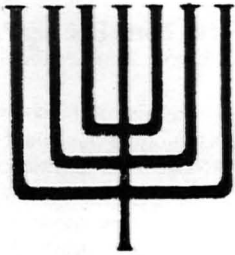


# TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN VALLEY



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## Rabbi's Message

### *Involving the Un-Involved*



Dear Friends,

In recent years the Reform Movement has been active in Outreach projects. It has taken two forms: (1) Outreach to the non-Jewish spouses in our congregations and to those who have recently chosen Judaism through conversions helping them feel more com-

fortable in our midst, (2) a new national outreach program is under way finding ways to welcome unaffected Jews into Temple membership and Jewish involvement.

I am grateful for the fine outreach work being done in our congregation, yet it is time to also consider "Inreach."

Inreach, dear friends, consists of putting together a program that helps me as your Rabbi, as well as our Temple leaders to learn the following:

1. Who are you, our congregants? What are your backgrounds and interest? What is the current extent and realistic limits of your interest in worship and congregational activities? Are there important differences between our older and younger congregants in your approach to congregational life, and associational life generally, that should inform our thinking and planning?

2. I have been studying the literature to discover what programs, methods, and approaches, have succeeded in attracting congregants to greater participation and deeper commitment to the Temple?

3. How do we reach out to the majority of you, my people whose interest and participation is candidly, marginal or nominal? What kinds of communications, and roles that I, our officers and our staff pursue can touch those of you not actively involved in Temple life and in Jewish life?

4. While pursuing successful programs and activities which may be social, recreational or educational, how do we help you into the central purpose of our enterprise; a place for worship and the development and constant nourishment of distinctly Jewish commitment.

5. Central to all of this is discovering what you want and what you need; from your Rabbi, from your Temple, from your fellow congregants.

People, I'm not in the numbers game - you know that. I want to learn how to better help each other become even more deeply committed congregants and committed Jews, who are "both moved by satisfaction and enjoyment, but equally by the recognition that Temple Beth El life fulfills an obligation which Jews have to themselves, their predecessors, their children and their grandchildren more."

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## *Shabbat and Holyday Services*

Friday, June 1

*Shabbat Naso*

Services ..... 8:15 pm

Installation of Officers

Oneg Shabbat: Ronald and Ruth Meyer

Louis and Shelly Shenman

Saturday, June 2

B'nai Mitzvah: Daniel Meyer

Alan Shenman

Friday, June 8

*Shabbat B'haalotcho*

Family Service ..... 8:00 pm

All children with birthdays in the month of JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST will be called to the Bima for a birthday blessing.

The Junior Choir will sing under the direction of Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim.

Junior Choir Recognition

Baby Naming: Erika Toby Fleischer

Oneg Shabbat: Robert and Beverly Kleiner

Robert and Sheila Kutik

Sharon and Scott Fleischer

Saturday, June 9

B'nai Mitzvah: Jeffrey Kleiner

Gabriel Kutik

Friday, June 15

*Shabbat Shlach*

Dessert Oneg Program for Graduating High School

Students and Parents ..... 7:00 pm

Services ..... 8:15 pm

Oneg Shabbat: Alan and Nancy Briker

Michael and Victoria Sidrow

Saturday, June 16

B'nai Mitzvah: Jason Briker

Adam Sidrow

Friday, June 22

*Shabbat Korach*

Services ..... 8:15 pm

Dedication of new Allen Digital Computer Organ

The Adult Choir will sing under the direction of Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim

Oneg Shabbat: Samuel and Ethel Siris

Mickey and Lee Tinter

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## President's Message

### *B'reishit, "In the Beginning"*

As the new dawn of my administration looms on the horizon I look forward to the coming days with a great deal of excitement and some trepidation.

The beginning of any Presidency tends to give the person involved a feeling of euphoria and headiness when you realize that so many of your fellow congregants have given you a vote of confidence. The euphoria quickly gives way to trepidation as you realize the enormity of the responsibility placed in your hands.

Most of you who have known and worked with me over the past 14 years as a member of the congregation are aware of my background and of my hopes and aspirations for this our Temple. For most of you I may not be a known quantity and I intend to use this first message to have you become acquainted with where I have come from and where I hope to guide our "Family of Families."

I am a third generation Reform Jew who was raised in two Classical Reform Congregations of Brooklyn, New York. I was educated in a nourishing environment both at home and at Temple and I believe myself to be keenly aware of the history and the future of Reform Judaism as a movement and a way of life.

From the day that Ardelle and I moved to Closter we have been members of Temple Beth El. We bucked the trend and did not wait for the Membership Committee to call us. We came to the Temple office immediately after the movers left and filled out our membership application. Ardelle has also been raised in Reform Judaism and has been as active as I in the affairs of the Temple and the auxiliaries.

