at MyrnaKluge@aol.com. by March 5th.

2. Sunday, May 2, 2004

Trip to Jewish Harlem. Please see information in the February Mitten-Dritten. As a reminder, all who are coming must get their money to Bobbie Jacowitz no later than March 5th. Checks made payable to Temple Shalom, and sent to Bobbie at 9 Prest's Mill Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Cost of trip is \$52.00 per person, plus \$19.50 per person for the bus. We need at least 34 people, and no more than 45.

3. Sunday May 23, 2004

Trip to Jewish Philadelphia with our own Rabbi Malingier leading us. Details to follow.

Looking forward to having you all join us. Any questions, call Bobbie at 732 679-2799.



Temple Shalom Nursery School

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY CENTERS

Visitors Welcome • Open to the Community

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Extended Day Available

Special Art
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Register now for Summer and September 2004.

Open House - Sunday March 21 2-3:30 pm

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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!

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, storytelling, songs & more.

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

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

MITZVAH DAY IS MAY 16TH, 2004

IMPORTANT MITZVAH DAY INFORMATION

Mitzvah Day is...

A day to reach out in our community to help those who are in need. It is an opportunity to do tikkun olam, repairing the world. It is a chance to see that when we join hands in hesed, loving kindness, we truly make a difference.

Pre-registration

Please register by completing the Mitzvah Day form and return it to Temple Shalom by May 1st. We will try to give all volunteers their first choice if possible – register early to ensure this. You will be contacted by a project Captain before Mitzvah Day.

Opening Ceremonies and Breakfast

Mitzvah Day sign-in and cap and T-shirt distribution are from 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM.

A bagel buffet breakfast will be available in the social hall at this time. At 9:30, a brief service in the sanctuary begins. By 10:00 AM, all participants will proceed to off-site activities in car pools.

Lunch and Afternoon Activities

Lunch for volunteers begins at 11:30 AM. Lunch donations of dessert or salad are more than welcome. Afternoon registration and lunch are until 1:30PM.

Children

Children are welcome at our Mitzvah Day activities. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children ages 13-17 may participate unaccompanied with a parental permission slip (bottom of registration form). Sunday school students may participate in projects directed by their teachers, or may participate in activities with their families.

Mitzvah Day T-Shirts

Mitzvah Day shirts with the May 16th, 2004 date are available at a cost of \$3 donation. Wear your shirt as you do your Mitzvah.

Marathons

This year Mitzvah day will offer 2 marathon activities: a Dance-a-thon in the social hall from 10 AM- 2 PM, and a walkathon to the Presbyterian Church on Rte 34 in Matawan. This is an interfaith opportunity to benefit one of the Mitzvah Day outlets: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, the Monmouth County SPCA, the Manna House or the Ronald McDonald House. A form is available to choose your charity. Use the internet to garner sponsors.

MITZVAH DAY COLLECTIONS

- Coins: to be donated to Mazon: The Jewish Response to Hunger
- Soaps, shampoos, combs, health & grooming aids for the Manna House
- Pet supplies, towels and blankets for the Monmouth Co. SPCA

Questions or Comments?

Call Margo Wolfson (303-1754)

An Invitation to All Seniors

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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MITZVAH DAY PROJECT LIST

