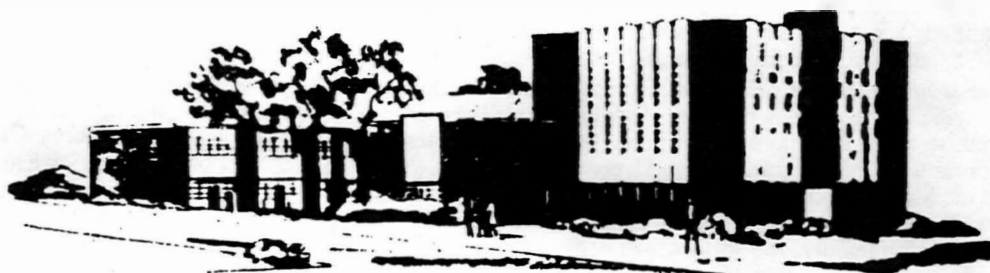


# TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN VALLEY



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## Rabbi's Message

*Welcome to the Vice President of  
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations*



January 19th begins our new "horizontal" scholar in residence enterprise whereby national Rabbinic leaders of our Reform movement will join us Erev Shabbat one night in each month of January, February and March.

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, Vice President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will begin our series on Friday night January 19th.

At the UAHC Biennial Convention in early November, I saw and heard Rabbi Syme electrify the delegates with his plenary keynote address.

In part he said,

"One year ago the North American Jewish Community erupted in massive protest against ultra-orthodox effort to change Israel's Law of Return. Ultimately we prevailed. Our dignity and self respect were assured, though, not as an act of beneficence, but in recognition of the power of a stray North American Jewish Community.

Yet what is the state of that community today, he continues, "to be sure, we can still rally at a moment's notice to stand in defense of Israel, on behalf of Soviet Jewry, or in condemnation of anti-Semitic slander. But if truth be told, we have in large measure neglected the nurturing of the true source of our strength, those men and women and young people and congregations, without whose unified action, our most urgent declarations would be nothing more than organized press releases, full of passion, signifying little."

"We dare not assume that the Jewish Community as we know it today will always be there waiting to be summoned to action or to common purpose. Every bit of evidence at our disposal, in fact, conveys just the opposite message. We have learned at this Biennial that North American Jews of all denominations are opting out of synagogue membership in ever increasing numbers, and we ignore that human hemorrhage at our peril."

Rabbi Syme called for a potentially revolutionary re-examination of the synagogue's program as we know it.

I am heartened to say that some of the reexamination and revolution of program he called for is already underway here at Temple Beth El. Yet there is so much more to do to insure the Jewish future for which we all yearn.

I write you about Rabbi Syme's January visit in December so that you can mark your calendar now. Yes, of course I want us to turn out in great numbers to greet this Vice President of our National Union of Hebrew Congregations. Even more, I want you to hear this man whose soul is on fire, and whose insights into the shape of our future shall guide us.

## Shabbat and Holyday Services

### Friday, December 1

Shabbat Service ..... 8:15 pm  
The New Kabbalat Shabbat  
NFTY Music for an Adult Shabbat  
Music by Andy Rehfeld & Rebecca Pomerantz  
Oneg Shabbat: Sanford & Harried Lederman  
Separate Singles Shabbat ..... 8:15 pm  
In Meeting Room  
Oneg Shabbat: Temple

### Saturday, December 2

Bar Mitzvah: Ryan Lederman ..... 10:30 am

### Friday, December 8

Family Service ..... 8:00 pm  
Honoring Marge Gilmore  
Oneg Shabbat: Eugene & Elizabeth Rosenberg

### Saturday, December 9

Bar Mitzvah: Adam Rosenberg ..... 10:30 am

### Friday, December 15

Shabbat Service ..... 8:15 pm  
Oneg honoring the 50th anniversary of Arthur Meier  
& Ralph Leeser's arrival in the United States.  
Oneg Shabbat: Fred & Gail Condiotte  
Arthur & Harriet Meier, Ralph & Ilse Leeser

### Saturday, December 16

Bar Mitzvah: Heath Condiotte ..... 10:30 am

### Friday, December 22

Shabbat Service ..... 7:00 pm

### Saturday, December 23

Minyan & Torah Study ..... 10:30 am

### Friday, December 29

Shabbat Service ..... 8:15 pm

### Saturday, December 30

Minyan & Torah Study ..... 10:30 am

### Saturday, January 6

Bar Mitzvah: Craig Garber ..... 10:30 am

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*(Rabbi's Message....continued)*

In addition, I call your attention to what is now our 3rd Annual Chanukah celebration called *101 Menorahs*.

*This is not meant only for families with children*, rather our single members, "emptynestors," seniors, are all invited as well, to bring a Menorah from home with the 2 candles appropriate for that night, Friday, December 22nd and to place the Menorahs on the rim of the Bimah where we shall light the candles together in a joyous ceremony. (Please note that for this time only, the service will begin at 7:00 p.m.)

