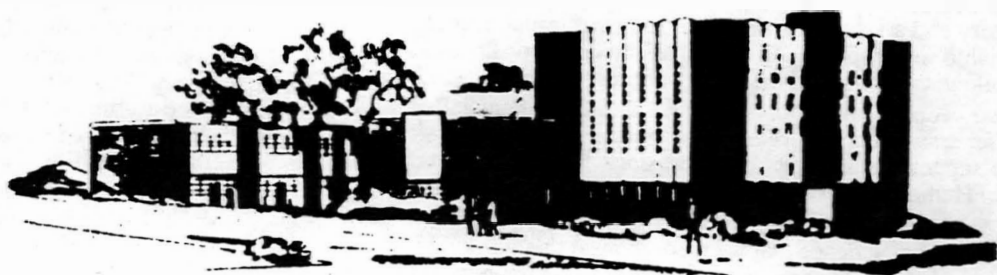


TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN VALLEY



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Rabbi's Message



Lightning Cracks

Our plane left Florida at 9:00 A.M. and we were "on the ground" at Newark at 11:35 A.M.

The week away from the press of duties, the exercise in the sparkling air, the sun's heat relaxed taut muscles, the surf sound (the slap and hiss) soothed me into a relaxed state. I was sun reddened and loose; and smiling as I left the plane.

Two hours later, we were in a surgeon's office with Rebecca. Forty-five minutes later, I was standing beside Rebecca, now on a hospital guernsey waiting for blood test results.

Ken Fried softly explained why surgery was needed. His smile was reassuring. The operating room would be available shortly. Another 30 minutes and Steve Elias (congregant with whom I might expect to raise and dress the Torah - that image was strong) and I were wheeling the guernsey towards the operating suite. Rebecca was brave and funny, dictating messages as the cart was rolling - and we were parents. (Still in Florida clothes.)

The electric operating room doors shut in a hiss, a friend came to sit with us as we waited.

The *Unateneh Tokef* prayer of the High Holydays appeared - it felt - as if in my gut - on Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is decreed who shall live and who shall die, who by. . . . I kept these thoughts private. While I never considered the prayer as literal, (the writing hand) I always felt its force and power; but never like this.

There had been awesome times before, sure, waiting for hours with no word when Jeremy was in a Washington, D.C. O.R. Waiting for a week as my dad died. And countless waiting times with dear congregants.

I said silently, "there were more excruciating encounters, this is gonna be o.k." Then why the awesomeness? Why the *U'nateneh Tokef*? "Who shall. . .?"

Because the events occurred as if in a moment. Sunsoothed and surf eased, the sudden surgery seemed as a lightning crack. And of course this is the very lesson of that enduring prayer. Along with wondrous joy, life is filled with lightning cracks; some only scary - some tragic. *And human help eases the encounter.*

Human help. From Jerome Ferber, the Norman Rockwell-like caring pediatrician who gently guided Rebecca and her parents to the surgeons. The surgeons who broke the cliched stereotyped. Not aloof technicians, rather physicians who treat body and emotions. The nurses, oh, the nurses - how much they heal - how undervalued and underpaid they are in our society.

Friends! Day after day I saw personally with my daughter what I've known professionally. Friends visiting and call-

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Shabbat and Holyday Services

Friday, February 2

Family Service and Scout Shabbat 8:00 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Jeffrey & Joyce Hirschman

Saturday, February 3

Bar Mitzvah: David Hirschman 10:30 am

Friday, February 9

Shabbat Service 8:15 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Karen Kerne & Jerry Kerne
Margo Patterson

Saturday, February 10

. 10:30 am
B'Not Mitzvah: Robin Kerne
Jessica Patterson

Friday, February 16

Shabbat Service 8:15 pm

Saturday, February 17

Minyan & Torah Study 10:30 am

Friday, February 23

Shabbat Service 8:15 pm
Oneg Shabbat: The Parents of Jeremy Greene
Claudia Weinstein

Saturday, February 24

. 10:30 am
B'Nai Mitzvah: Jeremy Greene
Allan Weinstein

Friday, March 2

Family Service 8:00 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Mitchell & Lois Freeman
Alan & Cheryl Katz

Saturday, March 3

. 10:30 am
B'Not Mitzvah: Dara Freeman
Barbie Katz

Rabbi's Message...continued

ing is a curative beyond imagination. A hospital is unknown territory and a visit (*biur cholim* in Hebrew) transforms the place into softer space. (As of course - do cards, or flowers, or balloons - because of the *sender* not just the thing itself.)