We asked the question at our first congregational meeting: "What is going on for the young families?" We were told that the current administration was waiting for someone to ask the question and we were immediately asked to put together a group with the assistance of the Temple. That simple question on our part had brought us to a level of activity and friendship within the congregation that neither of us had ever imagined.

Since the early days of my membership I have been fortunate enough to either be part of or chair various important committees and events for the Temple. This activity has brought me to this point of leadership and thankfully for your confidence.

Now that you are aware of how I got to this point in my Temple life the next logical question is where I hope to take us.

I have given many hours of thought to just this question and I hope that I along with the other Officers and Trustees as well as with the total cooperation and guidance of our Professional Staff can attain these goals during two short years of my Presidency.

1) Put together a successful "Caring Community" that will put our congregation in the forefront of caring and concern for each other.

2) Continue the wonderful **Torah Fund Raising Project** and celebrate together with you and your families the dedication of our Torah in 1991.

3) Place our congregation in the forefront of the community while at the same time involving as many of our congregants as possible. Volunteerism is not dead it is just dormant.

4) Oversee the re-tooling of our Religious School and hopefully make school a fun place to attend while at the same time providing the quality education our children deserve.

5) Redecoration of our social hall and sprucing up of our entire physical plant. If the need is shown we may have to embark on a full blown or a partial expansion to meet the ever growing demands placed upon our building on a daily basis.

6) Most importantly of all I would like to re-unite the various factions of our Temple. We have too long been developing separate organizations and committees for small sections of our membership while at the same time putting aside the good of the congregation as an entity unto itself.

We must re-unite our "Family of Families" and have all of us share this wonderful religion called Judaism.

I will need your help, support, suggestions, constructive criticism and your caring to accomplish these tasks. Please become involved either individually or even better as a family unit.

To my family I thank them in advance for their understanding, help, concern and most of all for their love to get all of us through the coming two years. We have always been busy together as a family in our congregation and I look forward to these challenging years.

Have a wonderful Summer and please remember even though our active year consists of 10 months we use the Summer to re-charge the batteries and get ready for the coming year in Temple life.

As Jews have done for ages I ask for the help of the Almighty as we embark upon this newest adventure.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והצנינו לזמן הזה.

*Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this happy day.*

*Martin Kasdan*

### Shabbat and Holyday Services (continued)

Saturday, June 23 ..... 10:39 am  
Bat Mitzvah: Sara Siris

Sunday, June 24 ..... 10:00 am  
Bar Mitzvah: Adam Tinter

Friday, June 29  
*Shabbat Chukas*  
Services ..... 8:15 pm  
Oneg Shabbat: Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

Saturday, June 30 ..... 10:30 am  
Torah Study and Minyan Service

During the months of July and August services will be held on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm. Please join us.

**Rabbi's Message** (continued from page )

Martin Kasdan comes to our congregational presidency committed to long range study of Temple issues. My enterprise, which I shall call PROJECT JOSEPH will add to the spiritual dimension of this important work.

I hope you will join me in the search. Watch for PROJECT JOSEPH.

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Frederic S. Pomerantz

## Schedule of Summer Services

During July and August, services will be held on Friday evenings at 8:00 p. and will be led by our lay leadership.

June 29 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Leaser
July 6 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Sisselman
July 13 .....	The Siris Family
July 20 .....	Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bloom
July 27 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Meier
August 3 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kadsan
August 10 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Sol Weinstein
August 17 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Karlebach
August 24 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Evan Krieger
August 31 .....	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Birken

Alternate: Mr. & Mrs. Sam Ratoff

## Kudos To A Colleague

by Barbara Bar-Nissim

For eleven years Evie Rotstein and I have been friends and colleagues. We have shared the highs and lows of daily life and of Jewish education. We have planned parties and religious school programs. Ideas for curriculum, discipline, family education and retreat weekends were conceived in our kitchens. Together we attended many conventions, and together we will receive our R.J.E. at the N.A.T.E. convention in December. As the years have passed I have come to know Evie as a never-ending source of ideas, energy, and commitment to Jewish education. Who else would have called me up from the labor room to tell me where the song sheets were for the Shabbat dinner? Who else would I turn to at 8:30 one awful Sunday morning at the beginning of my career when I needed a program that minute and Evie, half asleep, invented one for me? Was there ever a media piece or text, performing arts group or speaker, with which Evie was unfamiliar? Never! Who else would voluntarily dream up programs requiring hours of research and work? Was there ever a community workshop for which Evie was asked to be a presenter that she turned down? Never!

Temple Beth El is richer for Evie's having been the Director of Education for the past 11 years. She developed a temple Parenting Center, and the Tot Shabbat program. Her family education programs are known throughout the community. Her storytelling made services unforgettable for young children.