Looking forward to seeing you at services at the beginning of our Leaders of Reform Judaism series.

*Rabbi Fredric S. Pomerantz*

## President's Message

Dear Congregants,

Here it is, the concluding month of the year. It is the month we celebrate Chanukah and I am happy to tell you that the Temple will be receiving some wonderful presents. This month we expect that the carpeting in the Social Hall and Foyer, as well as the main staircase will be replaced. The Temple Board of Trustees has also accepted a proposal by one of our congregants, representing a group, who will be purchasing a new organ for the Temple. Since these new additions are from generous congregants and although the details have not been totally worked, I thought it would be a wonderful thing to share with you all at this time. I hope that all the details and the names of the generous donors will be available for next month's Bulletin.

I would also like to report on the major agenda items that the Board of Trustees have before them for the remainder of my term. The number one item has been planning for the future. We are of course reviewing the physical plant needs. We have installed a moveable wall in two classrooms to give us flexibility in the use of these rooms and have created a previously "lost" youth lounge. Our Temple professional staff is reviewing classroom usage to increase our capacity without requiring additional construction and we expect to hear shortly from this committee. Physical improvements in our offices as well as in the Social Hall are also being investigated. These improvements are being contemplated as gifts and hopefully will not affect our Temple dues. The physical improvements are principally being considered because they will hopefully stimulate usage as well as revenues from the rental of the facilities as well as from increased enrollments in our school programs.

In my previous Bulletin articles, I have mentioned the ongoing review of our educational programming. Our Nursery and Parenting Center Programs are being reviewed in terms of their administration and coordination. The entire curriculum of our Religious School is and has been challenged in different manners. As this is the final year of our Religious School Director's contract, the School Board is also conducting an evaluation in order to make its recommendations to the Temple Board. It is always appropriate to inform our School Board or me of your thoughts concerning our programs and the professionals working in this area.

Other hard working committees include the Ritual, Youth, Outreach, Annual Dinner Dance and Journal, New Membership and Retention. These committees also need help. Please call Marty Kasdan or Shirley Sisselman or our Temple Executive Director, Marge Gilmore and volunteer.

Happy Chanukah!

Very truly yours,  
Jan

## Sisterhood

In flight from New Orleans, on the way home from the N.F.T.S. Biennial — so many images in my mind — a Shabbat Service for 3500 people — masses of people from all over the country representing the leadership of the Reform movement — Rabbis, Cantors, and so many volunteers like us, doing the work we are devoted to — Mim Krieger, Nancy Pivar, Sandy Pomerantz and I went to workshops and plenary sessions to gather information and inspiration that we hope to share with you in the coming months. To work with and for our Youth programs — for our choice, for getting new members — for in our members there is great strength as we lobby in local and national and international forums. To work to get more people involved to be the means by which our heritage is preserved and protected and our future insured. To see so many young women dedicated to Sisterhood and Reform Judaism is a wonderful sight — assurance that the future is in good hands. All the NFTY participants including our own Rebecca Pomerantz celebrating 50 years of NFTY.

This was an experience to be remembered and cherished. One to be repeated in Baltimore in 1991 — Start to plan and join in the fun and work to make Sisterhood a force to be reckoned with!

*Audrey Pekelney*

### Thanks and Thanks, Again!

Our Sisterhood Paid-up Membership Evening was very successful. Mark Weight not only plays New Orleans Jazz piano very well, but his devotion to and immersion in the music and its history enhanced our enjoyment of the music.

The work of many people made the evening special. Thanks to Sherry Newman, Roz Herwitt, Bernice Strauss, Nancy Pivar, Etta Bray, Carole Sherman, Sylvia Potter, Susan Asher, Barbara Helbraun, Lisa Friedman, Mim Krieger, Audrey Pekelney, Henry Berkman and Ivo Galinac, and all the wonderful ladies in the Temple office for their time, energy and caring.

*Nancy Salen,*  
Sisterhood Vice President - Membership

### SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP.....

#### A Year Long Campaign

Another appeal for membership! Yes — All year long! Sisterhood's commitment to your children, to the Temple, our community, to projects in Israel is continuous throughout the year and every year. Your support for these Sisterhood projects can be your way of participating in caring, projects that make life better for very many people. Should you wish to take a small or larger part in some of these activities, one tiny hint to us will allow us to find a "just-right" place for you. Friendship, fun and fine feeling are yours, as you participate in needed and important projects.

Whatever you feel you can do in Sisterhood, we need your voice, we need you to join. Please send a \$25 check made out to Temple Beth El Sisterhood to our financial secretary, Etta Bray, or bring your check to the Temple office. We are waiting to count you, you, and you on our Sisterhood roll.