Two people brought dinner for the family. Others called to offer assistance. The Temple professionals and office staff were supportive and "took up the slack," all of this and more. Human help. With no family in the community others take up historic function.

Was it a coincidence that we were to meet this week with Barbara Mulholland to regenerate the caring community? As never before I realize the God - touch that can come from this committee's human and humane hands.

U'Nataneh Tokef reminds me of the thread. As a community of Jews gathered at Temple Beth El we can make human response when the thread snaps even temporarily. In fact, we can help mend it through caring.

The operation seems to have gone well. Rebecca is recuperating. Our schedules are normal again. (Normal!) The lightning crack seems distant; its memory fades. Yet the smiling faces, the gentle voices, the assistance rendered, the kindness, all remain. They will endure, these gestures; I know.

The caring community allows us to do the same. Even for Beth El members we have not yet met - and the mitzvah will be all the stronger. Join us!

Rabbi Frederic S. Pomerantz

**President's Message**

Dear Congregants:

This month I found it hard to start this column. My agenda for the Temple this year had been described to you in my address at the High Holiday Services as well as in our Bulletin columns. In addition, at this time, implementation is going on. But after a year and half as your President, I now wonder whether I have it wrong. I have thought in terms of my agenda for the Temple or in terms of the Board's or the Rabbi's agenda. Has my emphasis been wrong? What is Temple Beth El's role and what does the congregation want from its Temple? Have I or the Board been concentrating on these goals?

My focus has been on education and structural improvements to the Temple. I thought that the focus on the Temple, which underlined all that I and the Board worked to accomplish, was assumed and did not have to be articulated. The Temple was the place for prayer, study and assembly. If the Temple was a business, its product has to be Jews. Its bottom line is measured by the successful manufacture of Jews from otherwise illiterate, assimilated and otherwise unaware members. However, during the period of my administration and, maybe, the administration before me, we may have lost sight of this ultimate goal. Merely getting Jews together to do some social function, even if it resulted in raising money for the Temple or some other Jewish cause, does not result in the bottom line success for a Temple.

Yet, Jews must meet and act in concert to do primary religious acts which cannot be done alone. The three ancient kinds of primary Jewish acts - communal prayer, holy study and good deeds require group interplay. Only rarely are individuals able to do all the basic requirements with equal fervor and skill. Temple membership in a congregation and association with a broad spectrum of other Jews helps to compensate for our deficiencies.

Reform Judaism begins with a desire to be part of a Judaism that maintains a strong bond with generations past, yet speaks to our lives today. We accept our Jewishness and are willing to join other like-minded persons in making important choices that will determine the nature of our lives as Jews. We require knowledge, emotional and intellectual acceptance of that which we affirm, and an awareness that we and our world grow and change. Reform Judaism allows for diversity, and our sect engenders it both in ritual practice and in belief.

In order to maintain our congregation we get caught up in doing the Jewish secondary act of maintaining the building, raising money and organizational matters that we forget the reason for the existence of the congregation. While you, the congregation, have the right to demand that the organization provide the instruments such as teachers, classes, books, services, programs, etc. required to grow as Reform Jews, we the leadership as well as the congregants need to spend some of the precious time we dedicate to Temple affairs with our own religious growth.

It may appear that I have been all over in this piece so far. Let me get to the bottom line. Since no one can be sure of what someone else must do to serve God, anyone who thinks he has a new idea or an old one is welcome to help us here at Temple Beth El. This is your congregation - not mine or the Rabbi's alone. We want to know what you are thinking and how we can help you to accept your Jewishness and make it work for you. Finally, we, all the members of this congregation, have the responsibility to nurture each other because we need each other - we can not do it alone. Please contact me, the Rabbi or Marge with suggestions or to volunteer assistance.

Very truly yours,
Jan

P.S. I have taken some of the above from articles or pamphlets provided by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and if anyone would like the full texts, I will be happy to provide such.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990

Testimonial for Jan Chason

SHERATON INTERNATIONAL CROSSROADS HOTEL
Rt. 17 North Mahwah, New Jersey

"A gala evening with gourmet dining!!"

