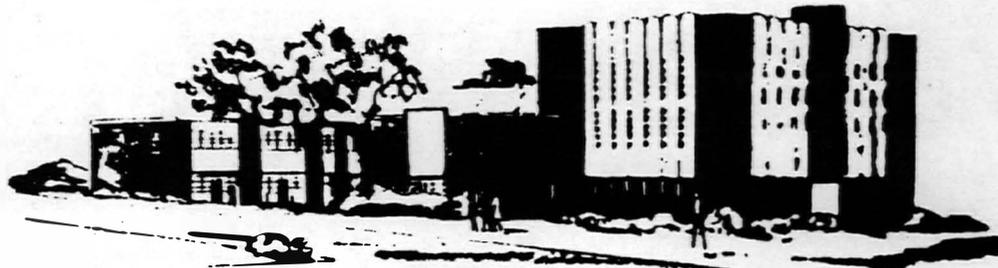
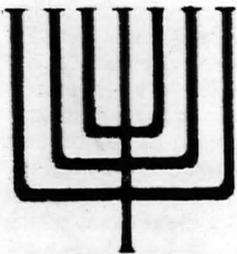


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Rabbi's Message

An Open Letter to Jan Chason

Dear Jan,



The Bible teaches that the NASI of each tribe was to bring 1/2 wagon load (Tabernacle) full of offerings for the wilderness tabernacle, which was to become the Sanctuary. These were in addition to all of the free-will, heart motivated, gifts required of every Israelite. This was to teach that the NASI had a more profound and weightier responsibility than the average Jew.

Today we translate the word NASI as: President. Jan, you have given Temple Beth El and its congregants far more than your extra 1/2 wagon load. Yours has been a dedicated gift of energy, leadership and visions. Visions of what Temple Beth El may yet become - vision of what the Jewish people may yet become.

You, a Temple President, the son of a Temple President, have brought a spiritual dimension to your leadership which has transcended fiscal and leadership aspects of your service.

As you went from the office of Treasurer, to Vice President, to President in as meteoric a rise as we have ever witnessed at the Temple, I really didn't have an opportunity to know your serious side - your Jewish soul until these last two years.

Let me be honest. I expected a technocrat, skilled in accounting, and practices of business management, and I discovered in addition, a caring, compassionate, President committed to ancient values, contemporary issues, and to the future of our People and our congregation. I discovered a man who cared about individuals and their needs as much - or even more than "the bottom line." I am proud that you are not only a congregant, but a friend. You have been of enormous assistance to my Rabbinate, and to my own service to our people.

Finally, you have brought our congregation closer to the UJC and in the process, closer to our responsibilities to our fellow Jews in Israel, round the world and of equal importance - to building a strong combined Jewish community here in Bergen County. You are part of the strong contingent of Reform Jewish leaders to assume positions of authority and direction in the United Jewish Community.

Jan, as you have affirmed repeatedly, Laura is an integral part of your Presidency. Her jovial manner and wonderful good humor, do not camouflage that she, the daughter of synagogue officers as well, has her own keen sense of what we can become as a Temple and as a People.

Not only has her untiring service been a model for all of us, I know that she has been a helpmate to you both in your congregational and communal work. I have come to treasure her friendship as well.

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Shabbat and Holyday Services

Friday, May 4

Shabbat Achre

Nursery School/Holiday Enrichment
Service and Dinner 6:00 pm
Sisterhood and BESY Creative
Shabbat Service 8:15 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Mr. & Mrs. Evan Ellison
Sisterhood of Temple Beth El BESY

Saturday, May 5

Bar Mitzvah: Paul Ellison

Friday, May 11

10th Grade Consecration Dinner 6:30 pm
Shabbat Emor

Family Service 8:00 pm
All children with birthdays in the month of May
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: Marc and Linda Gorfine
Richard and Darcy Katz

Saturday, May 12

Tot Shabbat 9:30 am
B'not Mitzvah 10:30 am
Amanda Gorfine, Tracy Katz

Friday, May 18

Shabbat Behar

Service 8:15 pm
Shabbat University
"From Beirut to Jerusalem" Part II --- Jerusalem
Oneg Shabbat: Paul & Janet Levinson
Steven and Marion Zeff

Saturday, May 19

B'not Mitzvah 10:30 am
Jaime Levinson, Karen Zeff

Friday, May 25

Shabbat Bamidbar

Service 8:15 pm
Oneg Shabbat: Norman & Alice Goldberg
Paul & Leslie Miskovitz

Saturday, May 26

B'not Mitzvah: Carrie Goldberg
Sharyn Miskovitz

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President's Message

Dear Congregants,

I have to admit that as I sat down to write this column, it was with a sigh of relief, a burst of joy - however, in the end, it was with some remorse. It wasn't easy each month to sit down and write this column. The sense of relief and the joy is certainly that I won't have this monthly challenge; however I am a bit disappointed that I won't have this ability to communicate with the 600 - plus families that are on our mailing list. I think one of the most enviable parts of this job has been the ability to communicate, hopefully, some thoughts about our responsibilities as Jews; the joys which have come about from the things we were doing at the Temple; and, just ideas that I have had. I hope that you have enjoyed these comments or at least were stimulated occasionally by one or more of my thoughts.