With unflagging enthusiasm, Evie has put her efforts, year after year, towards enriching the Jewish lives of all of our children. As a parent of 4 children whose Jewish identity is strongly tied to Evie's presence at our temple and on behalf of all our mutual colleagues I offer Evie our admiration and congratulations for a job well done.



## Thank You Evie Rotstein

Goodbyes are always sad and difficult, especially when it involves someone special. I want to take this opportunity to salute Evie Rotstein. Evie's name has been synonymous with religious education for the past eleven years. Not only as Director of our Religious School here at Temple Beth El, but as a respected leader in the Bergen Jewish educational community.

The first time you meet Evie, you are struck by her energy, enthusiasm and love for what she is doing. She and her family are steeped in Jewish tradition and she values and cherishes the basic tenets of Judaism and Jewish life. This feeling is what she transcribes into the programs at the Religious School.

She has been responsible for many innovative programs, far too numerous to list. Let me use as one example the program "Walking In My Shoes." This was designed to help youngsters understand handicapped people. The ability to put yourself into another person's frame of living is basic to increasing understanding and compassion for others. This program was the recipient of much praise and now is being used elsewhere in the format Evie developed.

I have been involved with Evie as a parent and as a board member, and she has been responsive and supportive in both areas. All of our parents have felt her office door was always open and that she had the ability to be flexible in meeting the needs of the students she was serving. With the Board of Education, she is constantly reviewing and revising what her staff is teaching and she has encouraged the board to develop new options and solutions to the old problems of religious education. Independent study, mitzvah mesters - all are designed to keep our teenagers interested and involved.

It is for all these reasons that Evie has done an outstanding job at Temple Beth El. I know the Congregation joins me in wishing her the very best successes in her future work. And in wishing Moshe, Evie and the family good health and joy, and Mazel Tov on their forthcoming baby.

Helen Samuels

## Meet The Education Director

Temple Beth El is pleased to announce the selection of Mrs. Sherry Newman as its new Education Director for 1990-91. Mrs. Newman is the daughter of Dr. Kenneth and Elaine Bloom, members of Temple Beth El since 1968.

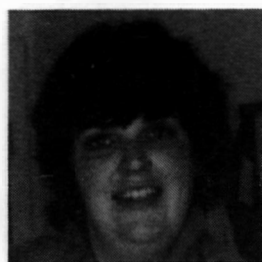
Mrs. Newman attended Douglass College, Rutgers University where she majored in sociology with a specialization in ethnic and racial relations and took courses in hebraic studies and religion. She was involved in the Hillel Foundation at Rutgers where she became an outreach worker for the Foundation. Among her responsibilities was advisorship of the newly founded Reform Jewish Chavurah. She also taught grades 3-11 and led the junior congregation at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick. Mrs. Newman, also, while at Rutgers helped found an afterschool day care program for children in a low income housing project and worked as a volunteer with spinal cord injured patients at a Veterans' Columbia University with a specialty in higher and adult education.

In 1985 Sherry became the Youth Director and a religious school teacher here at Temple Beth El. During this period of time she also coordinated a group of educators who co-authored "Why Be Jewish?," a curriculum for junior high school for the Bergen Association of Temple Educators. She has also served as a 'master teacher' in the Jewish Connection county-wide programs sponsored by the Educational Services division of the UJC and has been very active in the Jersey Federation of Temple Youth. She is currently compiling a calendar booklet for that organization.

Sherry is married to David Newman who is a systems analyst for Citibank, and has two sons, Corey, age 8 and Eli, age 5. They reside in Teaneck, New Jersey.

A sincere thank you to the Education Search Committee for their time and diligence. Thank you... Vic Borden, Jan Chason, Rosalie Fried, Laurie Lester, Rabbi Pomerantz, Leslie Rochlin, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Blair Rubinstein, Shirley Sisselman..

## A Personal Note



I am both pleased and honored to announce that Sherry Newman, our respected Youth Director, has been appointed Education Director for Temple Beth El.

As you all know, Sherry brings to her new position an impressive background in education and Judaic studies. With her inexhaustable energy and unwavering commitment to our youth, I am certain you all share my confidence and enthusiasm in welcoming Sherry to her new role.

Please join me in wishing her much success and Mazel.

*Arlene Garber*



## Nursery School News

Separation is normally associated with the beginning of the school year. As we approach our last few weeks of school the children will experience another facet of this process. Friendships have been formed, a sense of comfort and familiarity has been gained, and an attachment to nursery school is evident. Now that June is approaching the children will need to say goodbye to the teachers, friends, and classrooms. This is not always an easy task for young children. For those graduates moving on to kindergarten the excitement of entering "real school" is usually overwhelming. Hopefully the foundations which we have given them here will make the transition successful.