#	Location	Description	Ages	Time
1.	Temple Shalom Social Hall:	Dance-a-thon	all ages	AM
2.	Walk-athon	with the Presbyterian Church	all ages	PM
3.	SPCA of Mon. County	Planting flowers, socializing cats, cleaning kennels. Bring gardening gloves and tools.	12 & up	AM
4.	Cliffwood Beach	Beach restoration and Cleanup Please bring gloves and long pants. <i>Captain: Ruth Lewart</i> Remove the debris that threatens human life and wildlife at the shore.	all ages	AM
5.	The Manna House	Beautify grounds of this shelter which assists battered women and kids. Bring gardening tools, gloves.	all ages	AM
6.	Temple Shalom Kitchen	Make sandwiches for soup kitchen, lunch for volunteers, cookies for nursing home residents. Captain: Barbara Kluger	8 and up	AM
7.	Madison Nursing Home	Visit and sing old time songs Join with Mrs. Wolfson's third grade class and the family choir as we sing and greet residents	all ages	AM
8.	Bayshore Nursing Home	Visit, bring gifts, play "bingo"	all ages	PM
9.	Temple Shalom Gardens	Planting annuals and sprucing up in the Sackerman Garden	all ages	AM
10.	Old Bridge and Homdel A&P	Grocery Collection. ECF supports families of children fighting cancer	all ages	AM
11.	Ramanessen Brook, Holmdel	Caring for Nature Maintaining and restoring a nature preserve. Wear long sleeves, bring gloves Heavy Rain will cancel outdoor activities. Captains confirm choice 1 week prior to Mitzvah Day.	5 and up	AM/PM

MITZVAH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form by April 13th, 2004 to Temple Shalom, 5 Ayrmont Lane, Aberdeen NJ 07747

Name of Participant _____

Other family members participating in same activity: include ages of children

Name _____ age _____ Name _____ age _____

Number of Mitzvah Day Shirts requested (please enclose \$3 per shirt) \$ _____

Mitzvah Project Choice number: First choice _____ Second choice _____

Phone Number _____ e-Mail address _____

Calendar Of Congregational Activities

March 2004/ 8 Adar – 9 Nisan 5764








SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
	1 7:30pm P.A.C. Meeting	2 10am Sisterhood Bible Class	3 7pm ToSTY Board 8pm Sisterhood Meeting	4 8pm Brotherhood Board	5 8pm Shabbat Evening Service; 5th Grade Participating	6 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
7 10am Megilla h Reading/Purim Shpiel 11:30am Purim Carnival more: see below	8 11am Shalom Seniors	9 10am Sisterhood Bible Class 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees	10	11	12 7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service	13 *** 10:30am Learner's Shabbat Morning Service
14 12:00 Sisterhood Fashion Show/Luncheon	15	16 10am Sisterhood Bible Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	17 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth; Youth	18 7pm 5th Grade Family Ed. Program 7:30pm Outreach 8pm Caring; Nursery School	19 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner	20 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service 6pm ToSTY Coffee House
21 9am Blood Drive 9:30am Cradle Roll 2pm Nursery School Open House Regional Choral Festival	22 7pm Post- Confirmation 10am	23 Sisterhood Bible Class 8pm Ritual; Jewish Book Club	24 8pm Membership; Renaissance; Administration	25 8pm Board of Education; Facilities	26 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service	27 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
28 4pm Sisterhood Feminist Seder	29	30 10am Sisterhood Bible Class 7:30pm P.A.C. Meeting	31 7pm ToSTY Program			

Mar. 7
No Religious School
4pm Renaissance Group Trip to
Harold's Deli

9:15 am
Torah Study

Calendar Of Congregational Activities

April 2004/ 10 Nisan – 9 Iyar 5764

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
				1 4-8pm Passover Bakery Pick-up 8pm Brotherhood Board	2 8pm Shabbat Evening Service 	3 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
4 No Religious School 9:30am Brotherhood Breakfast	5 First Seder 	6 Passover – Temple Office Closed	7 7pm ToSTY Board 8pm Sisterhood Meeting	8	9 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	10 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
11 No Religious School 9:30am Brotherhood Matzoh Brei Breakfast	12 Temple Office Closed 10am Yizkor	13 7pm Ways & Means 8pm Board of Trustees	14 8pm Sisterhood Meeting	15 7:30pm Outreach 8pm Caring; Nursery School	16 7pm Tot Shabbat 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service 	17 *** 10:30am Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah Jay Hyman 
18 9:30am Religious School Resumes 3pm Jewish Cultural Series (out)	19	20 10am Sisterhood Bible Class 8pm Service of Peace, Comfort & Healing	21 7:30pm Adult Jewish Growth; Youth	22 7pm 6th Grade Ellis Island Program 8pm Board of Education; Facilities	23 6pm Shabbat Dinner 8:15pm Shabbat Evening Service Honoring Brotherhood 	24 *** 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service 8pm Jazz Concert
25 "Saving Women's Lives" March in Washington DC	26 Yom Ha'atzmaut 11am Shalom Seniors	27 10am Sisterhood Bible Class 8pm Ritual	28 6:30pm ToSTY Program 8pm Membership; Renaissance; Administration	29	30 8:15pm Hebrew High Graduation and Yom Ha'atzmaut Service 	*** 9:15am Torah Study