As this is my last column, I would like to leave as my "last will and testimony" my thoughts about my accomplishments and the future of our Temple. Hopefully, in the past two years, under my administration, we have put into motion changes in the way the Temple delivers one of the most important services we offer - Jewish education - including emphasis on Jewish Family Education. We have instituted changes in the physical plant. Another area that has engaged much of my time has had to do with personnel matters related to the people we engage as professionals, including our clergy, school, administration and maintenance personnel. In addition, a major matter for all Presidents has to be our Temple finances. Finally, as a President of a Reform congregation, I have felt that a significant portion of my time had to be devoted to connecting our congregation to our Jewish community, locally, as well as in Israel.

The above agenda has been covered many times in my columns over the past two years. It is probably the outline of the agenda for the next in line for the Presidency. Most importantly, I hope that you the congregation become more involved in each of these areas. It has often been said that with all that changes - things stay the same. The matters that I attended to were not different from those that many Presidents before me had to deal with. I hope that I brought renewed interest and that some renewed interest was developed in the congregation.

As we approach the 40th anniversary of our Temple, I hope that our Temple programs begin to become the center of Jewish life for more of our congregants. I hope that our school programming is responsive to the ever increasing conflicting events for our children - so that more of our youth become active participants in our confirmation program as well as our youth programs. Our families with school age children often attend our Friday night services or holiday events - even our older members frequent these events - but significant numbers of attendees is often lacking at other times. A basic tenet in the practice of our religion is the communal act of prayer. Participation in our programs, contributions to our fundraising, etc. is not nearly as important as setting the example for our children by celebrating the Shabbat in our homes and at services.

We are living in an age where volunteerism is supposedly on the decline - especially with the advent of two working parents. This has certainly impacted us at Temple Beth El. Its biggest impact, of course, has been on our budget with increased payroll costs for a Temple Executive Director as well as increased costs for professionals in the administration of our schools, etc. Personnel administration has become a major item for the Board. It is my belief that we need the expertise that these people offer; but it is as important that we not abdicate our responsibility to set the policies which should guide this group of professionals in doing their jobs.

My final thoughts have to do with our roles as Jews in our world today. We talk of the Holocaust and the failure of the world to respond when 6 million of us were put to death merely because they were Jews. The problem with this is that there were many Jews who also did not respond at that time. I firmly believe that we have a responsibility to be the first to aid our brothers and sisters because there are often times when no one else will.

Last year, I was honored by the Accountants and Attorney Division of the United Jewish Community as the Humanitarian of the Year. To conclude this column I would like to quote from what I said then:

One of my associates once remarked that I seemed more interested in what I have been doing with the United Jewish Community and some of my other endeavors (including the Temple) than my work. I am glad that my partners haven't made the same observation. But I have devoted much time and I believe the reason is quite simple. I don't think I'm atypical either. We all have benefitted from what our grandparents provided before us and now since we are responsible human beings, we want to do our part to improve the world our own children and grandchildren will inherit. We can't be sure that our endeavors will bear fruit. But we can hope. We can't know what the world of our grandchildren will be like, but we plant our trees and pray that nothing will come along to cut them down.

This is why I and I hope my children after me are involved in Jewish communal affairs and I hope that you will join me in helping to make a better world for Jews in Israel, around the world, as well as, here in Bergen County.

Regards,

Jan

P.S. Thanks for having the patience to read these columns.

Shabbat and Holyday Services (continued)

Tuesday, May 29

Erev Shevuot

Service 7:00 pm
Confirmation

Wednesday, May 30

Yiskor Service 10:00 am

Friday, June 1

Shabbat Naso

Service 8:15 pm
Installation of Temple Beth El Officers and Board of Trustees
Oneg Shabbat: Ronald and Ruth Meyer
Louis and Shelley Shenman

Saturday, June 2

B'nai Mitzvah 10:30 am
Daniel Meyer, Alan Shenman

Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

Finally, Jan, you and Laura have given to Danielle and Andrew the finest lessons parents can provide; examples of how selfless service can help bring about a better world. You have demonstrated to them that it is as important to help one individual, as to improve the entire community. Danielle and Andrew are far richer as human beings and as Jews through the model you provide them.

We know that you will continue as an active Past President, as your predecessors have done.

However, I foresee Rabbi Frelander, Director of our Reform Region, and Dr. Young, Director of UJC both vying for your Past President time and energy.

I know that you'll make time for them both.

Fondly,

Rabbi Fredric S. Pomerantz

Annual Inter-Faith Tea

The congregation is cordially invited to attend an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, 276 Haworth Avenue, Haworth, on Thursday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. The program will be presented by Mark Wright, whose musical talents make him an ever-popular and always appreciated performer.