Our annual Fathers' Sunday was a huge success this year. We had excellent attendance in spite of softball games. Fathers and children were busily engaged in a variety of activities. Judging by the expressions of their faces it looked like they were enjoying themselves. The fathers did go back home looking exhausted from their busy morning. I think they gained an appreciation of how hard their children work in school.

On May 4th the Nursery School held its first Shabbat dinner. Suri and Evie led a short service which included a wonderful dramatization of a story. There was a warm, friendly feeling among the families who attended. We hope to make this an annual addition to our curriculum.

I would like to thank Henry, Effie, Maria, Eva, Dorothy, Gail, and Sema for all of the work they have done for the nursery school throughout the year. It has always been done willingly and with a smile. We all appreciate your efforts.

*Jean Schreiber, Director*



## Cantor's Corner

I would like to thank this opportunity to say "goodbye" to our outgoing President Jan Chason with whom I enjoyed working the last two years. I look forward to sharing the Bimah and working with Martin Kasdan, our incoming President.

It is with mixed feelings that I also say "goodbye" to Evie, a partner in Jewish Education here at Temple Beth El. Happiness for her, as her family increases, she will have more time to devote to them, and sadness for us that we will no longer have this vibrant, creative, excellent educator at our helm. I wish Evie a Mazel Tov on her new position and look forward to continued friendship.

My best wishes also go to an old friend, Sherry Newman, our new Principal. I am looking forward to good working relationship with her. Yishar Koach!

I wish everyone a healthy and happy summer!

*Shlomo Bar-Nissim*



## Youth News & Views



Dear Friends,

I believe that I now fully understand the meaning of 'mixed emotions.' It is with a mixture of anticipation and wonderful memories, exhilaration and sadness, that I write my last message to you as Youth Director.

These past five years have been memorable ones for both BESY and BENJY. We broke ground on so many new projects and events that are now mainstays of the Youth Program...our food drive (sparked by Kim Lazar), our Holiday Toy and Book Drive, our car washes and bake sales to raise money for scholarships and tzedakah, our ski trip, shore trip, trip to the Cafe Feenjan...the list could go on and on. All of 'my kids' over the past five years have reason to be very proud of what they have done. Our youth groups have reason to be very proud of what they have done. Our youth groups have become an important part of the Temple and of the Jersey Federation of Temple Youth. We have created wonderful memories together that my family and I will forever cherish.

Thank you to my Youth Committee Chairpeople, Linda Buchsbaum, Marty Kasdan and Max Konigsberg...it has been a pleasure to work with you. Thank you to all of the members of the Youth Committee, past and present, and to all parents who have hosted, driven, chaperoned, telephoned, donated, cooked, baked, etc. ...there are too many of you to mention! A special thank you to my right-hand mom, Arlene Garber!

Thank you to Rabbi Pomerantz, Cantor Bar-Nissim, Marge Gilmore and Evie Rotstein and the entire Temple faculty, and staff for all of their support. I thank the Temple presidents under whom I have worked...Roger Karlebach, Vic Borden and Jan Chason. Under your leadership, the Youth Program has flourished.

Thank you to my husband Dave, my sons, Corey and Eli and my parents, who have all given me the support and understanding that was needed for me to maintain my crazy schedule...thanks for allowing me to do the job that I needed to do!

Lastly, thanks to 'my kids,' past and present. You have enriched my life incredibly. Watching you grow as people, as Jewish leaders, has made my work here a pleasure! Thank you for everything.

I look forward to working with all of you in my new capacity as Educational Director here at Temple Beth El. I know that the new Youth Director, whomever he/she will be, can look forward to your cooperation and support.

B'Shalom,  
Sherry

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

The entire BESY/Temple family congratulates the graduating seniors...Leigh Condiotte, Danny Russ, Kim Lazar, Rebecca Pomerantz, Lori Rogoff and Michael Hoffman. We will miss you all. You will always be a part of us and we hope that BESY and the Temple will always be a part of you. We won't say goodbye...just good luck and we'll see you next year! Remember, JFTY Homecoming will be the Saturday night of Thanksgiving weekend this year, and you are all our guests! So get ready to be honored at the Senior Dinner on June 5th...dinner for the seniors is on us!

BESY wishes a Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of '90...special congrats to our board members: Sara Fried, Jocie Kasdan, Kerri Kleiner, and Jeffrey Zaref!

### Events for June-August:

**Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm - SENIOR DINNER**

Location to be announced! Seniors attend as our guests (paid BESY members)...everyone else...\$18.00/person. Call today for reservation...Leigh (664-6823) or Danny (666-0793).

**Sunday, June 10th - BESY TRIP TO POINT PLEASANT** for grades 8-12. Call TODAY for reservation...spaces limited!

**August 21-26 - JFTY Summer Conclave at Camp Kutz.** Don't miss it. A perfect way to start your BESY career as incoming freshmen or sophomores...all students welcome! Call Sherry for application!