*Nancy Salen*  
Sisterhood Membership Vice-President

## Cantor's Corner

On November 2-6, I attended the 60th Biennial Convention of the UAHC in New Orleans. This was my first time to attend a national biennial and it was an uplifting spiritual experience for me. More than 4,000 people attended the biennial and it was great to be with so many Jews who came together to discuss issues concerning Judaism in general and Reform Judaism in particular. The biennial offered more than 100 workshops on a wide variety of topics. It was very difficult to choose when you have a list of 25 workshops at the same time. Of course, I had to choose a workshop that dealt with music and the cantorate.

On Friday night each UAHC region had their Shabbat Service and dinner. I had the privilege to participate at the service. It was a pleasure to share this Shabbat dinner with the Temple Beth El delegation.

Saturday morning was the most moving service I ever attended. More than 3500 worshippers filled the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. Almost everyone of the congregation was able to follow the service and join in the singing. This is what made this a unique experience. For me it was a rare opportunity to sit among the congregation and be a participant rather than a leader.

Saturday night the Havdalah Service was held in memory of those who died of AIDS. The UAHC Committee on AIDS dedicated a quilt panel in memory of "All those Whom AIDS has taken from the Reform Jewish Community." Many other congregations did the same by presenting their own quilts with the names of their members lost to AIDS.

In addition to the traditional Havdalah and memorial melodies, some original songs, text and melodies composed and performed by Debbie Friedman were presented. It was a very emotional service that brought tears to the eyes of many.

The biennial also paid tribute to the 50th Anniversary of NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). It was heartwarming to see hundreds of young people taking an active part in the biennial. Among them was our own Rebecca Pomerantz, president of JFTY (Jersey Foundation of Temple Youth), of whom we are so very proud.

The next Biennial 1991 will be closer to home. It will be held in Baltimore, MD, and I hope we will have an even larger delegation.

Happy Chanukah to all!  
Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim

## Men's Club

Once again, on Cabbage Night, Monday, October 30, the Men's Club guarded the Temple from ghosts, goblins and mischief makers.

On behalf of the entire congregation, our thanks go to:

Vic Borden, Alan Katz, Marty Kasdan, Bob Kutick, Larry Perie, Mitch Rosenthal, Alan Urkowitz, Fred Pitofsky for their participation in safeguarding the Temple.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday, April 7, 1990**

"City of Angels"

Tickets \$125 per couple. Contact Barry Garber 767-9561

Barry Garber  
President



**101 Menorahs**

**December 22,, 1989**

**7:00 p.m.**

As in the past we invite our families as well as single congregants and couples whose children have grown, to bring their own Menorah and candles to this glorious candlelight service we've come to call 101 MENORAHS. (Perhaps there will be more this year).

At the appropriate point in the service the congregation will go to tables where they have placed their Menorah and candles before the service began and there together participate in the ritual of this festival of lights.

Young and old will light the lamps that remind us of redemption and hope. Whether an old heirloom or a simple tin Menorah purchased from the Judaica Shop, your lamp will add to the communal light.

## Our Director's Corner

11/4/89

I have just returned from the National Association of Temple Administrators (NATA) Convention at the Omni Royal Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana, where I represented Temple Beth El. Three hundred administrators from the United States, Canada and Australia attended the meeting. It was very exciting, stimulating and educational.

NATA, founded in 1941, is the professional association for administrators serving congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The opening reception and dinner was held at Temple Sinai, hosted by Temple Sinai and the Temple Sinai Sisterhood. The speaker was Donald Mintz, Esq., a Mayoral candidate and his topic was "Jewish Perspective Through Southern Eyes."

Some of the topics covered at the convention were Employee Leasing, Surviving Internal Politics, Coping with Construction, Science of Fund Raising\*, Fringe Benefits\*, and Jewish Perspective From Washington\* (given by Rabbi David Saperstein). If you are interested, I have brought back tapes on items marked with an \*. I found these specific lectures to be of the greatest interest.

Margery Gilmore  
Executive Director

## Come Welcome Margery Gilmore

The Congregation will honor our new Temple Executive Director, Margery Gilmore, at services on December 8th.

Please join us to welcome and greet "Marge."

## Bar Mitzvah

December 2, 1989

Ryan Lederman

My name is Ryan Brett Lederman. I live in Closter with my parents Harriet and Sandy, and my eleven year old brother Randy. I am presently in 7th grade in Village School. I enjoy baseball, skiing, tennis, collecting baseball cards, and building remote control cars. I'm in the ski club at school. My ambition is to be a doctor. "I am very excited and a little nervous about this special day in my life."