For reservations, call 384-1063.

From The Religious School

During the month of May we celebrate L'ag Ba'Omer - known as "The Teachers' Holiday." Our teachers have dedicated themselves to the challenge of transmitting our Jewish heritage, culture and values. Together with parents, we prepare a strong and viable Jewish Youth to be the next generation of leaders.

On Saturday, May 12th, the Education Committee will recognize the important contribution of our staff with a wonderful luncheon. I personally want to thank each and every teacher for their commitment and dedication. A Todah Rabah to:

Francine Blake, Kindergarten
 Selma Arnold - 1
 Debby Barcan - 2
 Lynn Wisnia - 2 & 6
 Diana Fainsilber - 2
 Blanca Benis - 2
 Marilyn Hamburg - 3 & 4
 Lois Schwartz - 4
 Janice Goldstein - 4
 Phyllis Fox - 5
 Gail Sterman - 5
 Lee Scheiber - 5
 Rachel Blumenstyk - 6
 Laurie Lieberman - 6, 8 & 9
 Sueann Goldberg - Individualized Learning
 Sherry Newman - 7 and Music
 Eva Grayzel - 7
 Sandy Pomerantz - 7
 Cyna Ben-Ari - 7 and Tutoring
 Zippy Salzhauer - 7 and Tutoring
 Judy Belifante - 8 & 9
 Iris Yoeli - 8 & 9
 Grace Gurman - 10

I must also mention that it is possible for our school to run as smoothly as it does with the personal and caring attention of our school secretary, Dorothy Donnelly. Dorothy has been with us for 10 years and she has shown incredible dedication to all our teachers, students and parents. I am extremely appreciative of her good spirit and hard work.

In addition, I would like to thank our Teacher and Office Assistants. Our school could not run without the enthusiastic work of our teenagers. They are always ready to staple, xerox, record attendance, get supplies, count Keren Ami, set up the video and work with students who need extra attention. A big thank you to:

James Rubinstein
 Mike Semegran
 Rachel Geschwind
 Sabina Albirt
 Julie Herbstman
 Nicole Engel
 Mark Danziger
 Danika Cleary
 Leigh Condiotti

Finally, I would like to thank the Education Committee for all their hard work and caring. Chaired by Leslie Rochlin, the Committee has offered direction and set important school policy. Their work is invaluable! Our newly formed Parents' Association has shown incredible vitality this year. A gracious thank you to Randi Fishman for taking the responsibility of building an important arm of the Temple and also to Robin Presser and Robin Krasnov for organizing the best Purim Carnival we've ever had. Our class mothers deserve a big applause as they have done an incredible job!

Our school could not function without the support and efforts of our Rabbi and Cantor. I thank them for all the Religious School services and special attention to our students.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all our families for their participation in all the special events. The Open House was so well attended, as was all the Family Education Programs. The K & 1st Grade TuBishevat Seder and 2nd Grade Blessing Workshop actually has 100% parent attendance. Our trips to the Lower East Side (7th Grade) and The Jewish Museum (4th Grade) were well chaperoned and parents learned with their children. Temple Beth El has shown its dedication to educating their youngsters and we can all take pride in the excellent work that has been done.

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 Phyllis Fleisch
 Blanche & Sam Schapiro
 Barry & Janice Satine
 Julius & Leah Katz
 Joseph & Carol Pomerantz
 Sam & Esther Ratoff



Adult Education

The 1989-1990 Adult Education Program "Expanding Jewish Horizons" was a great success. Our lecture series covered a broad range of topics. Rabbi Daniel Syme talked on the values we need as Reformed Jews, Karen Franklin gave us an insight on the exciting topic of Genealogy, and Rabbi Frelander talked about the changing face of reform Jewish music.

We also heard Professor Nelson's lectures on the four electrifying trials that rocked the Jewish world and finally the beautiful presentation put on by Act I, about the liberators of concentration camp victims.

The lectures and programs were educational, spiritual and entertaining. We extend our sincere thanks to all patrons and subscribers who made our programs a success, and truly appreciate the wonderful turnout. You made our work worthwhile.

Patrons and subscribers of Adult Education:

Doris Albirt	Elsie & Ed Latinsky
Goldie & Michael Alexander	Marlys & Charlies Lehmann
Rosalind & Stuart Alpert	Ilse & Ralph Leeser
Steven Birken	Joan & Bernard Levit
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Judith & Gary Brauner	Rona & Daniel Morrison
Nancy & Howard Brown	Estelle Padawer
Charlotte & Andrew Clarke	Audrey & Albert Pekelney
Lynda Feldstein	Carol & Joseph Pomerantz
Natalie & Steven Frier	Esther & Samuel Ratoff
Stephanie & Stuart Geshwind	Mary & Morton Raymond
Leonore goldberg	Leslie & Stephen Rochlin
Jerry Greenbaum	Susan & Melvin Rokeach
Batia & Ronald Grinblat	Elizabeth & Eugene Rosenberg
Sophie Heymann	Nancy & Gerald Salen
Vivian Holtzer	Stanley Schachter
Ellen & Edward Jaffy	Patricia Schreiber
Gloria & David Jordan	Roxanne & Ted Sennet
Dorothy & Roger Karlebach	Diane & Robert Weissberg
Miriam & Evan Krieger	

Finally, I personally want to thank everyone in the Adult Education Committee for their assistance, cooperation and support with all our programs.

