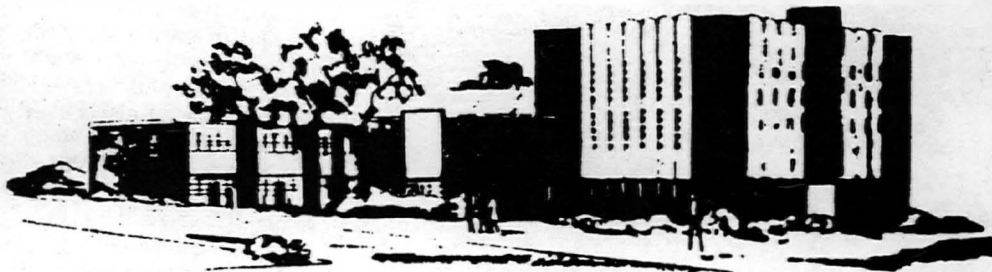
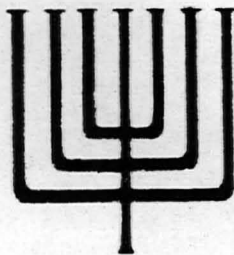


TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN VALLEY



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Rabbi's Message



Rabbi's Passover Appeal: Why?

Dear Friends,

Now, I issue my annual call for support and offer to be your agent to help elderly Jewish poor observe Passover!

The contributions you send, or the Passover food you bring allows these forgotten and lonely uncles and aunts (yes, yes, they are our family) to celebrate with a simple Seder which otherwise they could not have done.

In the name of our Temple I send Tzedakah (correct translation: "responsibility" not "charity") to MAZON, that National Outreach whose name means "food," and whose work brings sustenance to the hungry (Jew and non-Jew) not merely at Passover, but throughout the year.

We provide Seder food to uncles and aunts who live - many in fear - on the Lower East Side; not for them a place of pleasant nostalgia. We have, since the beginning of the Appeal, supported those living in dark and lonely apartments, surrounding Brooklyn's Brighton Beach. Last year the bulk of our work, as this year, will be done on the Upper West Side, through the Agency called DOROT, (translated, "generations.")

Taking our food and our cash contributions, our students travel to a Synagogue basement in an area we consider affluent and joined with volunteers from the community to pack Seder parcels for the many old and poor Jews who live in rent controlled and public housing on streets which are only a few minutes walk from the Columbus Avenue Boutiques and trendy restaurants most of them have never visited (as if in another world!).

Many of the teenagers are frightened at first. The places seem threatening. Most have never been in Public Housing. Even those who visit the posher rent controlled buildings (faded, however, from their "former splendor") are anxious about visiting with these "old people." Most of our suburban kids don't spend time with "old people." Some of the visits prove pleasant, the old folks cheering the students with stories and hospitality, glad for the human contact. Other visits are more austere. Once two girls visited a blind woman whose public housing apartment was spare and bleak. An old sofa and a wooden kitchen chair were her only living room furniture. They helped her dress. They stacked her food in the cabinets, showing her where each food parcel was placed. She asked them to sit with her as she told them of her childhood, her mother's early death, her need to rely on welfare agencies when her father, her only relative died.

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Shabbat and Holyday Services

Friday, April 6

Family Service 8:00 pm
5th Grade Shabbat Dinner

All children with birthdays in the month of April will be called to the Bima for a Birthday Blessing.
The Junior Choir will sing under the direction of Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim.

Oneg Shabbat: Fred and Harriet Pitofsky
Gary and Janis Selman

Saturday, April 7

B'nai Mitzvah: Jason Pitofsky
Baron Selman

Tuesday, April 10

First Day of Passover

Services 10:00 am
Congregational Seder 6:30 pm

Friday, April 13

Services 8:15 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

Saturday, April 14

Torah Study & Minyan Service 10:30 am

Monday, April 16

Seventh Day of Passover

Yiskor Service 9:00 am

Friday, April 20

Service 8:15 pm

Shabbat University

"From Beirut to Jerusalem" by Robert Friedman
Part One: Beirut

Oneg Shabbat: Mark and Sharry Friedberg
Thomas and Donna Hurwitz

Saturday, April 21

B'nai Mitzvah: Joshua Friedberg
Brett Hurwitz

Friday, April 27

Service 8:15 pm

Oneg Shabbat: Harvey & Linda Buchsbaum
Stephen & Ann Levitan

Saturday, April 28

B'nai Mitzvah: Marissa Buchsbaum
Peyton Levitan



President's Message

Dear Congregants:

At each service that I have officiated at since the beginning of my term as President, I have noted that a certain feeling comes over me when the Rabbi turns to me and asks that I lead the prayer on page 452 - *For Our People and Our Nation*. I used to think that the feeling was of thanks because the service would soon be concluded. I'm sure many of you, as I approached the pulpit, had this feeling. But as I prepared to write this article, I reread the prayer---

"Bless, O God, this congregation, those who lead and serve it, those who contribute to its strength. Bless all who enter this House, that the worship offered within its walls may be worthy of Your greatness and Your love, and that all who seek your presence here may find it. For the joy of community, the gift of diversity, and the vision of harmony, we offer our grateful thanks."