Cantor's Corner

A few weeks ago I drove around the back of the Temple to get to my favorite parking place; my way was blocked by a huge truck. I was infuriated! I jumped out of my car and yelled at the truck driver. Imagine my chagrin when I discovered that the truck was delivering the best Hanukkah gift any Cantor could receive - a brand new Allen organ.

This unexpected gift was spearheaded by Dr. John Rubinstein who plays the organ and was as frustrated as I in the quality of our old Temple instrument. We discussed the insufficiencies of the organ and with John's help, the Board of Trustees eventually allocated a percentage of the cost towards the purchase of the organ. John took upon himself the challenge of raising the rest of the funds. This was not an easy task. Not all of the funds had yet been raised, but our beautiful new organ has been installed and what a glorious sound it has!

We plan to dedicate it officially in the spring, honoring those who contributed to its purchase. Won't you join this illustrious group by contacting Dr. John Rubinstein and finding out how you can help.

Testimonial For Jan Chason

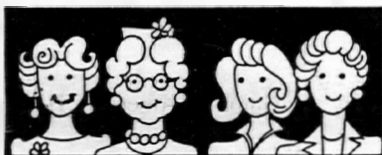
In early March all congregants will receive an invitation to attend Temple Beth El's biennial testimonial dinner-dance for our President. This year this spectacular event will be held on Saturday night, May 5, 1990.

There are several reasons why everyone should attend. First, it is important to honor our outgoing President and his family for the time, effort, and energy they have devoted to our Temple. There is no better way to show our appreciation than to be at Jan's testimonial and thank him and Laura in person.

Second, it's a night of fun, good food, and fellowship. A gourmet meal, an excellent band, and a marvelous setting have all been arranged by the Testimonial Committee. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at poolside, a sit-down five course meal, and music by the Jackie Michaels Orchestra are planned for our enjoyment.

The cost is \$125 per person, which pays only for the expenses of the evening. The Temple will not receive any profit from the per person charge, only from the proceeds of our journal ads.

So remember to mark your social calendar now. The Testimonial extravaganza will be held starting 7:00 pm, Saturday night, May 5, 1990 at the Sheraton International Crossroads Hotel in Mahwah, N.J. **Join us!**



Sisterhood

The forty-eighth District #4 Biennial Convention of NFTS will be held on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 at the Eatontown Sheraton Hotel. The theme will be "Celebrating the Century: Sisterhood Faces the '90s."

The program encompasses presentations based on needs expressed by members of local Sisterhoods; from the basics of Membership, Programming and Fund Raising to the timely addresses of Dru Greenwood, Rabbis Dan Freeland, Shira Stern and Don Weber and the fabulous entertainment of Cantor Wayne Siet.

Give yourself a treat and join me. This will be an inspiring, fun-filled experience — joining not just me but Sisterhood women from all over the state. Registration forms must be in by February 20 so call me for more information and come on along!

Audrey Pekelney

"SISTERHOOD LOVES YOUTH"

Once again I had the thrill of attending the NFTS Biennial Convention held this past November in New Orleans. Once again I was inspired and motivated by the dynamic speakers and honored guests.

This Biennial was significant because it celebrated the 50th Anniversary of NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) which Sisterhood founded and nurtured to the large active youth movement of today. Teens from all over the nation gathered to celebrate and sing their praises to the women of the Reform movement SISTERHOOD.

The importance of keeping our teens attached to Judaism

Three

throughout high school and college years was drummed into our heads. YES, they are indeed our future generation and we must do everything in our power to secure that future.

Sisterhood, through the YES Fund (Youth, Service and Education) supports all aspects of youth activities. We have scholarships for young people to attend conventions and camps, we help support the Rabbinic College and totally support the National Federation of Temple Youth.

With YOUR help this year, we at Temple Beth El can pledge an even larger amount to this fund by selling our Passover candy to congregants and their families. Please help us secure our future by supporting this project.

Within your bulletin is an order blank. Fill it out and mail IT along with a check payable to SISTERHOOD to me. Every order counts towards our YES FUND donation!!

CARE AND SHARE WITH SISTERHOOD AND YOUTH!!