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Contributions

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

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



SPOTLIGHT

Saul Sahner Library/Education Endowment

By Robert Lear, Funds Chairperson

Jews have often been called People of the Book, with a fascination for and a love of learning. Our institutions cultivate scholarship, discussion, and awareness. The inspiration provided by a library enhances our Jewish education.

By providing financial support for the library, the Saul Sahner Library/Education Endowment encourages research and scholarship in Temple Shalom. Your contributions make books, periodicals, hardware, software, and Internet services available to all congregants in the pursuit of learning.

Your gifts to this fund will perpetuate our lifetime commitment to education. Please take the opportunity to visit our library and utilize its resources. It's a great way to relax during this harsh winter.

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.

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

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

Contributions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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

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

The Growing Fund, (min. donation is \$5.) established by Sisterhood to celebrate and honor occasions and accomplishments of children and support Tot Shabbat and Cradle Roll Programs. Contact Michelle Himmelfarb: 679-6393

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In appreciation for Michael's Bar Mitzvah

BARBARA KLUGER & BRUCE RUBINSTEIN

In appreciation

Rabbi Malinge, wishing you a safe

journey to Israel

LENI AND STU BACHER

In appreciation

DIANE, JACK & WES SZAFRAN

Shelli and Steve Altman, mazel tov on the

naming of your granddaughter

KAREN AND JAMES AMSTER

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Yahrzeit for Tom Redo

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Beverly & Sid Groffman, Best Wishes in your new home

JUDI & HOWIE BERNSTEIN

The Lautman Family, In memory of Harold

BUDDY AND ROSLYN ROSENBLUM

Rabbi Malinge, Many thanks for your many kindnesses

ROBERT & EDITH PINCUS

In memory of Ida Pincus

In memory of Rose Kronick

PEGGY & LOU SCHOEN

In appreciation

MILDRED LAUTMAN

In appreciation

JOSHUA WEISS

Rabbi Malinge, Happy Chanukah

HELEN SELINGER

Yahrzeit for Anna Ungar

Yahrzeit for Sadie Ungar

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Yahrzeit of Hyman Latman

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In appreciation for your kindness

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In appreciation for Michael's Bar Mitzvah

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Gladys Levine, get well soon

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Yahrzeit for Bernard Pollack

SHARON & DAN STEINHORN

Yahrzeit for Mitzi Steinhorn

GAYA AND MICHAEL BRODNITZ

Yahrzeit for Susan Brodnitz

KAREN & JAMES AMSTER

In memory of Denise Kassirer

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Helen Langman & Family, Congratulations on

Michael's Bar Mitzvah

Evan & Debby Ross, Congratulations on

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In memory of Arnold Himmelfarb

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Yahrzeit for Lucille Grossman

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Yahrzeit for Murray Cohen

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Yahrzeit for Morris Lubin

Yahrzeit for Gertrude Kuperman

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Yahrzeit for Gertrude Cohen

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Thanking everyone for their kind thoughts at the time of Harold's death

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Paul Zuckerman, Congratulations on your

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Thank you Elisa!