I honestly believe that the feeling that stirs within me as I lead this prayer is thankfulness because we have so many who care about Temple Beth El and have joined me in this period to build and maintain a Jewish community. This prayer also asks for blessing for those who lead our nation and the land of Israel. These thoughts are also very important to me and in other articles and probably my last - next month, I talk about these matters. This month I would like to express my thanks and my hope for the continued blessings for their aid during my administration and more importantly for their efforts on behalf of Temple Beth El.

Our congregants who have been my confidants, leaders on the Board of Trustees; people who have served on our committees; congregants who have contributed time and money; our professional and other staff members are many but I would like to thank them all. Therefore if this column is long, I beg your indulgence so that I may name them all.

Since they have all been of great help and deserve equal billing, I'll list them in alphabetical order:

Richard Aarons; Harry and Doris Albirt; Stuart and Rosalind Alpert; Susan Asher; Alan Baker; Michael and Barbara Baron; Barbara Barysh; Steven and Margo Berkman; Steven and Fae Birken; Shelly Birnbaum; Bunny Black; Cherie Bloom; Ken and Elaine Bloom; Victor and Fran Borden; Louise Boyarsky; Richard Bray; Eta Bray; Howard and Nancy Brown; Mike Clarke; Leigh Condiotte; Natalie Derman; Mary Sue Ehrenberg; Steven and Susan Eiseman; Elias Eliasof; Bob and Catarina Edinger; Alan Ferber; Rosalie Fried; Gloria Friedberg; Lisa Friedman; Woody and Shirley Ann Friend; Barry and Arlene Garber; Grace Gartner; David Gereb; Stephanie Gerchwind; Arnold and Roslyn Glickman; Norman Goldberg; Theodora Goldberg; Marion Goldstein; Marc and Linda Gorfine; Batia Grinblat; Bea Grubman; Mark and Arlene Hackmeyer; Mark and Barbara Helbraun; Roy and Carol Hermalyn; Betty Hershan; Jeff and Joyce Hirschman; Janet Hirshson; Barry and

Doryce Issacs; Rae and Marti Jacobs; Veronica Jacobs; Stephen and Leslie Jerome; David and Gloria Jordan; Milt and Jan Kahn; Roger and Dorothy Karlebach; Seymour and Leah Karpen; Marty and Ardelle Kasdan; Mim Kassel; Alan and Cheryl Katz; Beverly Kleiner; Max and Audrey Konigsberg; Marshall Kozinn; Evan and Miriam Krieger; Harold Kroll; Robin Krasnov; Karen Langfelder; Marty and Wendy Lazar; Paul Lerman; Ralph and Ilse Leaser; Charles and Marlys Lehmann; Laurie Lester; Steve and Ann Levitan; Tom Loman; Marty and Marilyn London; Marlowe Marcus; Irwin Marks; Arthur and Harriet Meier; Susan Miller; David and Doris Mortman; Barbara Mulholland; Audrey and Al Pekelney; Bryan and Nancy Pivar; Stanley and Arlene Plonchak; Joe and Carol Pomerantz; Rebecca Pomerantz; Sylvia Potter; Robin Presser; Sam and Esther Ratoff; Steve and Leslie Rochlin; Susan Rokeach; Gene and Elizabeth Rosenberg; Joe Rosenbeck; Mitch Rosenthal; John and Blair Rubinstein; Danny Russ; Gerry and Nancy Salen; Stanley and Ann Schachter; Stuart Schiffman; Allan and Patty Schreiber; Larry and Debbie Semegran; Phyllis Semegran; Mike and Shirley Sisselman; Steve and Eda Sorokoff; Judy Sussman; Barry Tansar; Suzette Thomas; Allen Urkowitz; Jack Valensi; Diane Weissberg; Ed and Myrna Weisselberg; Sam Wilder; Ken Wind; Rabbi Pomerantz; Cantor Bar-Nissim; Marg Gilmore; Evie Rotstein; Jeanne Schreiber; Sherry Newman; Hope Eliasof; Suri Krieger; Gail Earman; Sema Heller; Dorothy Donnelly; Grace Oliff; Henry and Effie Berkman; and Evo and Maria Galinac.

This list is long. I am proud that so many were there to help. My greatest appreciation however must go to my family - first to my children Danielle and Andrew, since I have not been able to share some of their growing up time. I know the Temple will have many better Presidents - but I don't think Temple Beth El will ever have a first lady like my wife Laura. She is the greatest and I thank her for being my special strength.

Regards,
Jan

P.S. I wish to thank all who attended our special day when the first words of our new Torah was written. Over 230 people witnessed this great event. I am sure this memorable day will only be exceeded by the day we dedicate the Torah. Please remember that it is a commandment - a mitzvah - that we all should write a Torah. It is my greatest wish that all our congregants take part in this. Please contact Harriet Meier or Marlowe Marcus for information on how you may participate.

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

In a few days we will be sitting around our tables commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. We are presently witnessing an historic event, Exodus II, of the Soviet Jews from Russia.

Optimists estimate that more than a million Soviet Jews will emigrate to Israel in this coming decade. Statistics from Israel show that in the first 2 months of 1990 the number of Jews who emigrated to Israel exceeded the number of Jews who emigrated in all of 1989. The plight of Soviet Jewry has always been in the headlines. Committees, rallies, organizations have all been formed to protest the oppression of these Jews and achieve their freedom.