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

BENJY wishes this year's 8th grade the best of luck in high school and in BESY, and welcomes this year's 6th grade to the wonderful world of BENJY! Don't miss out on all of the fun...become a BENJY member in September!

### Events for June:

**Sunday, June 3rd - 11:30 am**

Meet at Temple for lunch at Medieval Times Restaurant! Full course family style luncheon, jousting and other medieval entertainment. Join us! Call Sherry for reservation!

**Sunday, June 10th**

8th Grade invited to BESY TRIP TO PT. PLEASANT! Call TODAY for reservation...spaces limited!

BENJY, BESY, Parents and Friends,

Have a happy and healthy summer...come on back in September with a lot of excitement and energy...we will be better than ever in '90-'91!

Love, Sherry!!!!!!

*Graduating High School Students  
and their Parents  
are cordially invited to join  
the Rabbi and some of our college students  
at the  
Annual Dessert Oneg Program  
on  
Friday, June 15 — 7:00 p.m.  
for introduction to our college program  
and a panel discussion led by  
Beth El college students on  
"The First Year...  
Pitfalls and Possibilities"  
RSVP: Temple Office by June 11*

## Sisterhood Year End Report Card

### We Held:

Paid-up membership party with program by Mark Wright.  
Meet the Authors meeting with Doris Mortman and Dana Jennings.

Best Bazaar and Rummage Sales ever!

### We Provided:

A National N. F. T. S. Board Member and a District 4 Vice President - Mim Krieger.

Gifts for Bar & Bat Mitzvahs and Confirmands.

Funds for B. E. S. Y. (Temple Youth Group) half the profit from Passover Candy Sale.

\$22,000 donation to the Temple.

Funds - thru the Yes Fund for Rabbinic & Cantorial Scholarships and to Youth.

Paraties for Religious School.

Lunches for Seniors at the J.C.C.

Scholarships for National Biennial Registration for Youth Group & Sisterhood representatives' registration.

Funds for Service to the Blind and the World Union for Progressive Judaism and Pro-Choice Ads.

The Temple Tapestry - finished - hung - dedicated and donated by Sisterhood.

Onegs for Shabbat and holidays.

### We Offered:

Supermarket Scrip

Entertainment '89 Books

Passover Candy Sale

Uniongrams and other Yes Fund Stationery and brand new - our own Beth El - Jacob's Dream Tapestry Note Cards - the profits to go to Yes Fund and

Temple Beautification

This is a wonderful list of achievements and we are very proud. We need new and old members to help continue this work. When you get your bill in June, please respond promptly with your dues check. We need you as members. Let your numbers count when we go to pro-choice rallies - to the U.N. Task Force - to our government leaders - in our numbers we are strong.

*Audrey Pekelney*

### SISTERHOOD:

#### *More Than Chicken Soup!*

Early in July, you will receive Sisterhood dues information. We urge you to join us as we work on basic issues that affect every one of us every day.

*Membership Committee*

**Join Us**  
**in honoring our**  
**Junior Choir**  
**at Services**  
**on**  
**Friday, June 8**

## Temple Beth El Israeli Tour - July 11 - 25, 1991

We'll be leaving on July 11th, just in time to spend Shabbat in the golden city of Jerusalem. Together we'll experience Kabbalat Shabbat at the Wall, and services at Hebrew Union College on Shabbat morning, we'll lunch at Bet Shmuel, the Reform Cultural Center and meet with Reform leaders of Israel. This first Shabbat will end with a stroll through the Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall with its colorful cafes and shops.

On July 14th, we'll start our tour in air-conditioned splendor, visiting sites on and off the beaten track.

Perched high above the sparkling Mediterranean Haifa will be our destination for Friday night, July 19th, as we visit our twin Congregation "Or-Hadash."

Those who would like to make a stop-over in Europe on the way back, it can be arranged.

Full details will be in the August/September bulletin. If you are planning to join us - please let me know as soon as possible.

*Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim*

### TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN VALLEY

#### Installation of Officers and Trustees

Friday, June 1, 1990

8:15 p.m.

Installing Officer: Edward Weisselberg

## May 1990 Congregational Meeting

On Wednesday, May 2, 1990 the Congregational Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Jan E. Chason, President. The new slate of officers and trustees were elected for 1990-91. Discussion of the budget ensued. After discussion, the budget for 1990-91 was passed.