Batia Grinblat



So! You Want To Be An Actor?

Temple Beth El is forming a new theatre group and is seeking actors, actresses, dancers, musicians, directors, stage manager, assistant stage manager, stage designer, costumer, prop person, lighting designer, production personnel, box office management, and a publicity person.

The group will begin meeting in September 1990 when a name for the group will be selected and a play chosen.

If you are interested in joining our play group please call Marge Gilmore at the Temple office. This group is open to people of all ages.

Sisterhood

On May 4th at the joint Sisterhood-Youth Group Shabbat Service we will officially dedicate the Temple Tapestry. It represents the work of the hands of 35 Temple Stitchers, who used 64 colors and many different needlework stitches to produce a piece that measures six by ten feet. The tapestry, which hangs in the upper foyer of the Temple was designed by Bonnie Yales, finished by Felicity Morse and Henry Berkman.

We invite you to join us on the Fourth in celebration and dedication.

Audrey Pekelney

SISTERHOOD

Women of the Year

Susan Asher and Judy Sussmann

June 12, 1990

\$18 per person - Dinner and Delights

More information to follow.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods--District News

On the weekend of March 31-April 1, Audrey Pekelney, Mim Krieger, Carol Pomerantz, and Nancy Pivar attended the NFTS District #4 Biennial Convention in Eatontown, NJ. District #4 is composed of Sisterhoods from 29 Reform Temples in New Jersey.

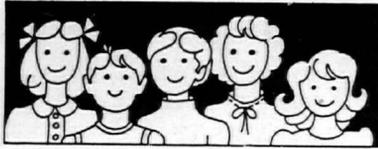
Their report:

By the time we left Eatontown on Sunday afternoon, we were inspired and motivated. We had made new friends, collected new ideas, and renewed and increased our commitment toward sisterhood and to the Reform movement. Hearing what other Sisterhoods are doing, having a large enough delegation to attend all the workshops and seminars and thus garner from them ideas and techniques to incorporate into our own Sisterhood and Temple, was a rewarding experience. The weekend of worship, education and leadership training culminated with the installation of the new District #4 President, Pat Brakman, who had led an inspiring prayer service. Our own Miriam Krieger was installed as a Vice President of the District, adding to her duties as a representative on the National Board. The theme of the Biennial, "Sisterhood Faces the 90's," succeeded in providing us with the means to spur our own Sisterhood on. And we might even adopt a cow!

SAVE THE DATE!

December 2, 1990

BAZAAR

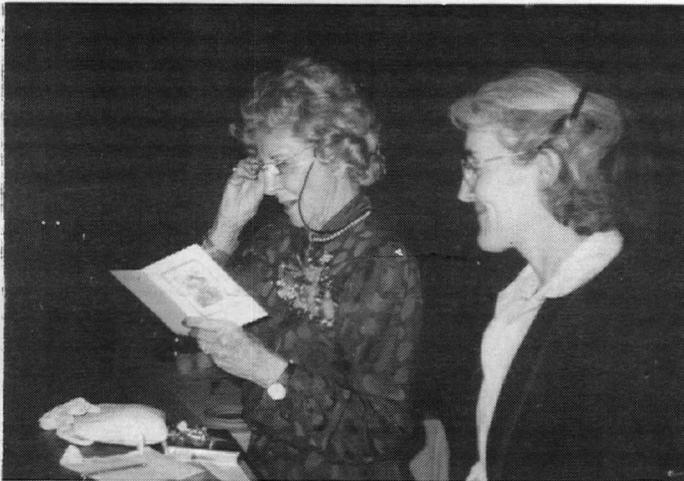


Nursery School News

The party which the Nursery School hosted to celebrate Gerry Wands 80th birthday was certainly a memorable occasion. Among those present were years to the beginning of Gerry's career at Temple Beth El Nursery School.

Gerry has been an invaluable member of the Nursery School community. She has enriched the lives of all who have had the pleasure of knowing her. We will miss her warmth, caring, dedication and smile next year.

Jean Schreiber, Director



Gerry Wands and Laura Scanlon

My love and appreciation to all who attended the party given for me 3/13/90 and to those who worked so diligently in making it special.

I feel fortunate in having known you, being given the opportunity to know and to love your children.

Special thanks to parents past and present, to teachers present and past, and to Henry and Effie and Maria.