Sadly, at this time, there are still at least 3 other Jewish communities living under oppressive regimes, the Jewish Communities of Iran, Syria and Yemen. Until the Shah's downfall, the Jews of Iran enjoyed a relatively free life. Now they are persecuted. Many of them have been hailed and some executed. In Syria, the Jewish community has been oppressed for the last few decades. On their identity cards the word "Musawi" (a person of the persuasion of Moses is stamped). Travel both abroad and in their own country is very limited. Professional occupations have been closed to the Jews.

For many years, it was believed that the entire Jewish community of Yemen had been moved to Israel in 1948 when the State of Israel was established. A decade ago, however, it was discovered that there is still a remnant of the Jewish community still living in Yemen. Yemen is located in the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula and is one of the poorest countries of the world and ruled by a very oppressive Marxist regime. A few years ago, a connection was established between American and Yemenite Jews, first by the Satmar Hassidim who, ironically because they are anti-zionist, were allowed to visit the Yemenite Jews due to the mediation of the PLO. Six months ago another delegation, this time of American Jews headed by Professor Tawil of Yeshivah University, a Yemenite descendant himself, visited Yemen for 3 weeks under strict supervision of the authorities. They brought prayer books and religious articles which were sorely needed. They brought out letters written to Yemenite relatives in Israel which stated that all was well with them. However, just a month before this, a letter had been smuggled out which declared to the contrary "We have been sold as slaves. We have become mud under the feet of murderers. We have been humiliated. You in Israel know our plight and are doing nothing to save us."

Therefore as we sit around our Seder tables celebrating the Holiday of Freedom and the newly liberated Soviet jews, let us remember our oppressed brethren in the Middle East and pledge to work towards their release.

Best Wishes for a Happy Passover,

Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim



Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

When later they left, with her abundant thanks, they left with an impression and an experience of the necessity of Tzedakah which shall last a lifetime.

Those of you who contributed to the Passover Appeal made the trip possible! Moreover, those contributions deepened the spirituality of your own Seders, because when you read the line "let all who are hungry come and eat...", you had already fulfilled the commandment to extend your hospitality to the poor.

I know that everyone reading this wants to be a part of this Project. As with other sincere intentions, we get sidetracked and we forget (some of us). Many of you have supported the Appeal faithfully, some with large contributions, others with a few dollars which are equally welcome. Some bring a few cans of food, others bring cases.

THE AMOUNT IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS THE PARTICIPATION!

Faithfully, one Congregant, herself at times in financial difficulty, has brought jars and jars of pennies she saves throughout the year for this Tzedakah. Among our largest contributors are those, now living comfortably, who remember the pain and anxiety of poverty and hunger from their childhood. (And our Holocaust Survivors support the Appeal in nearly total participation).

Please take some cash or a check and put it in an envelope as you read this. Or, write a note and put it in a prominent place.

Deepen the impact of your Passover as you share it with these uncles and aunts of ours who might have no Matzah, et al, without your caring.

With thanks,

Rabbi Fredric S. Pomerantz

Dear Rabbi Pomerantz,

Enclosed please find a contribution toward your

PASSOVER APPEAL

Name _____

You may publish my name in the Bulletin _____
(please check if "yes")

Dear Temple Beth El Family,

I, along with Jan, your officers and Board of Trustees, call you to a rally to respond to the emergency need to support an Aliyah to Israel which may involve as many as 1.6 million of our Soviet brothers and sisters in the next 3 years. If we fail in this historic effort, our children and grandchildren will hold us responsible, as will our own conscience.

We responded in '67

We responded in '73

We responded to Operation Moses (Ethiopia). Let us respond to Operation Exodus as Israel is revitalized and renewed with this mass reunion of our people. Information on our Temple Beth El program, and the UJC Community rally will follow.

Rabbi Frederic S. Pomerantz

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Jason Pitofsky
April 7, 1990

My name is Jason Pitofsky. I live in Closter with my sister Kim, 15 and my mother and father, Harriet & Fred. I am in the 7th grade at Village School. My activities include ski club, International Club. My interests are all sports and collecting baseball cards. My goal is to become successful in whatever occupation I choose. "I'm happy that I'm able to share this wonderful day with my family and friends."

Marissa Buchsbaum
April 28, 1990

My name is Marissa Buchsbaum. I am 12 years old. I live in Harrington Park with my brother Lee, 17 and my parents Linda and Harvey. I attend Harrington Park School. My interests are swimming, dancing, talking on the phone and shopping. I hope to become a pediatrician, or a teacher. I enjoy jazz and gymnastics. "I'm really excited but nervous. What if I mess up?"



Baron Selman
April 7, 1990

Hi! My name is Baron Selman. I live in Old Tappan with my parents Jan and Gary. I'm a seventh grader in the Charles DeWolf School. My interests are: Tennis, Art, building model cars and rockets, racing my R/C Car and Sports. I would like to become an artist someday. "My Bar Mitzvah will be a great day to share with my family and friends."