The congregational meeting was well attended and everyone wishes Martin D. Kasdan, the President Elect, his officers and trustees success during 1990-91 and thanked Jan E. Chason, outgoing President, and the officers and trustees leaving the Board for their service and contributions to Temple Beth El. Following is the list of your new officers and trustees:

### OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

#### 1990 - 1991

President ..... Martin D. Kasdan  
First Vice President ..... Shirley Sisselman  
Second Vice President ..... Allen Urkowitz  
Treasurer ..... Mitch Rosenthal  
Financial Secretary ..... Rosalie Fried  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Patricia Schreiber  
Recording Secretary ..... Nancy Pivar  
Immediate Past President ..... Jan E. Chason

#### Trustees:

Doris Albirt	Arlene Plonchak
Steven Birken	Sylvia Potter
Roy Hermalyn	Leslie Rochlin
Beverly Kleiner	Elizabeth Rosenberg
Max Konigsberg	Gerald Salen
Thomas Loman	Ethel Siris
Harriet Meier	Zisalo Wancier

Sisterhood Representative ..... Audrey Pekelney  
Men's Club Representative ..... Barry Garber

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**Bar/Bat Mitzvah**


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**Daniel Meyer**  
**June 2, 1990**

I'm Daniel Meyer, and I'm in the 7th grade at Village School. I live in Closter with my parents, Ron and Ruth, and my sister Jennifer who is 17. I'm interested in all sports, especially baseball, indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, tennis and skiing. I also collect baseball cards and like to read. My ambition is to have a happy and successful life in whatever field I choose. I'm trying not to be nervous about my Bar Mitzvah and I hope I do well. It'll be great to have my relatives and friends together with me on my special day.


**Alan Shenman**  
**June 2, 1990**

Hi, my name is Alan Shenman and I am in the 7th grade at Westwood Jr./Sr. High School. I live in Washington Township with my parents, Shelley and Lou and my brother David, who is 17. My interests include gymnastics, computers, art and listening to music. My ambition is to do well in whatever profession I choose. I am looking forward to sharing this special day with my family and friends.


**Jeffrey Kleiner**  
**June 9, 1990**

My name is Jeffrey Kleiner and I am in the 7th grade at Village School in Closter. I live with my parents Beverly and Robert and my sister, Kerri, who is 15½. I enjoy tennis, soccer and baseball, talking on the phone and girls! I am in chorus, the ski club, drama club, service club and international club. My ambition is to go to college and to be successful in any goal I choose. I'm excited to be sharing this special occasion with my friends and family from all over the country.


**Gabe Kutik**  
**June 9, 1990**

Hi, I'm Gabe Kutik and I live in Haworth with my parents, Sheila and Bob and my brother Toby, who is 9 and my sister, Sarah, who is 16. I am in the 7th grade at Haworth Public School, involved in wrestling, computers, and skateboarding. I am also a Boy Scout. My ambition is to be an actor or entertainer. Knowing that my family and all my friends will be sharing in my happiness, it will be a day I'll remember for the rest of my life.


**Jason Briker**  
**June 16, 1990**

Hi, I'm Jason Briker from Harrington Park. I live with my parents, Nancy and Allen and my brother Andrew, who is 9 years old. I attend the Harrington Park School and I'm in the 7th grade. My interests include tennis, baseball, listening to music and playing the trumpet. My ambition is to write a screenplay. I am nervous and excited but I am looking forward to seeing all of my friends and family.


**Adam Sidrow**  
**June 16, 1990**

My name is Adam Sidrow. I live in Dumont with my parents, Mike and Vicki and my sister Marla who is 6. I'm twelve years old, in seventh grade and go to Honiss School. I'm in my school band and on the basketball team. My interests are all sports and music. My goal is to be a sportswriter and/or a pilot. I am a little nervous but I'm looking forward to this big day.


**Sara Siris**  
**June 23, 1990**

My name is Sara Siris and I live in Demarest with my parents, Ethel and Samuel and my brother Ben, who is 15. I attend Dwight - Englewood School and my interests include playing violin in the school orchestra, writing, tennis and working on the school newspaper, and student government. My goal is to become a medical doctor, perhaps an ophthalmologist. I am eagerly awaiting this milestone in my life as a Jew.


**Adam Tinter**  
**June 24, 1990**

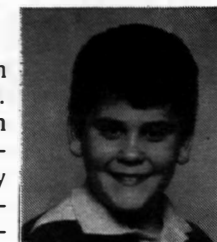
My name is Adam Tinter and I am from Haworth, where I live with my parents, Lee and Mickey and my brother Brent, 19 and my sister Ashley, 5. My interests include archery, baseball and tennis. My ambition is to be a successful stockbroker. I feel proud to have accomplished this portion of my religious training. And I feel happy that my family is very proud to share this important day with me, to remember this through my adult life.



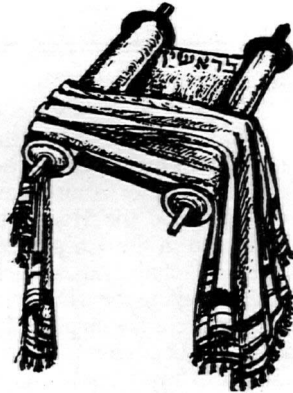
*This picture and story was omitted from the May bulletin, an oversight on the part of the office. Please accept our apology.*

**Douglas Greene**  
**May 5, 1990**

My name is Douglas Greene and I am in the 6th grade at Norwood Public School. I live in Norwood with my mother, Sharon and my sister, Brenda who is 14. My interests include Nintendo and reading. My goal is to become a writer. I am very excited about my special day and I look forward to sharing it with my family and friends.