Gerry Wands

Nursery School Request

If any Temple members have excess fabric, cardboard, wood or other materials from your place of business, the Nursery School would greatly appreciate it. We can creatively make use of almost any scrap material! Contact Jean Schreiber, director at 768-3726.

Youth News & Views



BESY (Grades 9-12)

BESY would like to thank all those who helped make our Bagel Box fundraiser a success.. Bagel Lovers, Tenafly...Dunkin Donuts, Northvale...Ardelle Kasdan...Max Konigsberg...and all of you who placed orders and made donations! BESY will be donating all proceeds to the Temple's Torah Project.

Please note the change of date for the Trip to the Cafe Feenjan! This is a GREAT event! Everyone who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food (a few of the less adventurous insisted on the reliable old hamburger!), the fabulous entertainment (the bandleader and our group had a running conversation during the show!). The parents who attended enjoyed it as much as the kids! So why not make it a family event (younger siblings welcome if a parent attends) and make your reservations NOW for our Night at the Feenjan on May 12th! Paid members... WE NEED YOU on May 6th to attend the BESY Elections Night for the 1990-91 Board. You are entitled to a voice in this process! Don't miss this VERY important meeting...refreshments will be served!

Save these dates:

- BESY/SISTERHOOD CREATIVE SERVICE.. We need readers, singers, observers, etc. The beautiful Temple Tapestry will be dedicated this evening. . Friday, May 4th — 8:15 pm
- Sunday, May 6 7 pm - BESY Election Night
- Wednesday, May 9 8:15 pm - Youth Committee Meeting
- Saturday, May 12 6:30 pm - Trip to the Feenjan
- May 18-20 JFTY Spring Conclave
- Sunday, June 3 7 pm - BESY Board Meeting (New & Old Boards)
- Tuesday, May 29 7 pm - Confirmation Service
- MAZEL TOV TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF '90!!
- Tuesday, June 5 Annual Senior Dinner
- Sunday, June 10 Annual End of Year Shore Trip

BENJY (Grades 7 & 8)

BENJY is gearing up for the end of the year! The 8th grade is being invited to two of BESY's most FUN events...the Trip to the Cafe Feenjan on May 12th and the Shore Trip on June 10th. Both the 7th and 8th grades are invited to the End of the Year Lunch on June 3rd (note the change of date)! We will enjoy the food and jousting at the great restaurant Medieval Times in Lyndhurst. Don't miss it...parents and siblings are invited!!

Save These Dates!

- Saturday, May 12 6:30 pm 8th Grade-Cafe Feenjan
- Monday, May 21 6 pm - Bar-B-Q at the Rabbi's House
- Sunday, June 3 11:30 am 7th & 8th Grade Lunch at Medieval Times
- Sunday, June 10 8 am - 8th grade trip to the shore

Parents... We will need drivers and/or chaperones for the Feenjan, Lunch at Medieval Times and the Shore Trip. BENJY would be grateful for any help you can give! Please call Sherry Newman if you can help out!!!

If anyone lost a piece of jewelry at the Temple the evening of Friday, March 23, (Chai Society Dinner) please call the Temple office and describe it.

Confirmation Greetings

Many of our young congregants will be confirmed on Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the Confirmation Service, the young people are handed a sheaf of Uniongrams which express the pride and pleasure of a fellow Temple member in the achievement of their Confirmation. Confirmation.

The cost of each individual greeting is only \$1.00 and YES (Youth, Education and Sisterhood) Fund is the recipient of the monies collected.

To insure that your greeting reaches each youth on the day of his/her Confirmation, please complete the form below and mail, along with your payment to:

Arlene Plonchak
99 Old Hook Road
Closter, N.J. 07624

THIS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1990

Check off the name(s) below of each youth whom you would like to send a Uniongram. Mail this portion to Arlene Plonchak together with your check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dina Birns | <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Schachter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sara Fried | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Schiffman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Herwitt | <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Siris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jocelyn Kasdan | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Zaref |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kerrie Kleiner | |

YOUR NAME (as you wish it to appear on the Uniongram):

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990

Testimonial for Jan Chason

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Attention: Beth El Singles

Join us at the first of many SINGLES ONEGS on:

Friday, May 25

8:15 p.m.

GREET your friends. MEET new ones. SCHMOOZE. Hear the NEWS about our Single Shabbat Dinners and HELP CHOOSE future activities. Need to know more? Call Marge Gilmore at the Temple Office 768-5112.

*The Students and Parents of the
Confirmation Class
cordially invite the Congregation
to attend
Confirmation on Tuesday, May 29
at
7:00 p.m.*

Name

Parents' Name

Dina Birns	Tamara & Robert Birns
Sara Fried	Rosalie & Paul Fried
Andrew Herwitt	Roslyn Herwitt
Jocelyn Kasdan	Ardelle & Martin Kasdan
Kerrie Kleiner	Beverly & Robert Kleiner
Benjamin Schachter	Jennie & Richard Schachter
Larry Schiffman	Marilyn & Stuart Schiffman
Benjamin Siris	Ethel & Samuel Siris
Jeffrey Zaref	Frances & Samuel Zaref

*"It is a tree of life...and all its
paths are peace."*



Cantor's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys and girls who are going to be confirmed on Shavuoth May 30th. We thank them and their parents for their commitment to Judaism by continuing their education beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and hopefully we will see these young people again on the Bimah and under the Chupa in the future. Mazel Tov!