Peyton Levitan
April 28, 1990

My name is Peyton Levitan. I am 12 years old (13 in April) and I live in Closter with my parents Ann and Steve, and two older sisters, Renee, 24 and Kim, 21. I am in the 7th grade at Village School. My interests are tennis, softball, windsurfing and talking on the phone. My ambition is to become a professional tennis player. "I am looking forward to this day, especially knowing that my friends and family are there to share it with me."



Joshua Friedberg
April 21, 1990

My name is Joshua Friedberg. I am 13 years old. My sister Jennifer is 10½ years old. My parents are Sharry and Mark. We live at 372 Faletti Circle, River Vale. I am in the 7th grade at Holdrum Middle School. My interests are sports and games. "I hope that I'll do a great job on the bimah and have a great time at the reception. It is going to be a memorable experience."

Brett Hurwitz
April 21, 1990

My name is Brett Hurwitz and I am 12½ years old. I live in Old Tappan with my brother Seth, 16, and my parents, Donna and Tom. I attend Charles DeWolf School and I am in the 7th grade. My interests include, baseball, football, soccer and tennis. My ambition is to work hard and have a happy, healthy and successful life. My school activities include baseball, soccer and basketball and student council.

"I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah and I hope it will turn out great!"



Dr. Norman J. Cohen, Dean of Hebrew Union College, New York, and Professor of Midrash will be guest speaker at Temple Beth El, Sunday, April 8 at 10:30 am, co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and Mens' Club of the Temple. Dr. Cohen's topic is entitled "New Wine and Old Vessels: Making the Bible Come Alive."

Dr. Cohen is a graduate of Columbia College, Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Columbia University, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Languages, and Hebrew Union College. He is the recipient of many fellowships and academic awards and is also the author of many major scholarly papers. His writings have appeared in many major publications.

Be sure to join us for brunch on Sunday, April 8 to hear Dr. Norman J. Cohen. You won't be disappointed.



United Jewish Appeal Operation Exodus

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS SOVIET JEWS SETTLE IN ISRAEL

"Whenever anything goes wrong, the Jews are the first to be blamed. At long last, we can settle in Israel and lead a full Jewish life." — A doctor from Moscow.

"I left because I wanted my children to grow up in freedom in the Jewish homeland." — A mining engineer from Kiev.

Do you remember how we marched and chanted, "Let My People Go," year after year? Now the miracle that we have hoped and prayed for is taking place before our very eyes.

In 1989, 71,196 Jews left the Soviet Union, including the 11,168 who emigrated in November and 8,690 who left in December. Considering that only 914 were able to leave the country in all of 1986, this achievement is even more extraordinary.

This dramatic change means that more than 100,000 new Soviet immigrants will come to Israel in the very near future if the emigration continues at the current rate. They are embarking on a modern exodus which will allow them to settle in the Jewish homeland in freedom and dignity.

It won't be easy for these Soviet Jews to become part of a new world and a new way of life. Housing...food...clothing...language classes...professional retraining...medical care...Jewish education...and temporary assistance. *Everything needed to begin a new life will cost a lot of money.*

The Jewish Agency for Israel, working jointly with the Israeli government has prepared a comprehensive program for the settlement and absorption of these Soviet refugees and your help is urgently needed.

\$360 a month enables a senior citizen to live with dignity at a Jewish home for the aged.

\$500 provides day care for a small child for four months while the parents learn marketable job skills.

\$1,000 enables a new immigrant family to purchase basic furnishings when they move into a vacant apartment.

\$1,800 provides a stipend for family living expenses when both parents are learning Hebrew.

\$2,500 allows 50 children to participate in special workshops to strengthen their knowledge of Israel and the Jewish people.

\$5,000 provides professional retraining for a teacher, engineer or nurse in order to obtain an Israeli license.

\$7,500 covers all expenses for a year in a boarding school for a pupil who has recently arrived and has special learning problems.

\$10,000 enables four students in need to attend an Israeli University for one year on full scholarships.

\$15,000 pays for the renovation of five apartments in an absorption center for new immigrants.

\$18,000 brings a family of Soviet Jews from Moscow to Israel and provides for all their needs during their first year in the Jewish homeland.

GRAND UNION/SHOPRITE

You promised yourself to order scrip tomorrow...just do it!

Call Ardelle Kasden, 767-7626

or

Diane Weissberg, 666-1887



Nursery School News

As the children are busy preparing for the festive holiday of Purim the classrooms are not only very busy, but particularly noisy! Experimenting with the different materials put in the groggers seems to be especially appealing to the children. Both of the four year old classes have made wonderful large paper mache puppets depicting the Purim characters. The children know the Purim story well as they act it out over and over again. It is always interesting to observe how much children truly enjoy repetition. They need it to learn and to feel a sense of mastery over new tasks and skills. The three year olds made festive masks to take to the sanctuary on March 9. The Rabbi and the Cantor will meet the entire school there and celebrate Purim with us. The groggers from the two year olds can be heard from down the hallway! Soon the aroma of Hamantashen will be wafting in the air. I hope that the children will take their school projects with them to the Family Service.

We are already, even before Purim has arrived, beginning our many Passover projects. Little fingers are busily sewing pillows for reclining. Whoever said that four year old could not handle a needle and thread? Stop by to see the care with which these seams are being sewn.