Sincerely,
Nancy Pivar
Chairman

"SISTERHOOD LOVES YOUTH"

PASSOVER CANDY SALE

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NANCY PIVAR
51 HIGGINS PLACE
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Education Is The Future

The Israeli Progressive movement continues to expand its educational network, with the assistance of ARZA. The movement is now operating 15 nursery school classes at five Reform synagogues and three Reform settlements throughout Israel. Parents are drawn to the Reform schools by quality education and small class size, and by the emphasis on parental involvement. Several more synagogues are now considering the possibility of opening schools, and a number of kibbutzim have also inquired about affiliating their nurseries with the Reform movement.

Most parents initially know little about Reform Judaism, but they are quickly impressed to discover that Judaism can be humane, progressive, and pluralistic. Parents who would have never imagined that they could be "religious" are soon participating in Shabbat retreats and other Jewish activities with their children.

A Department of Education was created last year to coordinate educational development. The Department, which receives a \$39,000 grant from ARZA, prepares curricular materials, trains teachers, assists in the creation of new schools, and organizes nationwide programs and celebrations. To date, the Department has produced an excellent children's prayer book, and a brochure on Shabbat observance.

Local nursery schools are supported largely by tuition fees paid by the children's families. Subsidies for special programs are provided by the Department of Education.

A major problem for future expansion is the absence of qualified teachers with knowledge of Reform Judaism. Last summer, the Department of Education ran a training program at Oranim, the seminar of the Kibbutz movement. It is hoped that the Jerusalem branch of the Hebrew Union College will soon open a training program for Israeli educators.

Adult Education

We are continuing the lecture series on Friday, February 9 when Rabbitzin Karen Franklyn will speak on the exiting topic of genealogy and the intricacies and ramifications involved in tracing one's roots.

On Sunday, February 11, at 10:30 am., Dr. Ben Nelson will lecture on the Leo Frank Trial, one of the most terrifying and shameful instances of justice gone made in American history; a frightening refutation of the glib belief that "it can't happen here." Please join us for bagels and coffee.

Future programs:

Friday, March 16 Rabbi Dan Friedlander

Sunday, Marcy 18 Dr. Ben Nelson will lecture on the Eichmann Trial at 7:00 pm
(Please note time change)

Friday, March 30 Act I

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SUPPORT THE SISTERHOOD/B.E.S.Y. ANNUAL PASSOVER CANDY SALE

Proceeds benefit Y.E.S. Fund and
Youth Activities Fund

Thank you!!!

Mail to Nancy Pivar
51 Higgins Place
Harrington Park, NJ 07640

From The Religious School

Tu Bishevat - Giving Tree

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Oseh Ma'asey V'reishit.

Did you know that we have blessings for seeing the beauties of nature, such as rivers, seas, mountains and other natural wonders? There are blessing for seeing shooting stars, trees in blossom and seeing a rainbow.

Our tradition has taught us that God's creation is something to be cherished and protected. We must continue to protect our environment and actively campaign for ecology awareness in our communities.

In our Religious School, we hold a special Tu Bishevat Seder. This year the kindergarten and the first graders will celebrate with their parents on Saturday, February 10, as we eat special fruits, have a tree song contest and ask the 4 Tu Bishevat Questions. Our 4th and 5th graders will once again conduct their own Seder as we have done for many years.

I encourage all of our Temple Beth El families to mark this holiday by eating 3 kinds of fruits on Tu Bishevat, February 10.

- Those we can eat the outside, not the inside:
dates, olives, apricots, peaches, plums.
- Those we eat the inside, not the outside:
orange, banana, pineapple, peanuts
- Those we eat both inside and outside:
apples, pears, grapes

Remember also to buy a tree planted in Israel from JNF. We will send home the application with your child. They will receive a certificate and their name will appear on the Tu Bishevat Bulletin Board.

Chag Sameach - Happy Holiday

Evie Rotstein
Educational Director

Nursery School News

All of the classes in the Nursery School had wonderful Chanukah celebrations. The children spent most of December preparing for the holiday by learning the Chanukah story, creating their own menorahs, candles, and dreidels, and singing songs. Walking through the hallways one was greeted with the delicious aroma of potato latkes. Each child made a Chanukah gift for his parents and was very proud of it. Our festivities culminated with Chanukah parties in the classrooms. The children especially enjoyed the presence of the Rabbi and the Cantor at the parties. They led us in prayer and spoke to the children about the holiday. I'd like to thank all of the parents who helped with the parties and supplied the refreshments.