December 2, 1989

Adam Rosenberg



My name is Adam Rosenberg. I live in Haworth with my parents, Eugene and Elizabeth and brother and sister, Michael and Paige. I attend the Haworth Public School as a 7th grader. The school activities I participate in are basketball and soccer teams and Brainbusters. My interests include soccer, snow and water skiing, listening to music, and reading. My ambition is to work as hard as I can so I may become successful at whatever I do.

December 16, 1989

Heath Condiotte

My name is Heath Condiotte. I am 13 years old. I live in River Vale with my mom Gail, dad Fred, sister Leigh, 17. I am in the 8th grade at the Holdrum Middle School. My interests include sports, car racing and architecture. My ambition is to be an architect and part-time Indy Car Driver. School activities: Newspaper. "I'm looking forward to spending this important day in my life with my family and friends."



## From The Religious School

We are happy to announce that our library (Sifryah) is back in full swing.

Our librarian, Grace Oliff, continues to organize our present collection and order new titles for our students.

All the 3rd-7th graders are busy reading a book from the list below. book reviews are due by the middle of December. During the month of January, students will be giving an oral presentation in small groups so that everyone will be familiar with all the books selected for the grade.

The K-2nd graders continue to read books throughout the year. If they read 6 books they will be given a gift and certificate as a member of the Sifryah Society (Library).

We are also planning K-3rd grade Story Hours with Grace throughout the year.

The book list includes:

### 3rd Grade

"Molly's Pilgrim" — Cohen, Barbara

"A Mitzvah Is Something Special" — Eisenberg, Phyllis

"It Could Always Be Worse" — Semach, Margot

"Even Higher" — Cohen, Barbara

### 4th Grade

"Our Golda—The Story of Golda Meier" — Adler, David,  
Viking Press, NY 1984

"Gooseberries To Oranges" — Cohen, Barbara

"Exodus" — Chaiken, Miriam

"Yussel's Prayer"

### 5th Grade

"Are You There God? It's Me Margaret" — Blume, Judy

"Island on Bird Street" — Orlev, Uri

"Who Knows Ten" — Cone, Molly

"The Upstairs Room" — Reiss, Johanna

### 6th Grade

"The Summer of My German Soldier" — Greene, Bette

"Friedrich" — Hans Peter Richter

"Alan & Naomi" — Levoy, Myron

"Out of Many Waters" — Greene, Jacqueline

"Call Me Ruth" — Sachs, Marilyn

### 7th Grade

"King of the 7th Grade" — Cohen, Barbara

"Kate" — Little, Jean — Harper & Row 1971

"Rooftop Secrets" — Bush, Lawrence

A very big Todah to the Parents' Association for organizing our first Jewish Book Fair. A special thanks to Harriet Lederman and Randi Fishman for all their hard work and leadership.

To all Religious School Parents — Office Phone Hours:  
Monday-Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Evie Rotstein

Education Director

## News From The Parenting Center

Preparing arts and crafts and hanging them on the Sukkah was a special experience for moms and toddlers. Our yearly celebration is in the works and will be held on December 18 from 11:45 - 12:45. The party includes making special Chanukah arts and crafts projects and eating holiday foods. All are welcome. We look forward to having old and new friends join us. Tickets can be purchased for whole family. For more information contact Hope Eliasof or Susan Nussbaum. On December 4 at 11:45 the parent center is pleased to present Evie Rotstein as our discussion group leader. Evie will facilitate a talk on how to handle the Christmas season for Jewish families. This controversial topic will hopefully allow us to share and brainstorm together. Our new brochures for the spring semester will be ready at the end of December. Please let us know if you'd like to be on the mailing list.

November 21, 1989 — 11:45 - 1:00.....Parent Lunchtime Lecture - *To Eat Or Not to Eat?* Discuss ways to help our children develop a healthy attitude towards eating and mealtime. Learn ways to avoid mealtime battles and prevent development of overeating behavior — Hope Elias of ACSW, presenter.





## Youth News & Views



### B.E.S.Y. (Grades 9-12)

Our trip to New York City was well-attended and a lot of fun! We had a great Sunday brunch at Tennessee Mountain in Soho and then split up into a few groups to cover the sights and spend some money! Many thanks to Ardelle Kasdan and Bryan Pivar for helping us transport our members and their continuing support!!

Ski trip applications are coming in every day!! Don't miss out! Send in your blue application (you should have received it in the mail in early November) along with a deposit check for \$50.00. Remember, the balance of \$70.00 and various forms for the trip (will be available at parents' meeting 12/12) are due back by December 18th!! Please remember that there will be NO refunds after December 12th unless we can fill your place.