A highlight of our Passover curriculum this year will be a trip to the matzoh factory at the J.C.C. on the Palisades. Each child will have the opportunity to watch matzoh being baked, and then will bake their own. Later, we will dip matzoh in chocolate for a delicious treat!

Our three and four year old classes are filled for 1990-91. We still have two openings left in our two day two year old class. The child must be two on or before September 30, 1990. If you are interested call the Nursery School at 768-3726.

Jean Schreiber, Director

Softball Sunday

For the last five years the Men's Club has run a *weekly* "Sunday Softball Game." We played on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am until 12 noon at the Northern Valley High School. The men ranged in age from the mid-twenties to the mid-fifties. Most of the men were out of shape but we were out to have "FUN." We all had a good time and at the end of the season we had a pool party.

If you are interested in having a good time and meeting some Temple members please call Larry Semegran at 767-1150 or Alan Katz at 767-1644. The cost will be \$25.00/person for the Men's Club members and \$50.00 for non-members. This money will go towards equipment, hats and the catered pool party.

Youth News and Views



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

The remaining three months of the 1989-90 school year will be busy ones for BESY! Some of our biggest programs traditionally close out our year. We hope that all of our high school students come on out for one program or another and give BESY a chance! We also hope that students will consider a position on next year's BESY Board. There is no better way to be sure that BESY will offer the kinds of things that YOU like to do than to be part of the group that makes the decision about programming! Call Sherry Newman at the Temple (768-5112) if you would like to hear more about the many benefits of membership on the BESY board... leadership training and skills are just the beginning of what you will receive by devoting time to Beth El Senior Youth. Many of our graduates tell us that they believe that their involvement in BESY was a big help in getting into the college of their choice...do it for the learning, the experience, the friendships, the fun... be a part of the few, the proud, the BESY 1990-91 Board!!!

Save These Dates:

Tuesday, April 3 8 pm Youth Committee Meeting
HAVE A HAPPY PASSOVER FROM BESY!

Saturday, April 28 6:30 pm BESY Trip to the
Cafe Feenjan

Join us for a great evening of middle eastern food (hamburgers for the non-adventurous), music, song and dance at one of the best known nightclubs of its kind. Those who attended last year will tell you about the fantastic time we had!! 8th grade invited!! Stay tuned for further info!!!

Sunday, May 6 ... 7 pm Nominations for 1990-91 Board

Tuesday, May 8 8 pm Youth Committee Meeting
May 18-20 JFTY Spring Conclave
(Final conclave of the year)!

Tuesday, May 29 Confirmation Service

Tuesday, June 5 BESY Annual Senior Dinner
(Details will follow)

Sunday, June 10 BESY Trip to the shore
(8th grade invited)

Friday, May 4th...BESY and Sisterhood will
present a CREATIVE SERVICE ...everyone is
invited to attend!!!!

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

Save these dates:

Saturday, April 28 8th grade invited to the
Cafe Feenjan with BESY for an evening of middle eastern
food and entertainment!! Call Sherry if you are interested
in attending. More info. will follow!

Monday, April 30 6 pm BENJY Pizza Dinner
Call Sherry at 768-5112 if you are not paid for the year!

Sunday, May 20 5 pm BENJY End-of-Year Dinner
(Details will follow!)

Monday, May 21 BENJY/Confirmation Program
Bar-B-Q

Sunday, June 10 8th grade invited to BESY
Shore Trip



The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee would like to acknowledge the following members - Get to know us!

Barbara Mulholland
Arlene Silverstein
Susan Asher
Jean Fortgang
Nancy Salen
Thelma Messer
Richard Sorkow
Neil Weber
Joan Levit
Hanice Satine
Lilo Gottlieb
Eugene Rosenberg
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Ronnie Kirsch
Amy Rosen
Caren Zisk
Lenore Goldberg
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Carol Lipton
Patty Schreiber
Judy Cohen
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Sunny Stubin
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Good and Welfare

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Alex Rebeccca, granddaughter of Ilse & Ralph Leeser, by Helen & Ken Hartoch.

In memory of Sydelle Weinstock, in memory of Julia Chary, by Murray Weinstock.

A donation from Toubé & Bennett Wohl.

In memory of Samuel Eiseman, by Susan & Steven Eiseman.

Thank you to Cantor Bar-Nissim by Elizabeth & Eugene Rosenberg.

In memory of Jeff Schwartz's father, by Joan & Alan Landesman.

ISRAEL BOND FUND

In memory of Sydelle Lederman, mother of Sanford Lederman, by Arlene & Barry Garber.

JEWISH ENRICHMENT FUND

In memory of Cecelia Nolen, mother of Alice Meyer, in memory of Adele Meyer, mother of Alan Meyer, by Gloria & David Jordan.

Thank you to Rabbi Pomerantz, by Elizabeth & Eugene Rosenberg.

To Goldie Alexander's complete recovery by Gloria & David Jordan.

In memory of Joseph Lapidus, father of Harriet Pitofsky, by Eileen & Irv Commike & family and Dorothy Ulrich.

LIBRARY FUND

Donation by Lisa & Ronald Luxenburg.

In honor of Adam's Bar Mitzvah by Elizabeth & Eugene Rosenberg.

Thank you to Marlowe Marcus, by Elizabeth & Eugene Rosenberg.