On Martin Luther King Day our entire staff will attend the annual UJC Conference on Early Childhood Education. In the past this has proven to be a very valuable opportunity for the teachers to attend workshops and share experiences with other educators. We are all looking forward to this conference.

Registration for September 1990 began in January. If you would like to visit the school and receive information about registration please contact Jean Schreiber at 768-3726.

Jean Schreiber, Director



Youth News and Views

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

Get well wishes to Rebecca Pomerantz who is recuperating from an appendectomy, from all your buddies in BESY!!

Our annual Passover Candy Sale is gearing up - let's sell (and buy) lots of that candy, everybody - proceeds of the sale go to the YES Fund (Youth and Educational Services) and the Youth Activities Fund!

We'll need lots of help at our annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 11th...we always have a lot of fun putting on a great time for the younger children! Call Sherry (768-5112) if you can lend a hand!

Save These Dates:

Sunday, February 4 BESY Board Meeting - 7 pm
Tuesday, February 6 Youth Committee Meeting - 8 pm

Have a happy winter vacation!

Sunday, March 4 BESY Board Meeting - 7 pm
Tuesday, March 6 Youth Committee Meeting - 8 pm

Sunday, March 11 Purim Carnival
March 16-18 JFTY Hagigah Conclave of the Arts

Call Sherry for applications!!!

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETS February 4th & March 4th 8:00 p.m.

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

Save these dates:

Saturday, February 10...B.E.N.J.Y. DANCE PARTY 8 -11 pm
Monday, February 26B.E.N.J.Y. Pizza Dinner - 6 pm

Sunday, March 11 PURIM CARNIVAL

We need helpers, DJs, face painters and all other types of volunteers - call Sherry (768-5112) if you can help out!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

February 3, 1990
David Hirschman

My name is David Hirschman. I live at 585 Colonial Road, River Vale with my father Jeffrey, mother Joyce and older sister Allison. I am a seventh grader at the Holdrum School. My interests are, tennis, golf, fishing, skiing and anything that's fun! "I feel great to have accomplished something so important and I know I will never forget this experience!"



February 10, 1990
Robin Kerne

My name is Robin Kerne and I live in Hillsdale. My parents' names are Karen and Jerry. I have a ten year old brother named Michael. I am in the seventh grade at George White Middle School. The school activities I participate in are band and the school play. I also enjoy my pets, swimming, volley ball, listening to music, and talking on the phone. I don't know what I want to be yet, but I'll work hard towards the goals that I set for myself. I am looking forward to celebrating this special day with my family and friends.



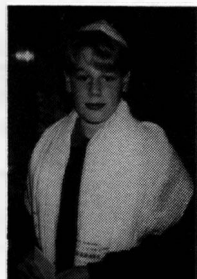
February 24, 1990
Jeremy Greene

My name is Jeremy Greene. I am 12 years old. I live at 373 St. Nichols Avenue, Haworth with my mother Audrey Green and my father, Mark, also of Haworth, and my sister Alexis, 10 years old. I am in the 7th grade at Haworth School. My interests include skiing, many sports and listening to music. My goal is to work hard and be successful in life. "I am very happy that I am able to share this day with my family and friends."



February 24, 1990
Allan Weinstein

My name is Allan Weinstein. I am 12½ years old. I live in River Vale. My parents are Gene and Claudia. My sister Meggan is 8 years old. I am in the 7th grade at the Holdrum Middle School. My interests are, sports, tennis, soccer, skiing and softball. My ambition: I would like to be a lawyer or comedian when I grow up. School activities: Student Council. "I hope I have a great time and remember this day forever."



It's All In the Family

Oops! Harriet is the Meier elected to the Nominating Committee - not her husband, Arthur, as reported incorrectly in the January Bulletin.

The New Organ Has Been Installed!!!

Last Spring I was approached about replacing our old organ. As a one pedal, one speaker organ, it was severely limited both technically and musically. The musical component of our services was severely hampered.

In a reversal of normal tradition a new Allen organ was ordered in October and installed on December 18th, before having fully raised the necessary funds.

The new organ is a two manual, 3 pedal digital electronic organ with over 35 piston driven stops. It has its own integrated 4 speaker audio system utilizing 4-100 watt amplifiers. A tremendous variety of sounds is now available.