### Save the following dates:

Saturday, Dec. 2— 1 pm ..... Help Sisterhood set up  
for Bazaar  
7 pm ..... Wrap Party  
at Paramus Park Mall, ending at Temple at 11 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 3—5 pm ..... Pack up Bazaar, pizza and  
board meeting ending at 8:30 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 10—5 pm ..... Racquetball Party  
in Bloomfield—all TYG's in N.J. invited!  
Call Leigh (664-6823) or Danny (666-0748) for details.  
Saturday, Dec. 16—8 pm ... Regional dance...call Leigh  
or Danny for details/to arrange carpools!!  
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 ..... JFTY WINTER CONCLAVE  
AT CAMP KUTZ! Call Sherry (768-5112)  
for applications!  
Saturday, Jan. 6 ..... JFTY Homecoming Dance  
January 12-14 ..... BENJY BESY SKI TRIP  
TO GORE MOUNTAIN

### IMPORTANT REMINDER: PARENTS' MEETING

for all parents whose children will be attending the Ski Trip to Gore Mountain on January 12-14....

**Tuesday, December 12 at 8:00 pm**  
at the Temple

IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED  
AND FORMS WILL BE GIVEN OUT...BE THERE!

### NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS....

**December 12 and January 2 — 8:00 p.m.**

### B.E.N.J.Y. (Grades 7 & 8)

Our Racquetball Night at Riverview Racquet Club was GREAT! Now we're gearing up for the BIG SKI TRIP! Don't forget the Movie Night!

Monday, Dec. 11—6 pm ..... Pizza Series Dinner  
Sunday, Dec. 17—6 pm ..... Dinner and Movie Night  
(call James or Craig for info.)  
James 767-7292 — Craig 767-9561.

January 12-14 ..... SKI TRIP TO GORE MOUNTAIN  
APPLY TODAY! DON'T WAIT! SPACES LIMITED!!

## Nursery School News

The Nursery School children enjoyed celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah with the Rabbi and the Cantor. Spending time together in the Sanctuary was a memorable experience for the children as they listened to a story told by the Rabbi and learned a song from the Cantor. Together we all marched around the Sanctuary with our hand crafted flags. It was a joyous occasion!

The four year old classes went on a wonderful trip to the Educational Center of Van Saun Park Zoo. The children were taught about three different types of animals — mammals, reptiles and birds. The children were very interested in the animals and enjoyed petting them. Back in the classrooms, we made a book about our trip. The amount of information retained by the children was remarkable. I'd like to thank all of the mothers who volunteered to be drivers.

The three year old class will be going on a trip in mid December to the Demarest Library. They will be looking forward to their first outing.

Dr. Jeff Askanazi, a parent in the Nursery School, gave a presentation at our November Staff Meeting. He instructed us in how to deal with airway obstruction in children. It was a very informative demonstration.

Nursery School Registration material will be sent out in late December. If you would like to observe the school, please contact Jean Schreiber at 768-3726 to make an appointment.

*Jean Schreiber*  
Director

### NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Temple Beth El Nursery School announces its upcoming January registration for the 1990-91 school term. Registration is open to children who will turn 2, 3, or 4 years old by September 30, 1990. Temple members receive priority in registering during the first two weeks of January; thereafter, registration will be open to all members of the community.

To request an application, please contact either the Nursery School office at 768-3726, or call Ivy Greenstein, Nursery School registrar, at 767-8361.

**DON'T FORGET!**

*Bazaar*

**December 3**

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

## Welcome To Our New Members

Welcome to the following new members of our Temple family. Please extend a warm and friendly welcome to them and make them feel at home.

Matthew Tepper  
Haworth — 387-9475

Walter & Sue Elzey  
Tenaflly — 816-9222



## The December Dilemma

It is not only intermarried couples who face the annual "December Dilemma." Living in our pluralistic society, many Jewish parents and children sometimes feel that they are "missing something." This perception can be overcome by concerted efforts to create warm and positive Jewish memories and traditions that are unique to your family.

Chanukah celebrates our religious survival in spite of attempts to force us to assimilate into the mass culture of society at large. The dedication and struggle of the Maccabees should inspire us to work to create a nurturing Jewish environment in our homes, lest we allow the media and marketplace to accomplish what the Syrian-Greeks could not.

Just as every family has its unique traditions with regard to celebrating Passover and Thanksgiving, you can create traditions unique to your family for the celebration of Chanukah.

- \* Each family member can create or purchase his/her personal Chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah).
- \* Children can make Chanukah decorations that get stored away and displayed each year.
- \* Every dinner during the week can feature a special Chanukah food (latkes, sufganiot [donuts]).
- \* Precede the daily candle lighting and dinner with a brief family reading or song from the new CCAR Chanukah book "Haneirot Halalu: These Lights are Holy."
- \* Have an annual Chanukah party for friends and/or family you do not see often.
- \* Collect Chanukah "Gelt" and decide as a family what to donate the money to.
- \* Invite other families for a Chanukah Shabbat Dinner — and ask each family to bring samples of "their" traditional latkes.