In honor of Jonathan & Adam's Birthdays, by Laura & Jeffrey Lester.

MUSIC FUND

To Selma Lieberman in memory of her brother Jack, by Carole & Paul Rosen.

In memory of Rose Cohn, mother of Arlene Maginsky, by Carole & Paul Rosen.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In memory of Meyer Levy, father of Esther Urkowitz, by Mrs. Esther Urkowitz.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of the birth of Alex Rebecca, granddaughter of Ilse & Ralph Leeser, by Ralph Bergel.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In memory of Paul Miskowitz's grandmother, by Sara & Charles Herbstman.

CONDOLENCES

To Alice Meyer on the loss of her mother, Cecelia Nolen.

To Alan Meyer on the loss of his mother, Adele Meyer.

To Harriet Pitofsky on the loss of her father, Joseph Lapidus.

To Sanford Lederman on the loss of his mother, Sydelle Lederman.

GET WELL

To Goldie Alexander

To Jerry Seitles

To Barbi Katz



During the weekend of February 15th while schools were closed for vacation and people were vacating the Closter area for parts and pleasures unknown, the Temple was being refurbished with new carpeting on the stairways, social foyer and social hall. New window treatment has also been ordered for the windows in the social foyer and social hall. This renovation was planned so that you would look with new eyes upon this beautiful space and be proud to rent it for your special functions, i.e. birthday parties, anniversary parties, surprise parties, bar/bat mitzvah celebrations. Thanks to all of you who so generously contributed.

Margery Gilmore

SAVE SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY FOR ISRAEL BONDS

Meet Hon. Robert G. Torricelli, United States Congressman from the 9th District in New Jersey.

See performed live, scenes from *Songs of Paradise*, the "witty, tuneful and wonderful" (*New York Times*) pop musical in Yiddish and English that made the *Village Voice* say, "From so much laughing you could plotz!"

Come and enjoy at the home of Doris and David Mortman.

Celebrate the new decade with a new investment in Israel.

Invitation and information to follow.

Chai Society

Did you join the Temple in 1972 or before and have not received a call from the "CHAI SOCIETY" about our trips or Shabbat Dinner?

Our Computer print out for "CHAI" members is not complete so please help us reach you.

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Torah Kick Off Is History

On Sunday, March 4 we had a packed house for the kick off of the Torah Project due in large part to the excellent organization of the Torah Committee chaired by Harriet Meier. Doris Albirt was chairperson for this specific event and her organization made everything go like clockwork. The Torah Committee provided champagne punch and fruit to start off the mornings activities. The Men's Club, chaired by Barry Garber, provided a delicious brunch. The Sisterhood, chaired by Audrey Pekelney, provided wonderful pastries. Evie Rotstein, Jean Schreiber and Sherry Newman prepared programs for the children downstairs.

I would like on this occasion to especially thank the Mandle Family for the endowment of the Torah in memory of Henry and Florence Mandle and the Weisselberg Family for endowing the educational programs to be presented at the Temple during the period of the Torah writing.

The program began with our Rabbi and Cantor doing the opening blessings. Jan Chason spoke to the congregation and commended those responsible for the day. Harriet Meier introduced Rabbi Klein. Rabbi Moshe Klein, the scribe, spoke to those present about Torah writing and also visited the children downstairs. He had a wonderful sense of humor and delighted all present. When the writing began the children were brought upstairs to watch Rabbi Klein write the first few lines of the Torah, which lines were auctioned off by Auctioneer Martin Kasdan.

On behalf of the congregation I would like to thank all who participated for your time, effort and the splendid outcome of the day.

Now that the Torah Kickoff is history, the writing of the Torah has begun. Each of us can be a participant in writing the Torah by commemorating a simcha (i.e. in honor of your child's school graduation, child's marriage, your marriage, a birthday, a bar/bat mitzvah, your anniversary, your parent's anniversary. Your parents may also wish to participate by honoring their family). You may also memorialize a yahrzeit of a dear one. Call Marlowe Marcus at 384-2817 and he will be glad to assist you with your selection.

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Sisterhood



Two and half years ago Sisterhood embarked on a sea of needlework - dubbed "The Temple Tapestry" - a six foot by ten foot fifteen panel project depicting the Biblical tale of Jacob and his dream of angels - and the naming of the site of the dream "Beth El."

There was much speculation on the completion time - from a few months to four or five years. Well - the stitching was done in a record two years by a wonderful group of thirty-five needlers and now in early March the pieces are blocked, sewn together and about to be mounted and hung in the Temple!

At a joint Sisterhood-Youth Group Service on Friday, the Fourth of May we will dedicate this work of our hands and invite you all to join us.

Audrey Pekelney

Attention Men's Club Past Presidents & Members

The Men's Club is going to be placing a plaque, listing all past presidents, the Temple stairway wall. This will also go into the Temple history now being written. A tentative list of Past Presidents, based on the best information available, follows below, but there may be some errors or omissions. Please review the list and check your records and memories. If there are any errors, please call them in to Tom Loman at 567-5670 as soon as possible.