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Contributions

THE OLSCHWANG FAMILY

Margo Wolfson & Bobbie Jacowitz,
Happy Chanukah
LILA AND ALLEN SPIEGEL
In honor of the arrival of our granddaughter
Eva Ilene Susskind
Helmut Wiedmann, For a complete recovery

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The Langman Family, mazel tov on Michael's
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your brother

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Ben Sidlin, in memory of Lionel

Carol Messina, hoping your arm heals quickly

In honor of Michael's Birthday

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Micele, we pray for Tony

to be well

Solly Heit, belated happy & healthy birthday

Jessica McGillicuddy, Congratulations, we

heard you were wonderful in the play

Brian McGillicuddy, we love you and are very

proud of you

Josie Posillico, hope your knee will be

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Congratulations on your promotion to

Managing Director

Benjamin Ross, congratulations of your

Bar Mitzvah

Joanna Ross, congratulations of your

Bat Mitvah

Ruth Fotis, Thank you

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mother, Flora

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your cousin

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Arnold Himmelfarb

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so special

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Lou's Beloved Mother

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Ben's B'nei Mitzvah

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Bar Mitzvah

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recovery

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your husband Harold

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your new home

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your grandson, Nathan

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your new home

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welcome to Noa Ruth

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Janie Cantor, wishing you a speedy recovery

Dottie Sacks, wishing you a speedy recovery

Contributions

Adria Goldenkranz, in memory of your mother
ANNA & NORMAN KATZ
Sandy & Arthur Cohen, in honor of your new grandchild

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Lauren Grodman and family, In memory of your grandmother, Bernice Cohen

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Rabbi Malinger, Happy Chanukah to our teacher

Mrs. Stamm, Happy Chanukah to our teacher

Marilyn Lubin, Happy Chanukah to our teacher

Karen Winograd, Happy Chanukah to our teacher

Gary Enoch, In memory of your aunt, Toby
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Michele Finchler, Welcome to sisterhood

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Larry Firestone, For a speedy recovery

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memory of Onofrio Natale

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Jane Rakow, Mazel Tov on Brandon's birth

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grandchild, Brandon

Lola Wachsberg, Mazel Tov for your grand-

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Manny Friedman

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Saul Finn

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Sunday, April 18, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center
100 Grant Avenue, Deal, NJ

"An Evening With Madame F" with Claudia Stevens

Performance artist Claudia Stevens will perform "An Evening With Madame F." This work of musical drama was created by the artist for her one-person performance as pianist, singer, and actor. Adopting the persona of an elderly concentration camp survivor who performed as a musician at Auschwitz, Stevens uses music actually played and sung by musicians at Auschwitz, as well as first-hand accounts, to depict the struggle and moral dilemma of camp inmates who survived by prostituting their art. The daughter of Holocaust survivors, she also meditates on the issue of treating the Holocaust as the subject for artistic expression.

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 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.

Hunger No More

March 12, 2004, 8:15 pm

On Shabbat, March 12th, in conjunction with Shabbat Across America, Temple Shalom will present speaker David Napell from Mazon. Hunger is a problem in our own communities: from the senior citizen on a fixed income, to the single mom, to the immigrant from Mexico. Hunger, of course also strikes abroad - including Israel in these tough economic times. David Napell will talk about the causes of hunger, the numbers and the possible remedies. He will talk about Mazon, the Jewish response to Hunger, and about how hunger and obesity can coexist in the same community.

David is former chair of Mazon, and member of the national board of URJ. He is the former vice chair of the United Methodist Mission in New York, and Chairs the Caring Community Committee for the region. He is retired from the supermarket promotional field, a father of four, and "enjoying the wonders of six grandchildren".

Discussion tables will be available with real life stories, and ideas on how we can, perhaps, light a candle to relieve the darkness of hunger in our communities.

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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all Temple members that supported the **Library Committee Book Fair**.

We sold over \$1,100 worth of books, enabling us to purchase 19 new children's books for the library. Special thanks to Bobbie Jacowitz and Harry Weisz for their generous donations.

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
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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.

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*Service of Peace, Comfort
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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.

Rabbi's's Message

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Monday, April 5, 2004 the First Seder will begin at sundown. We are required to remember that we were slaves in Egypt and now we are free.