**Something wonderful is happening at Temple Beth El...**



The Torah Project is less than one year old, and we are one-third of the way towards our goal. The excitement has diminished for a short period of time, due to the many other events that have taken place in the past few months. However, there are many things occurring behind the scenes, where several sub-committees have been hard at work.

One primary committee, consisting of Evan Krieger, Charlie Lehmann, and Ralph Leeser, has been instrumental in recommending an endowment fund, which will be established and governed by our own Temple. As you know, the interest that we will realized from the endowment will be used for extra-curricular educational programs for our Temple members.

I must take this opportunity to thank Jan Chason for several things: First, for asking me to chair the Torah Committee; second, for leading the meeting of the Board of Trustees that made the decision on the endowment in an exemplary manner and last, but not least, for an excellent job as President over the past two years. Marlowe Marcus is still waiting by the phone to take orders for Torah portions. In a few weeks, we will be giving dates for future events on our Torah Project.

*Harriet Meier*  
Torah Committee Chairperson

## News From The Parenting Center

On May 4, 1990 the Holiday Enrichment Program and Nursery School had a special Friday Night Shabbat Dinner for children and families.

In the fall of 1990 the Parenting Center will become part of the Nursery School. This change should be growthful and enhance both programs. Many staff, including myself will not be returning to the program. We want to wish the program much luck and share what a pleasure and rewarding experience it has been to be part of the program at the Temple. The staff that will remain as part of the Parenting Program, will remain a terrific asset to the Temple.

All our best.

*Hope Eliasof and Staff*

## Thank You, Hope Eliasof

As the seasons turn, so some of our most valuable and talented staff members move on.

One such person we will miss is our Parent Center Director of the past two years, Hope Eliasof. Hope, an experienced psychotherapist, ACMSW, has been successfully leading our parent discussion groups for three years, making a significant impact on the lives of moms and babes in our community. We greatly appreciate her skill and professionalism, sending her best wishes as she pursues her private practice.

Please Pass The Word..... Interfaith Couples

### OPENING DOORS: A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE

A six-week discussion series of unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place at Temple Eamnu-El in Livingston, beginning Thursday, July 12. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at (201) 599-0080.



## So! You Want To Be An Actor?

Temple Beth El is forming a new theatre group and is seeking actors, actresses, musicians, dancers, 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.

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**BAZAAR**

If you are planning to have an auf ruf, baby naming, wedding or unveiling and require the services of the clergy please call them sufficiently in advance so that a mutually convenient time and date may be set.

### SCRIP FOR GRAND UNION AND SHOPRITE

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Earth Day made us aware of the tons of garbage we produce. Our Temple budget shows how expenses have increased. The office will attempt to print all material on two sides of paper. Please be aware of this and read both sides of fliers. This is one attempt to reduce garbage and expenses at the same time.

*Patty Schreiber*

### BULLETIN DEADLINES COMING UP ARE:

Tuesday, August 7 for the September issue

Monday, August 27 for the October issue

Friday, October 5 for the November issue

Wednesday, November 7 for the December issue

Please bring your double-spaced, typewritten copy to the Temple Office prior to the deadline. If information is important to the Congregation, then it is important to have it in the bulletin.

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## Temple Tapestry

Jacob's Dream, the tapestry now hanging in the upper lobby, was officially dedicated on May 4th at the joint Sisterhood and Youth Group Services. The project was executed over a two-year span of time and involved the participation of forty people.

Folded note cards with a photograph of the tapestry and a blank interior for personal messages may be purchased from Sisterhood at a cost of \$10 per package of 10. They are available at the Temple office, or call Audrey Pikelney at 385-3170.

## 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*

## Outreach Connections

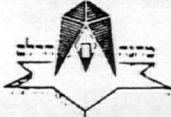
The holiday of Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, is one of the three harvest festivals, along with Sukkot and Passover. It is during Shavuot that we commemorate the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and thereby annually affirm our commitment to the teachings of our Jewish faith.

The ritual of "confirmation" takes place on Shavuot, when our young adults confirm their faith in God. Confirmation was first practiced by the Reform movement in 1847. In most Reform congregations, it actually replaced the Bar Mitzvah ceremony because it was available to both young men and women. It was not until after World War II that Bar and Bat Mitzvah became normative practice again within Reform Judaism.