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1959-60	Jules Weinberg	1980-82	Burton Bruman
1960-61	Sidney Weiner	1982-84	Ronald Grinblatt
1961-63	Jerome Weinberg	1984-86	Walter Cohen
1963-65	Jerome Rubin	1986-88	Richard Bray
1965-67	Samuel Wilder		

Teachers Needed For Bergen County Jewish Schools

If you have a knowledge of basic Judaism and the ability to interact with children, you may be qualified to teach classes at one of the 50 Jewish schools in Bergen County. Jewish Educational Services of the United Jewish Community of Bergen County is presently conducting a Teacher Recruitment Drive to identify candidates, with or without prior teaching experience, to begin part-time or full-time work in the fall. Positions will be available on the nursery, elementary and high school levels.

Public school teachers, women wishing to re-enter the work force, college and graduate school students and retirees are potential candidates. The schools are looking for qualified candidates to teach Bible, Jewish History, Israel, Jewish Current Events, Medical Ethics, Jewish Holidays, Values and pre-school subjects.

A proficiency in Hebrew is often not required and one need not live in Bergen County to apply. For more information contact Karol Chesney at Jewish Educational Services, 201-488-6800, ext. 216.

Outreach Connections-Passover

For an interfaith couple, the decision to raise their children as Jews is arrived at after much "soul searching." Having made that commitment, the non-Jewish partner often shows great determination in arranging, and reinforcing quality religious education for the Jewish child. The responsibility of educating our children cannot be undertaken lightly, but the results of a partnership between parents and temple can be of priceless benefit to the child.

The following illustrates one non-Jewish mother's "reward" at Passover:

It was the first seder of Passover. Our children were excited about finding the afikomen, hoping to be the ones who would be rewarded. My son, while getting dressed, realized he might be asked to read from the Haggadah. He was self-conscious and said, "Do I have to read?" I answered him by saying that I knew his grandparents would be proud if he did. Although not Jewish myself, my husband and I had chosen to raise our children as Jews and I was very supportive of the process.

The seder plate was laden with the traditional shankbone, matzah, bitter herbs, karpas, eggs and charoset. The oldest grandchild of two Jewish parents recited a prayer she had memorized. Her brother read the phonetic Hebrew. Our son was the next to read. His father and I "kvelled" in anticipation. A whisper came over the table, "He is reading Hebrew. Listen to how beautifully he is reading the Hebrew!" My son looked up and searched the table proudly for me. His confident expression clearly showed his pride in being a Jew.

When interfaith couples decide to raise their children as Jews, they should support that decision by providing opportunities for their education in religious school and at home. As this story illustrates, children of intermarriage can have a clear sense of themselves as authentic Jews. They and their parents can become vital caretakers of our tradition.

Come Celebrate Israel's Birthday

On April 29 at 7:30 pm, United Jewish Community's Israel Programs Center (IPC) and the Jewish Community Center on the Palisades will mark Israel's 42nd birthday with an Israel Independence Day celebration that is being billed as the biggest IPC event of the year. The celebration, to be held at the JCC on the Palisades, 411 E. Clinton Ave in Tenaflly, will begin with a memorial ceremony to Israel's fallen soldiers, and will include a concert by the Parvarim - Israel's top folk-singing duo - and folk dancing, to be led by noted dance instructor Tamar Yablonski.

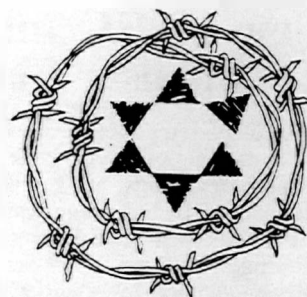
"We are very excited about this year's program," said Yuval Koren, director of the IPC. "Eighth grade students from the Solomon Schechter Day School will participate in the memorial, reading and singing appropriate selections.

"Then, the Parvarim, who are known worldwide, will offer a distinctive and varied program of traditional and contemporary Israeli songs as well as songs in Yiddish, Ladino, Greek, Spanish and English."

The evening will be topped off by lively Israeli dancing. "It promises to be one of the best birthday celebrations we've ever held," Koren said.

The costs of admission to the Israeli Independence Day celebration are: adults-\$5 in advance, \$8 at the door; children-\$3 under the age of 13; seniors-\$3. For information or tickets, call Yuval Koren at the IPC, 488-6800 or at the JCC, 569-7900.

Holocaust Remembrance Day Program



On April 22, the JCC on the Palisades and the Israel Programs Center of United Jewish Community will commemorate the Holocaust with a special program, to be held at the JCC on the Palisades, 411 East Clinton Ave., Tenaflly. The 7 pm program, which will memorialize the six million Jews murdered during World War II, will include a candlelighting ceremony, a performance by Cantor Israel Singer of Temple Emanuel in Englewood, selections by the Moriah School choir, and a lecture by author Dr. Yehuda Nir.

Dr. Nir, a practicing psychiatrist in New York, is a child survivor of the Holocaust. His book, *A Lost Childhood*, has been called "an extraordinary document" filled with "unimaginable danger, panic, terror, suspense, quickwittedness and raw luck." It is the story of how the author, his mother and sister evaded the Germans and stayed out of concentration camps by disguising themselves as "Aryans" - the possibility of discovery and almost certain death ever-present.

The Holocaust Remembrance Day program at the JCC is free and open to the public. For information, call Yuval Koren, director of the Israel Programs Center, at 488-6800 or 569-7900 at the JCC.