Of all the things we might have been bidden to remember, it is interesting that we are bidden by the Bible to remember that our ancestors were strangers. That memory, perhaps more than anything else, is meant to teach us the essence of our religion: empathy, compassion and responsibility for those who are in need. Thus, we begin the core recitation of the Haggadah with an invitation: "Let all those who are hungry come and partake." Yet, ultimately, we have a responsibility, especially as Reform Jews, to help others and speak out against injustice. Our tradition demands us to do so and these two holidays reminds us again the reasons why we must not stop doing this.

Every year, we take our Confirmation students to the Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement to learn about political issues and what the Reform Movement's position is on it. Then, we speak with our elected officials to share our concerns and remind them that we have an obligation as God's children to speak out against injustice. Our students learn that we must be like Mordechai and Esther and Moses in that we have to help others and make sure their lives are not lessened. That is why on Sunday, April 25, 2004, I will be going to Washington, D.C. to march in the **March for Women's Lives Rally**, an effort to cry out to protect women's rights for reproductive freedom and choice. Reproductive choice is often considered a legal and medical issue—what the law says and what doctors advise. But for most women and men, decisions about family—including decisions about when and whether to bear children—are mainly personal, involving their beliefs and

values. As pro-choice people of faith, I believe that the ability to make moral decisions is the very basis of an individual's dignity and autonomy and an expression of our God-given ability to exercise free will.

As Reform Jews, we hold in high respect the value of potential human life, while remaining committed to women as responsible, moral decision-makers. We believe that we must move beyond the bitter abortion fight to ensure that every child is wanted; that every pregnant woman has quality health care; that all parents—male and female—understand their responsibilities and have the support they need; that children are educated about sexuality so they can make responsible decisions; and that freedom of choice—basic to our way of life—is preserved. I am going to speak up with compassion and empathy and take the responsibility to help others. Please join with me!

Cantor's Message

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seem to know anything. What is the Jewish definition of wisdom?"

Encourage an atmosphere where people feel comfortable asking questions about what's being said in the Haggadah. Once a question is asked, invite everyone to think about a possible answer, and/or to look in his/her Haggadah to find one.

6. Tell everyone to eat a light meal before coming to the Seder. This is not a dinner party -- the reading and discussion of the Haggadah is the whole point of the evening! Let people know in advance that they will be reading through the Haggadah and discussing issues long before they begin eating. Don't let the meal become the focus.

7. Assign topics to present to various guests. For example, give someone the section on "The Four Sons" and get them to learn and discuss the meaning behind each son to present to everyone at the table.

8. Use the same Haggadahs so that everyone can follow.

9. If you are trying to change the focus of the family Seder toward something more meaningful, try hosting it at your home this year. Always invite guests who are not family. When "guests" are there, even the most cynical family member is on their best behavior.

10. Ask me for my packet of *Passover Parodies*. These are lyrics for Passover set to well known melodies such as "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".

Enjoy this special time with your family and friends. Know that you are transmitting to them some of the most precious memories of their lives!

President's Message

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some members to feel alienated from our Temple.

We should allow our congregants their own viewpoints on this controversial issue; we should support issues of *tikkun olam*, which we can support with all of our Jewish souls and congregants. With study and allowing our congregants to express themselves, we should not support the rally with our Temple's name at this time.

The Majority Opinion & Results:

It is obvious from the publicity you are getting that the Board of Trustees passed the following motion: Temple Shalom shall support and attend the Pro-Choice Rally in Washington D.C. on April 25, 2004. The overwhelming majority of Board members felt strongly that our prophetic writings provide an imperative to speak out, together, as a community, at this crossroads in history for the freedom for women to choose our own medical destinies.

What we learned:

1. Never assume an issue is a "no brainer" decision.
2. Whenever possible, publish upcoming Board of Trustee motions in the weekly email communication so the congregation is aware and encouraged to comment and/or attend Board meetings.
3. We are strong enough to withstand differences of opinions.