What it will do is make the musical part of services, which was always integral, that much more enjoyable...altogether fitting that it has been installed during the Cantor's eighteenth year at Temple Beth El!

Now our organists can present over 50 combinations of stops to vary the music at the touch of a button in keeping with the service, and also the adult and junior choirs and Cantor.

A music weekend with a special Friday night service ending with a dedicatory concert with a guest organist on a Sunday is being planned for the future.

Meanwhile, come to services and enjoy what we will all notice as a significant addition to our sanctuary. If any of you wish to join those who have already raised funds, or wish to know more about the organ, please call me at 767-7292.

John Rubinstein

A Special Day

In my family December 25th was usually spent with my family and friends. At least that's how its been ever since I can remember. Even when I was grown and married the day was spent with family and friends. This past December 25th I didn't want to sit with family and friends stuffing my face...I wanted something different and I told my children I wasn't cooking. I was going to Hebrew Union College (HUC) on 4th and Broadway in New York to feed the homeless and they were going too. Kate, age 14, and Bella, age 21, found the experience as did I very worthwhile and they asked if they could go again. Besides serving dinner to the homeless we all spent time talking with the people. Some were very verbal, others not at all. It was hard to believe that these people had no homes and lived on or under the streets of New York or in one of the shelters. Some were trying to find work, some were talented and creative and played the piano before they ate, some were under some form of addiction...but all were grateful for the wonderful dinner prepared by HUC. Most were given foil so they could take the leftovers with them. Every Monday, HUC has a food kitchen for 150 homeless people. If some of you would like to go with me one Monday from 3 pm to 7 pm please call me at the Temple office.

If you know of some place or someone that may need the assistance of our congregation please let me know. Only by our communicating with each other can we help others.

Margery Gilmore
Executive Director

Outreach Connections-February

BOOK REVIEWS

Haneiroi Halalu - These Lights Are Holy, edited by Rabbi Elyse D. Frishman and illustrated by Leonard Baskin.

This is a wonderful guide to a home celebration of Chanukah. On each night a part of the Chanukah story is retold, emphasizing the importance of Jewish commitment and our belief in "right versus might." There are wonderful poetry readings as well as the traditional nightly blessing in Hebrew, Hebrew transliteration and English.

Contemporary and traditional songs of the holiday are included with notations. The often puzzling dreidel game is explained and there is even a recipe for latkes! The readings are spiritual, inspiring and appropriate for families with young children. The illustrations are brilliantly colored and beautifully drawn. This book will bring an added spiritual dimension to any family's celebration of Chanukah and aid in creating memories of warm family traditions.

Every Person's Guide to Judaism, by Stephen J. Einstein and Lydia Kukoff.

Written for the general reader, this is a book that is thorough and informative in all areas of Judaism, both religious and cultural.

This book is set up in four major sections. The "Cycle of the Year" discusses major and minor holy days and festivals, their historic origins and traditions of religious observance. Shabbat is explained fully with emphasis on its importance in Jewish life and worship. "The Cycle of Life" explores all the important life cycle events - birth, circumcision, conversion, bar/bat mitzvah, marriage and death. There is also discussion on how to create a Jewish home and on the importance of Jewish education. "Aspects of Faith" is an overview of the biblical, medieval and contemporary conceptions of God. There is detailed discussion of prayer and liturgy in private and public Jewish worship. "Contemporary Jewish Life" explores the four movements of Judaism today — Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionists and Conservative. There is a complete discussion of the roles of the community and the synagogue in contemporary Jewish life.

The reviewer found this book a pleasure to read. It is a concisely written compilation of Jewish practices and beliefs that will be an excellent reference work for those seeking a "guide" to Judaism.

BARJ Honors Dan Kirsch

On Sunday morning, March 4, 1990 the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) will honor it's first President, Daniel Kirsch, at a brunch at Temple Emeth in Teaneck, New Jersey.

BARJ coordinates post Bar/Bat Mitzvah education for 9 Bergen County Reform Congregations. Its activities include a weekly school program for Grades 8-12, a student teacher training course, weekend camp retreat programs and a 10th grade trip to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C. BARJ is the first Reform cooperative venture to receive funding from the United Jewish Community (Federation) of Bergen County. The school is also supported by contributions from member congregations, student tuition, and the UAHC.