I would also like to invite you to join us on Friday night, June 22nd, for our new organ dedication. In lieu of a sermon that Friday, we will be listening to organ masterpieces played by a guest organist. Again, I would like to thank John Rubinstein for all his efforts to help obtain this magnificent new organ. It will enrich our musical programs tremendously.

Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Paul Ellison, Age 13
May 5, 1990



My name is Paul Ellison and I'm in 7th Grade in the Harrington Park School. I live with my parents, Evan & Maria and my three brothers, Aaron, Marc and Joshua. Some of my hobbies are fishing, baseball, collecting, all sports, camping, hiking and skiing. When I grow up I would like to be a veterinarian. Maybe also a professional sports player. I look forward to sharing this special day with my family and friends. I am very excited and it is a very special day for me. I've been waiting for a long time for this great day in my life.

Jaime Levinson
May 19th



Hi! My name is Jaime Levinson and I live in Demarest with my mother Janet and my father Paul. I also live with my sister Jodi and my dog Happy. I am really excited for my Bat Mitzvah because I have put a lot of time into it.

Sharyn Miskovitz, Age 12
May 26th



My name is Sharyn Miskovitz. I live in Closter with my mother, Leslie, father Paul, and ten year old brother, Steven. I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Village School. I enjoy softball, tennis, reading, arts & swimming. I don't know what I want to be when I grow up but I know I'll be successful. I'm looking forward to May 26th. I'm sure it will be a day I will always remember.

Amanda Gorfine, Age 13
May 12th

Hi! My name is Amanda Gorfine. I am a 7th grader at Holdrum School in River Vale. I live in with my parents Linda & Marc and my sister Ashley. I enjoy dancing, cheerleading, shopping and hanging out with my friends. I hope that this day will be a special one for my family and me.



Tracy Katz, Age 12
May 12th

Hello, my name is Tracy Katz. I am twelve years old and live in Closter with my parents, Darcy and Richard and my brother Adam, who is 10. I attend 7th grade at Village School and participate in dance club, International Club, Ski Club and Chorus. Some of my other hobbies are snowboarding, softball, waterskiing, shopping and talking on the phone. "I am looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah because even if I mess up I know that my family and friends will always be there for me."



Carrie Goldberg, Age 13
May 26th

Hi! I'm Carrie Goldberg. I live in Washington Twp., with my parents Alice & Norman and my two sisters, Sharon and Dana. I am in the 7th grade at Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School. I play softball and love to ski. I'm looking forward to sharing my Bat Mitzvah day with family and friends.



Karen Zeff
May 19th

Hi, my name is Karen Zeff. I live in Harrington Park with my mother, Marion, my father, Steven, and my brother, Jeremy. I am in the seventh grade at the Harrington Park School. My interests include softball, drawing, singing, swimming, and talking on the phone. When I grow up, I hope to be the best lawyer I can be.



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News From The Parenting Center

We are pleased at the response and earnings from our Spring Fund Raiser. The Book Fair offered a variety of selection of Jewish theme books for tots to pre-teens. The parents' response was enthusiastic as these are often hard to find selections, and offered a lot of ideas for Passover.

Our Sunday four-week puppet sculpture class has provided a nice opportunity for new people to become aware of Temple Beth El and its programs and for Dads to have some involvement.

Hope Eliasof,
Director, Parenting Center

Chai News

Eighty people joined together to make the March 23rd Chai Shabbat Dinner a lovely evening—full of warmth and fabulous food. Remember, if you joined the Temple before 1972, you are part of the CHAI SOCIETY. No dues—Just friendship!

For further information, call Bunny Black, 768-4820.

CHAI SOCIETY

Spring Fling

Sunday, May 20, 1990

Buffet Brunch at the
Beekman Arms Inn..Rhinebeck
the oldest landmark inn in America,

followed by

A stroll through the Main St. of Rhinebeck

On to Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's retreat

followed by

A visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt
Library at Hyde Park

Bus Leaves Temple at 8:45 am
Return 5:30 pm

Cost: Chai + a Third
\$24 includes bus, admissions and brunch

For reservations call:
Bunny Black, 768-4820
Leatrice Dvoskin, 768-6662



Al Vorspan To Address Temple Leaders

The UAHC New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council is pleased to announce that Albert Vorspan, Senior Vice President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and director of its national Commission on Social Action will be the keynote speaker at the region's annual Presidents/Vice-Presidents Dinner on Thursday evening, May 31, 1990 at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, New Jersey.