In the days of greatest winter darkness, the warmth of Chanukah and its lights can add a special warmth and beauty to your Jewish home, and create positive Jewish memories that will be remembered for a lifetime.

## Fellowship News

*Put On Your Dancing Shoes!!*

February 3rd

DINNER DANCE



## To American Jews — A Plea From Soviet Jewry Activists

We, the Jews of the Soviet Union, at a critical moment of our history are appealing to you: do not let the United States close its doors to us.

We represent the full spectrum of Jewish life in the USSR, including *aliyah* and cultural activists. Hebrew teachers, Zionists and non-Zionists. We know that immigration of Soviet Jews to America is controversial, but, at this point in time, the Jews of the Soviet Union are a people at risk. If the ability of Soviet Jews to come to the United States is severely limited by the changes introduced recently by the U.S. Administration, the result might be a catastrophe.

Many may respond that if Soviet Jews are truly in danger, Israel offers a safe haven. This is, of course, true, but we must recognize that the great majority of Soviet Jews still refuse to go there. We are concerned that many thousands who might otherwise have left the Soviet Union will remain behind if they cannot go to the U.S. Let us not forget that in the early years of the Nazi regime, many German Jews also chose not to take advantage of opportunities to emigrate.

A potential for severe instability has been created in the USSR by the failure of reform and looming economic disaster. At such times in Russian history the Jews were always the first victims. A shift in the Soviet government could quickly return us to our previous state of isolation — unable to emigrate, unable to communicate with the outside world and unable to study our own traditions.

We see in the press that an attempt is being made to create an impression that there is no strong objection among American Jews to the Administration's steps. We appeal to you to write and to send telegrams to Congress and the Administration that the American Jewish community will not consider acceptable any policy which cuts off the United States as an avenue of our escape.

We understand that the resources of your country are limited and that this flow of refugees exerts a serious strain on the resources of the American Jewish community. But consider that once these refugees are settled and productive, they return far more in taxes alone. Given time, people of good will should be able to solve what is, after all, an economic problem. It is imperative that the flow of Jewish refugees continue unimpeded. Ask your Congress to provide enough refugee slots to meet the need. While you still have a chance, you must try to rescue as many Soviet Jews as may be willing to leave.

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**Leonoid Stonov:** Head of Legal Seminar on Emigration Problems, Chairs of Public Committee for Monitoring Visa-Office work.

**Yari Semenovsky:** Founder and leader of "Poor Relatives" group of Jewish Refuseniks.

**Alexander Shmukler:** Editor-in-Chief, Information Bulletin on Jewish Repatriation and Cultural Problems.

**Roman Spector:** V.P., Jewish Cultural Association.

**Joseph Zissela:** chair, Public Fund for Development of Jewish Culture (Ukraine).

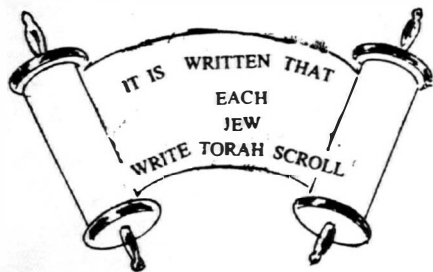
**David Mikhalev:** Vice-Chair, Public Committee for Monitoring Visa-Office Work.

**Alexander Rappoport:** Activist of Jewish Emigration Movement.

**Semen Akselrod:** Activist of Jewish Emigration Movement.

**Alexander Lerner:** Activist of Jewish Emigration Movement.

**Victor Borden, M.D.:** Soviet Jewry Committee



## Report From The Torah Committee

DO YOU KNOW?

### GENESIS

Genesis is made up of 12 parshiot and 50 chapters. It tells the story of the history of the world from creation through the death of Jacob. It includes the stories of Eve and Adam, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and Sara, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel and Joseph.

Our once is a lifetime opportunity to write a Torah is *Now*.

Every man, woman and child will be given the privilege to dedicate a letter, word, sentence, portion or entire book of our Torah.

We have completed negotiations with broker Scribe, Rabbi Moshe Klein, who will delight you, March 4, 1990 when we actually begin to write our Torah.

Through this project, we anticipate generating \$100 to \$150 Thousand Dollars. \$100,000 will be placed in an endowment fund. The interest income will be used by Temple Beth El to enrich our educational programs for all age groups.



## Chai Society

Our trip to see the "Gardens and Ghettos" at the Jewish Museum and Lunch with a stroll in Chelsea was enjoyed by all. It was nice to renew friendships and to greet our new "CHAI" members Jane and Jay Miller.

The next event of the "Chai Society" will be our Annual Chai Shabbat Dinner on *March 23rd*. Mark your 1990 calendar so you will be sure to join us.

If there are any questions about the "Chai Society" please call Bunny Black — 768-4820.