B'shalom, See you on the bus, Sharon

By Popular Demand: JAZZ CAFE II

SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24
8:00pm

In celebration of great music and exceptional talent, Temple Shalom is once again presenting an unforgettable Evening of Jazz. Talented, professional musicians will be jamming together for a café style jazz concert on Saturday, April 24, 2004 right in our own Temple Shalom Social Hall Cafe.

This amazing group is, once again, being summoned together by our very own Vocalist/Chanteuse: Cantor Janice Gordon.

If you were one of the 200 revelers at last year's sold out performance, you know what a hot date this will be! Did you miss last year's event? Well, here's another chance to be enchanted! Sophisticated and Smooth.....you won't want to miss out again. Bring your friends, book ahead to reserve a table for 8-10 or come with your honey and sit at an intimate table for 2. Snax served, drinks available. Tickets: \$ 20. in advance, \$22.50 at the door.

Advance ticket purchase at the Temple Office.

Brotherhood of Temple Shalom

Annual Blood Drive

Sunday, March 21, 2004
In the Temple Shalom Social Hall
From 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

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

You will receive:

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- Blood Donor Card with your Blood type

As in every Brotherhood event refreshments will be served.

For information please call Jack Szafran:
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Sunday, March 07, 2004

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For Children of All Ages

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The Jewish Book Club

On Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 8:00 pm, the Adult Jewish Growth Committee will present a discussion of **Words that Hurt, Words that Heal: How to Choose Words Wisely & Well** by noted Jewish scholar and author Joseph Telushkin.

Some of you may have attended and enjoyed his program as part of the Jewish Cultural Series last year. Contrary to the nursery rhyme, words can hurt as much as sticks and stones.

Please join our facilitator, Annette Weinstein, and fellow congregants for a fun evening.

Sisterhood of Temple Shalom

FASHION SHOW

at the

PNC Bank Art Center, Holmdel, NJ

MARCH 14, 2004 ~12:00 NOON

Non-Members \$50.00 Per Person
Sisterhood Members: \$45.00 Per Person
Seniors over 65 ~ \$40.00 Per Person

Contact Ruth Queen for Tickets 732-679-0491

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❁ Lila and Allen Spiegel on the arrival of their granddaughter Eva Ilene, daughter of Andrea & Peter Susskind

❁ Karen and Andrew Hoffman on the birth of their daughter Isabelle Patricia

CONDOLENCES

❁ Mildred Lautman on the passing of her husband Harold

❁ Louis Schoen on the passing of his mother Yetta

❁ Carol Sokol on the passing of her mother Anna Moskowitz

❁ Robin Hirsch on the passing of her uncle Morton Chepin

❁ Basha Alade on the passing of her father Irwin Ephraim Alperin

❁ Gary Enoch on the passing of his cousin Toby Rose

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❁ Neal Himmelfarb on the passing of his father Arnold

❁ Eric Schoenback on the passing of his aunt Rita Berkman

❁ Arlene Rosen on the passing of her father Morris

❁ Samantha Malinger on the passing of her grandmother Dorothy Polan

❁ Jennifer Sherman on the passing of her grandmother Gertrude Weinrib

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Moving to a new city? Help yourselves, friends or relatives be welcomed upon arrival by a nearby Reform congregation. Go to www.synagoguematch.org. If you do not have internet access contact the Temple office with your information and they will do it for you.

Website for Jobseekers & Employers

<http://uahc.org/congs/nj/nj028/employment.html>

B'ruchim Habaim- Welcome to our new members:

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

♥ Mindy and Allen Stein, Richard and Daniel, of Morganville

♥ Jennifer Sherman of Laurence Harbor

♥ JoAnn and Steven Kairys, Kristina, of Holmdel

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Shabbat Blessings

Candle Lighting

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech
ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-
va-nu l'had-lik ner shel Shabbat.

Wine/Grape Juice

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech
ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ree ha-ga-fen.

Challah

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

Parasha HaShavuah - Torah Portions of the Week: 3-4 04

3/5-13 Adar: Tetzaveh; Exod. 27:20-30:10;
Haftarah-Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17
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