Mr. Vorspan has been a leading participant in the civil rights struggle, the nuclear peace movement and interfaith activities. He has been the recipient of awards from The American Jewish Congress, UAHC, and HUC for his work in social justice.

The evening's program will also feature the public release and analysis of the 1990-91 Survey of Temple Dues and Fees comparing membership dues and religious school fees that will be charged by our 58 member congregations in fiscal 1990-91. The evening will end with an Open Forum/Problem Solving Clinic - an opportunity to discuss current temple concerns with the leaders of other congregations.

This dinner and program is dedicated to newly elected and continuing Temple Officers but all Reform Temple members are welcome. Reservations (\$15.00 per person) are required by May 18. For more information contact your Temple President or UAHC regional office (201) 599-0080.

Outreach Connections

“May your favor rest upon Israel, her land, her people.”

Israel's land and people can be a source of disquietude for non-Jewish spouses and for Jews-by-choice. Many Christians define themselves by the belief in their creed which is one of spirituality and faith. Judaism, in its very essence, adds another dimension to this creed, that of the land of Israel as Zion restored.

For many Christians, joining a “people” and loving a “land” are hard concepts to grasp. The best way to understand this is by travel to Israel, to explore and search out its meaning. Yet realizing that the land and the people of Israel are bound to each other may be the most difficult concept of all for a Christian to understand.

One of our challenges in Outreach is to help non-Jews, particularly those seeking knowledge of Judaism, learn about our culture. This challenge can be met. Ruth pledged to Naomi, “Your people shall be my people.” Our people, moved by the spirit of Outreach, welcome all who wish to join us.

★★★REMINDER★★★

There will be a Congregational Meeting
on Wednesday, May 2, 1990

Come and show your support for your
Officers and Board of Trustees

8:00 P.M.

Dedication of New Allen Organ

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday night, June 22nd has been scheduled for the dedication of our new Allen Organ. In addition to a special music service, well known organist Ken Mervine will give a short concert of special works, some of which he himself has written.

Not all the funds have yet been raised for this important acquisition. If you wish to be part of this specific addition to our sanctuary, please call me at 767-7292 for details.

Meanwhile please mark your calendars for June 22nd as we embark on our new music program.

John Rubinstein

A Sefer Torah Is Being Written



The Torah project continues to go on, many of our congregants have already written their part of the Torah in honor of a Simcha or in memory of a dear one.

Many sections are still available. Do not miss the opportunity to be a part of this Temple wide project.

Thus far, the money raised is approximately \$37,000. We look forward to reaching our goal of \$100,000 or more by the conclusion of the project.

For help in choosing your section, please call Marlowe Marcus (384-2817).

Harriet Meier

Chairperson, Torah Committee

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 767-1633. 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.

WANTED!!!

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June 5-6

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April 2, 10 am-2 pm
April 12, 11 am-3 pm
April 22, 10 am-1 pm
April 23, 1 pm-5 pm
April 26, 10 am-2 pm
May 1, 1 pm-5 pm
May 3, 1 pm-5 pm

Four group tours:

Call The Center for Holocaust Studies
718-338-6494

The exhibit may be viewed by ticket holders to "Y" events. For information call:

212-996-1100



Library News

The Library has recently acquired Lois Lowry's *Number the Stars*. This book, which deals with a Jewish family's difficulties during the German occupation of Denmark, is the 1990 recipient of the Newberry Award. This prestigious award is given each year to the most distinguished contribution to children's literature. Look for it on our new "spotlight" shelf.

Grace Oliff, Librarian

OPERATION EXODUS RALLY May 3rd — 7:30 P.M.

A call to the Jews of Bergen County to aid our brothers and sisters leaving the Soviet Union and resettling in Israel.

JCC ON THE PALISADES

OPERATION EXODUS— ISRAEL PLANS SET

United Jewish Community has begun the enormous task of raising \$7 million as its part in Operation Exodus-Israel Emergency Campaign—a worldwide effort to rescue Soviet Jews and bring them to Israel.

The campaign needs to raise \$3.6 billion over the next 3 years. UJA/Federation has committed itself to contributing \$420 million toward the goal, which represents American Jewry's share in settling this long-hoped-for immigration.

UJC's Executive Committee has agreed upon the \$7 million figure as UJC's portion of the \$420 million. The amount is over and above its regular 1990 fundraising campaign to support thousands of programs in this country, in Israel and around the world. It is also above and beyond any domestic or local resettlement project.

UJC views this campaign to resettle between 750,000 and 1.5 million Soviet Jews in Israel as the most important and critical effort UJC has ever undertaken. Every man, woman and child in the community will be asked to consider a meaningful contribution, to be paid out over three years.

The Palisades Division of United Jewish Community is asking its constituents in the towns of Alpine, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Norwood, Northvale, Rockleigh and Tenafly to gather in support of Soviet Jewish immigration and Operation Exodus-Israel. The gathering will be held on May 3 at the JCC on the Palisades, 7:30 p.m. It will be open to the public.