## Delegate's Report From UAHC/NFTS Biennial

Having to write a Bulletin message about the Biennial Convention so soon after returning from New Orleans is a challenge.

My head is so full of facts and feelings that it is difficult to sort them out. I must begin by thanking Sisterhood for supporting our delegates by paying our registration fees. I hope that all the ideas that we have brought back will repay our organization many times over.

The thrill of hearing Rabbi Shindler charge us — the Reform Jewish Women with the task of convincing the States to support Pro-Choice was awesome and heavy. The Religious Action Center reminds us to *Think Globally and Act Locally* concerning environmental matters. (Please start by giving up non-biodegradable products such as styrofoam cups).

The privilege of hearing Shoshannah Cardin, Head of National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, Asst. Dir. of the Religious Action Center, Sara Lee, Director of Rhea Hirsch School of Education at Hebrew Union College, Alice Shalvi, Head of Israel Women's Network and Patricia Tyson, Director of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights was certainly one of the highlights of the convention.

The women of Sisterhood are an important voice — heard around the world. You — our Sisterhood members are part of that chorus and you should hold your heads high and be proud. If you have not yet joined, please send \$25 to Etta Bray. Your dues support so much of what Sisterhood does: YES Fund, Circle of Service, World Union for Progressive Judaism, Jewish Braille Institute, plus so much more including what we do here on the home front. Don't be left out and hopefully you will join us at the 38th Biennial in Baltimore in 1991.

*Kim Krieger for Nancy Pevar  
Audrey Pekelney  
Sandy Pomerantz*

## What A Loss — Where Were You?

On Saturday, November 4th, Dr. Kenneth Bloom graciously gave of his time, while Rabbi Pomerantz and Cantor Bar-Nissim were at the UAHC Convention in New Orleans. Bagels and cream cheese completed the morning repast.

**BUT NO ONE CAME!**

## Adult Education



Keep these dates open:

**Sunday, January 14, 1990**

Dr. BenNelson — Lecture and Brunch — 10:30 a.m.

Topic: *The Beiliss Trial*

**Friday, January 19, 1990**

Rabbi Daniel Syme

Topic: *The Values We Need as Reform Jews*  
Oneg Shabbat to honor Patrons of Adult Education

## ARZA

### CHALLENGE TO CHABAD: IRAC DEMANDS REFORM PRESENCE AT BEN GURION

For many years, the Chabad movement has operated a booth and distributed religious literature at Ben Gurion airport in Israel. Citing this precedent, the Israeli Reform movement requested permission from the airport authority to set up a similar booth. When it was turned down, the ARZA-sponsored Israel Religious Action Center filed a petition with Israel's Supreme Court, asking the Court to take one of two actions: a) Close down the Chabad booth because religious activity is inappropriate in an airport, or; b) If it deems religious activity to be permissible, allow a Reform booth alongside Chabad because there is no basis in Israeli law for discrimination against the Reform movement.

The Court's decision is pending. In the meantime, the Religious Action Center has filed a series of other suits in defense of Reform rights in Israel. You can help by joining ARZA, which finances the activities of the Israel Religious Action Center. Contact the Temple office for information on ARZA membership.

We can be proud — Ninety members of our congregation have already pledged their support to ARZA. Our most recent are the following:

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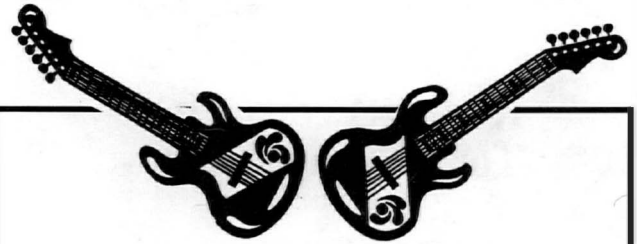
Near the close of our Rummage Sale, we helped to back up more than a vanload of clothing, blankets, shoes, etc., which was then delivered and distributed to homeless on the Lower East Side. The rest of YOUR donations were collected for the benefit of India. As you can see, your effort is worthwhile. Together, we do great work.

### REMEMBER December 7th

All material for the January bulletin must be typed for reproduction and in the Temple Office by *December 7th*.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Singles Invited To Worship Together

Singles of all ages are cordially invited to Temple Beth El on Friday, December 1 at 8:15 p.m. Separate singles one to follow.



The New Kabbale Shabbat — NFTY music for an Adult Shabbat — music by Andy Rehfeld, National UAHC Camp Kutz Song Instructor and Regional Professional Director of New Jersey Federation of Temple Youth; Rebecca Pomerantz, Assistant Song Leader, UAHC Camp Harlam and President JFTY, will lead an informal service of the JFTY music of the last 50 years, which so inspired the 3,000 delegates at our recent UAHC Biennial in New Orleans.

December 1 — 8:15 p.m.