Daniel Kirsch is a practicing attorney and partner in the firm of Kirsch, Gartenberg, and Howard. He is a Past President of Temple Emeth, Teaneck and is currently a Vice President of the UAHC NJ-West Hudson Valley Council; a trustee for United Jewish Community of Bergen County, and a member of the Jewish Educational Services Advisory Board.

This brunch is not only a tribute to Daniel Kirsch, but the school's only formal fund-raising activity this year. Donations will aid in continuing BARJ's outstanding educational programming. For reservations (\$18 per person) call the BARJ office at 599-0080.



Hold The Date! Monday, February 19, 1990

The Fourth Annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood Breakfast will take place at 10 am on PRESIDENTS' day at Glenpointe Hotel in Teaneck. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Northern New Jersey, the Bergen County Council of Churches and the Catholic Vicariate of Bergen County, this interfaith event has become an inspiring tradition. Kosher breakfasts will be served. For information or reservations, call the JCRC, 488-6800.

Attention, Attention!!!!

The Committee for the Purim Carnival on March 11th is working fast and furiously for this one to be the biggest and best fund raiser yet! Any store owner or restaurant owner willing to donate a gift certificate or new merchandise for this worthwhile cause will receive free advertising in return. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Chairpersons: Robin Presser 768-6531 or Robin Krasnov 768-3975.

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PHOTOGRAPHY		HORSEBACK
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ROPE COURSE	Cedar Lake	SCUBA DIVING
HAM RADIO &	at	JEWISH CULTURE
BROADCASTING	Milford, PA	DIETARY LAWS
TRACK & FIELD		INDIVIDUAL
COMPUTERS		DEVELOPMENT
OLYMPIC		PROFESSIONAL
POOL		STAFF

OUR 70th YEAR

INCLUSIVE FEES—8 weeks \$2715 • July \$1450 • August \$1335
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News From National

REPORT FROM THE U. N.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in company with a consortium of Religious N.G.O.'s (non-governmental organizations) attends briefings weekly at the United Nations headquarters in New York. An NFTS delegate sits alongside the National Council of Catholic Women, United Presbyterian Church, Assn. of Buddhism of America, General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists and the Bahais of the U.S.A. Among just a small segment of the religious community represented at the United Nations, non-governmental organizations also represent business, trades, peace and disarmament organizations, as well as environmental and human rights groups. All must be non-profit voluntary agencies involved internationally and that would provide a channel through which information can reach the public.

With the extraordinary improvement of the international climate during the past three years, this fall's opening began with a new enthusiasm. Secretary General Javier Peres De Cuellar reports great hope for peace in the world - this has been reflected in the award of the Nobel Peace prize to the U.N. last year. Although there is much that seems encouraging and promising, this current year's agenda shows there is much yet to be accomplished. Those aspects of progress on the agenda, include Arms Limitation, International Terrorism, Health and Human environment; many issues of Social equality and Human Rights.

It is exciting to learn that the United Nations has proclaimed 1990 to be the "International Literacy Year," bringing to the world a greater understanding of the various aspects of the problems of illiteracy and to intensify efforts to spread literacy and education.

As Jewish women, it is our heritage that education is a human right. Sisterhoods should be aware of the significance of the world problem of illiteracy and encourage programs and participation in tutoring and programs other literacy projects in their community.

An invitation to visit the U.N. is always extended to Sisterhoods.

Mim Krieger



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Aliyahs for the Year 5750

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4 9 SHEVAT 5th Grade Family Program BESY Bd. Youth 7:00 pm	5 10 SHEVAT Men's Club 7:30-9:00 pm	6 11 SHEVAT	7 12 SHEVAT	8 13 SHEVAT Board of Education 8:00 pm	9 14 SHEVAT Shabbat Service 8:15 pm	10 15 SHEVAT 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah Robin Kerne Jessica Patterson Tot Shabbat 9:30-10:00 am BENJY Dance
11 16 SHEVAT Adult Education 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Dr. Nelson	12 17 SHEVAT	13 18 SHEVAT Officers 7:45 pm	14 19 SHEVAT	15 20 SHEVAT Board of Trustees 7:45 pm	16 21 SHEVAT Shabbat Service 8:15 pm	17 22 SHEVAT 10:30 am Minyan & Torah Study <i>Yitro</i>
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