Jewish Family Service Sponsoring Retirement Workshop

Jewish Family Service is sponsoring a series of four workshops to explore many issues pertaining to preparing for, and ultimately, experiencing retirement. The workshops are a follow-up to a highly successful and well-attended retirement seminar held in November.

The workshop series is scheduled for Monday evenings from 8-9:30 pm on March 5, 12, 19 and 26. A daytime group will meet on Thursdays from 10:30 am to noon on March 8, 15, 22 and 29. A session geared specifically for singles is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 25, from 7:30-9:00 pm, with an option for further sessions, if decided. Enrollment for all series will be limited in order to promote dialogue and group interaction.

The workshops will be led by Jewish Family Service staff professionals experienced in issues facing older adults encountering retirement. Issues relating to communications, use of time, relocation and adjustment to financial change, among others, will be discussed. All sessions will meet at the Jewish Family Service office, 215 Union Street, Hackensack, NJ.

The fee for the series is \$20 for one person, and \$35 for couples. A fee of \$5 per person will be charged for the singles session.

Reservations and information may be obtained by calling Jewish Family Service at 488-8340.

New UAHC Introduction To Judaism Class

A 16-session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered Monday evenings at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township, NJ, beginning April 23. The class is open to all: individuals (with Jewish partners if applicable) who are considering conversion to Judaism; interfaith couples; and Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism. Taught by Rabbi Daniel Pernick of Pearl River, NY, the course will approach Jewish tradition--faith, people, way of life--through a study of the holiday and life cycles of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included.

Class will meet once a week from 7:45-9:45 pm through August 20. 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 58 member congregations.

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.

Something wonderful is happening at Temple Beth El...



A Sefer Torah is being written - This is the theme from now until 1991 when we will dedicate our new Torah.

On Sunday, March 4, 1990 over 250 children and adults gathered at the Temple for a brunch sponsored by Men's Club. We heard Rabbi Moshe Klein, our Scribe, tell all assembled that although he "speaks with an accent, the Torah will not be written with an accent." Besides Rabbi Klein's sense of humor, he is extremely informative. As the writing began an excitement came over our Temple, the likes of which I have never witnessed at Temple Beth El. This was truly a first, a section of our Torah was actually written within our walls. As we watched Rabbi write, each letter was so perfectly clear that we realized our children, who will some day use this Torah for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, will have no trouble reading from Torah.

How can you be an honorary scribe for this Torah? Call Marlowe Marcus (384-2817) and he will help you choose a section in honor of a simcha or if you wish, to memorialize a yearzeit of a loved one.

Once again, let me express my thanks to the entire staff at our Temple and to all the members who have worked and will continue to work with me on this project. There is much more to come. In the not to distant future we will have Rabbi Klein back for another project to be done on the Torah. REMEMBER CALL MARLOWE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SECTION OF THE TORAH AND BE AN HONORARY SCRIBE.

*Harriet Meier, Chairperson
Torah Committee*

Every Monday night our halls are bustling with 40-50 teenagers - 8th-10th grades - busy meeting their friends and attending elective courses to fulfill requirements for their Confirmation.

This year we have designed a program that allows for a great deal of individual choice. Not only do students choose elective subjects each semester, but the Mitzvah-Mester - a six week home project from January - February also encourages individual motivation - students can choose one of four options:

1. Community Service - Volunteering at the Riverdale Nursing Home.
2. Research Project - Interviews and research.
3. Book and Author Reviews.
4. Temple Service Attendance.

The course subjects this year have been very well received and our teachers have worked hard to prepare a varied but well planned curriculum. Courses include:

1. Holocaust - background both historically and socially-Hitler and the Rise of Anti-Semitism - The Final Solution.
2. Contemporary Jewish Problems I-Interdating and Inter-marriage, Conversion, Sexual Stereotyping, Relationships.
3. Contemporary Jewish Problems II-Who is a Jew, Ethiopian Jewry, Israel-Palestinian Conflict, Soviet Jewry, Homeless in America.
4. Ethical Issues in Society-Medical Ethics, Moral Dilemmas, Aging & Judaism, Women & Judaism.
5. Why Be Jewish-Who Is A Jew? Is Judaism a culture, philosophy, Religion or Nation, Tradition, Jewish Survival?
6. Jewish Kitchen-Shabbat Dinner (Semester I)
7. Jewish Art Themes and Projects.
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8. 10th Grade - "Finding God" and "When Living Hurts."

Our students have been active participants in discussions and sharing their ideas with enthusiasm. We thank our teachers Judy Belinfante, Iris Yoeli and Laurie Lieberman for their creativity and strength.

Evie Rotstein, Educational Director



Library News

The Library has recently acquired Thomas L. Friedman's book "From Beirut to Jerusalem." This book is the winner of the 1989 National Book Award and has received universal acclaim for its thought provoking illumination of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Children's Spotlight

We have also recently received Jane Yolen's "The Devil's Arithmetic" - an unusual mixture of fantasy and fact in which Hannah, aged twelve, bored by the repetition of the Passover Seder, is transported back to the Polish town where her family originated and becomes Chaya, a victim of the Nazis. This book received the 1989 Sydney Taylor Book Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries. Check it out.

Grace Oliff, Librarian

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