## Crop Report

On October 15, thirty three people from Temple Beth El joined seven hundred walkers from twenty-four churches and other organizations in the Crop Walk. Carrying pledges of over \$600, these Temple members (and friends as well) walked (or bicycled) ten miles through the local towns of the Northern Valley. Many of these contributions will be earmarked for the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in order to buy food for starving people around the world. When one considers that \$25 buys food for a family of Ethiopian Jews for a week, the monies collected take on an added significance. At this writing, over \$400 of these pledges have actually been collected and turned in for food purchase. It has been estimated that over \$60,000 will be collected from this year's Crop Walk, perhaps making it the most successful ever in the Northern Valley.

Temple Beth El is one of the official stops on the walking route. To the volunteers who represented the Temple that day, whether in taking care of the hundreds of walkers who came through, or in actually walking or riding the Crop Walk, we extend our appreciation. Considering the importance of these monies as well, we would like to remind walkers to collect any outstanding pledges, and to drop them off in the Temple office.

*Marty Lazar*

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990**

*Testimonial for Jan Chason*

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Class will meet once a week from 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. through May 1. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple. *Introduction to Judaism* is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 56 member congregations. Additional sections will be offered in New Jersey.

For further information on this and other programs for intermarried couples, please contact your Rabbi or Kathy Kahn at the UAHC office (201) 599-0080.

### UAHC ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be holding workshops on “Strengthening Your Temple Board” on Wednesday, December 6, 1989 at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield (Union County, NJ) and on Thursday, December 7, 1989 at Temple Beth Or, Washington Township (Bergen County, NJ). The program will focus on “Improving Board Process” — creating the opportunity for exemplary teamwork by learning about your personal leadership style and increasing awareness and sensitivity to other leadership approaches; and “Strategic Planning” — beginning the process of long-range planning to ensure your congregation is prepared for the future.

Both programs will be led by Rabbi Samuel Joseph, Associate Professor of Education, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati. Rabbi Joseph is a consultant to Jewish Family Service and United Way on conflict management, situational leadership, and self esteem.

All members of Reform Temple Congregations are invited to attend. The cost for the evening is \$10 and includes a light supper and materials. To register contact Marge at the temple office.

### JEWISH PARENTS OF INTERMARRIED COUPLES GROUP

Jewish Parents Of Interfaith Couples: Looking Forward is a 4-session discussion group meeting on Monday evenings beginning January 15 at Temple Beth Tikvah in Wayne. The group will be led by Ilene Kleinberg, a trained facilitator and it will provide parents of interfaith couples with a supportive setting in which to dialogue with others and attempt to resolve issues which may cause difficulty. The group will meet once a week from 7:30-9:00 p.m. through February 5. *Jewish Parents of Intermarried Couples: Looking Forward* is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 56 member congregations. The fee for this group is \$75 per couple; \$50 per individual.

For further information on this and other Outreach programs, please contact Kathy Kahn at the UAHC office (201) 599-0080.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING OFFERED

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Hebrew Union College and the Reform congregations of Union County announce their sponsorship of a 12-week course beginning Thursday, January 11, 1990 to train teachers for Reform Religious Schools. The class will meet at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.

The subjects the course will discuss include how to design an interesting lesson plan, how children learn, and classroom management. There will also be time devoted to areas of Jewish study.

The class is open to all those interested in improving their teaching and classroom management skills, or those who are interested in entering the profession of religious education.

For further information contact the UAHC Regional Office at 201-599-0080 or your congregational Rabbi.

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Anne &amp; Ted Friedman on the marriage of their daughter Gail to Robert Schoenbach.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**


Tamara Birns on the loss of her father, Alexander Kroo.

**GET WELL TO:**

Micah Kasdan in Englewood Hospital.

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<b>3</b> 5 KISLEV Sisterhood Bazaar 10:00 am	<b>4</b> 6 KISLEV	<b>5</b> 7 KISLEV Congregational Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>6</b> 8 KISLEV	<b>7</b> 9 KISLEV Adult Education 8:00 pm Ritual 8:15 pm	<b>8</b> 10 KISLEV Family Service 8:00 pm Honoring Marge Gilmore 4th & 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah Adam Rosenberg B/M Workshop Meeting Room BARJ-10th Grade Shabbaton Vayeleze
<b>10</b> 12 KISLEV 4th & 5th Grade Trip Men's Club 10-12	<b>11</b> 13 KISLEV BESY Youth 6:00 pm	<b>12</b> 14 KISLEV Sisterhood Board 8:00 pm Youth Comm. Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>13</b> 15 KISLEV	<b>14</b> 16 KISLEV Board of Ed. Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>15</b> 17 KISLEV 4 12	<b>16</b> 10:30am Bar Mitzvah Heath Condiotte Tot Shabbat 9:30-10:00 Youth Chanukah Party 7:00 pm
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