Rabbi Pomerantz and the Temple Trustees urge you to become part of this dramatic moment in history.



Israel Trip

Plan on joining Rabbi Pomerantz and Cantor Bar-Nissim in Israel, July 7-21, 1991. For details, call Cantor Bar-Nissim at 768-5112.

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Situations Wanted

Fifteen Soviet Jewish families, all of whom arrived in Bergen County since August, have recently completed UJC's first English as a Second Language (ESL) course. Members of thirteen of those families have already secured employment as computer programmers, electronic technicians, draftsmen, warehouse workers, assembly line workers and a chauffeur. Thank you, Bergen County, for all your support and help.

***Architect**, age 39. Married with one child, his English language skills are good. Willing to start as a draftsman, or rendering and model making.

***Bookkeeper**, age 31. Married with one child, her English skills are very good. Willing to start as accounts receivable/accounts payable.

***Building engineer**, age 39. Married with two children, her English skills are good. Willing to start as a draftsman.

***Chemical engineer**, age 39. Married with two children, his English skills are very good. Specialty: photolithographer for semiconductor devices, or other kinds of photo techniques.

***Computer programmer**, age 33. Married with two children, his English language skills are very good.

***Computer programmer**, age 26. Married. Her English language skills are very good. Specialty: COBOL, CICS, JCL.

***Dental technician**, age 31. Married with one child, he has a basic knowledge of English.

***Electrician**, age 49. Single, his English language skills are good. Willing to start as an assistant.

***Electronic technician**, age 43. Married with two children, his English skills are good.

***Electronic technician**, age 26. Married. His English skills are fair. Experience in troubleshooting and repair and maintenance of CNC programmable equipment.

***Engineer**, age 39. Married with two children, her English skills are very good. Specialty: designer of water booster stations. Extensive experience in estimations of HVAC and plumbing. Will start as a draftsman or estimator.

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***Engraver**, age 43. Married with two children, his English skills are good.

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***Welder**, age 31. Married with two children, his English skills are good.

***Receptionists, clerks, drivers, home care and nurses aids, and companions also available for daytime, nighttime and weekend work. References upon request.**

If you have information about job opportunities for any of these new immigrants, please call Paulina Likhachev at the UJC office, 488-6800.

Good and Welfare

ADULT EDUCATION

In honor of David Jordan's 75th birthday, by Roxanne & Ted Sennett and by Deborah & Alan Kaplan.

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In honor of Ardelle & Martin Kasdan and Martin becoming President of Temple Beth El by Estelle & Leo Katz

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For the purchase of the Encyclopedia of the Holocaust, by June Lewin.

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In honor of the birth of Samantha Lehmann, granddaughter of Marlys & Charles Lehmann by Sophie & Lee Heymann.

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In memory of my grandfather, Harry Urkowitz, by Allen Urkowitz.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of the mothers of Alan & Alice Meyers, by Estelle Padawer.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In memory of Sydelle Lederman, mother of Sanford Lederman, by Debbie & Larry Semegran & Family.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Marlys & Charles Lehmann on the birth of their granddaughter, Samantha.

To Lora & Barry Tenser on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Ilene to Gary Bowers.

To Arthur & Harriet Meier who were honored by B'nai Brith Youth Services in April.

CONDOLENCES

To Edward Weiss on the loss of his mother, Renee Weiss.

To Sandra Koppel on the loss of her mother, Rebecca Feigenbaum.

To Annette Lewis, Michelle & Jonathan on the loss of their husband and father, Morty Lewis.

To Marshall Kozinn on the loss of his mother, Sadie Kozinn.

To Phil Simon on the loss of his mother, Ruth.

GET WELL

To Debbie Semegran

To Eddie Alexander

BRING IN A MEMBER

JOIN OUR MEETINGS

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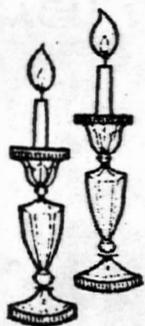
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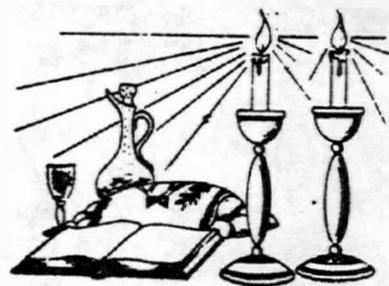


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(Please notify us of any revisions you may want to make in size or text. If you wish to make a revision please send camera-ready copy, otherwise preparation of the ad and any changes in ad copy will result in an extra charge which will be billed to you at our cost. All photos/graphics in ads, please add an additional \$15.00.)

Your advertisement will run in the Temple Beth El Bulletin and be sent to you monthly...September 1990 through June 1991.

Please enclose your check for size of ad desired made payable to Temple Beth El together with this contract.

Date: _____

Signature of Authorizer and Title