If there is true understanding of the meaning of Confirmation, there will be a desire to continue the study of Torah throughout adult life. Rabbi Hillel's quote from the "Sayings of the Fathers," is most appropriate: "Do not say I shall study when I find the time because you may never find time." Before one can commit to Judaism and Israel, the Jewish people, a Jew by birth or a Jew by choice, must have knowledge of what this commitment involves.

The Haftorah portion on Shavuot is from the Biblical Book of Ruth. Ruth, a non-Jew, pledges her identification with the Jewish people in her vow, "Where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people will be my people and your God my God." This is interpreted by many commentators as a formal act of conversion. It certainly represents the formal identification of an individual with the Jewish people. Ruth later meets the Jew Boaz, whom she marries, and thus this devoted convert becomes the great-grandmother of King David. Shavuot reminds us that Jews always welcomed those who wished to be part of our people.

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On the Temple bill you receive for the 1990-1991 year, there will be a line item for ARZA. To enroll and join for the first time, or to renew membership, mark your bill accordingly and ARZA dues will be forwarded by the Temple office. ARZA membership is \$20 per family unit for members of "check-off" congregations, and is especially important because -

— ARZA directs the ongoing efforts of Reform institutions to obtain funding from the Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal for projects operated by the Reform Movement in Israel. Beginning in 1987, ARZA's leadership has secured major allocations to Reform-sponsored educational and social service programs in the Jewish state.

— ARZA allocates dues income to a series of projects in Israel, including Reform Nursery schools, an Arab/Jewish youth camp, a Reform youth movement for young adults, and a program to absorb new immigrants in Reform congregations in Jerusalem.

— ARZA represents the American Reform Movement in the World Zionist Congress, which meets in Jerusalem every four years. The Congress is a critical international forum for the discussion of religious rights and equitable funding for Reform institutions in Israel. ARZA played a central role at the 31st World Zionist Congress following a smashing victory in Congress elections, making it the second largest Zionist grouping in the United States.

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Doris and David Mortman graciously gave of themselves and their home on April 29th, hosting a highly successful cocktail party for the benefit of Israel Bonds. Those attending heard Congressman Bob Torricelli speak and were entertained by Betty Silberman, one of the stars of the Yiddish musical, SONGS OF PARADISE. \$60,000 in Bonds were sold, giving the 1990 campaign an enthusiastic kick-off. A good time was had by all!

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In honor of David Jordan's "Special" Birthday, by Myrna & Robert Rosenblum & family.

In honor of the birth of Alex Rebecca, granddaughter of Ilse & Ralph Leeser, by Mim & Evan Krieger and Carol & Joseph Pomerantz.

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For continued good health to Debbie Semegran, by Roz & Arnold Glickman.

To Mim & Evan Krieger, on the birth of their granddaughter.

To Nancy Bluestein on the death of her sister.

## Reform Rabbi Elected to Religious Council in Israel

Rabbi Robert Samuels, the Headmaster of the Reform Movement's Leo Baeck School in Haifa, has been elected to Haifa's religious council. Rabbi Samuel's election is a dramatic victory for Reform Judaism in Israel. It follows nearly a year of work by the ARZA-sponsored Israel Religious Action Center to have a Reform candidate elected to such a position.

Religious councils are municipal bodies that allocate funds for local synagogues and religious programs. Approximately half of the members of these councils are selected by the local city council. In six cities throughout Israel, the Israel Religious Citizens' Rights Movement headed by Shulamit Aloni and the Shinui Party headed by Amnon Rubinstein — to put forward Reform and Conservative candidates. To date, however, only the Haifa City Council has elected a Reform representative.

Israel's Orthodox parties have challenged Samuel's election, and the Israel Religious Action Center will take the matter to court, where it is confident that the election will be upheld. The Center hopes someday to see Reform representatives on every religious council in the country, a development which will eventually make possible government funding of Reform institutions. Your ARZA membership makes it possible for the Israel Religious Action Center to carry on this battle. Contact the Temple office or the rabbi for more information about ARZA membership.



## All Bond Funds To Go Towards Soviet Aliyah

An international Jewish communal effort to provide \$1 billion in Israel Bond proceeds during 1990 to help Israel create jobs and housing for Soviet and other Jewish immigrants is under way.

Israel Finance Minister Shimon Peres told 300 delegates to a Bond conference in Jerusalem:

"The whole money. I assure you, will be devoted to the absorption of immigrants.

"This is today the central issue, and you are our main partner. We don't have others. We shall use the money to build the infrastructure for absorption of the immigrants - to pave roads, build energy stations and housing and to make the exodus from Russia and implementation in Israel as agreeable, as quick and as promising as we can. It is a partnership of great depth and meaning."

In a principal address, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said: "On the basis of the present number of Soviet newcomers, we estimate that we will have to build about 35,000 housing units, 300 new classrooms, and bigger ulpan facilities for the thousands of adult students. The cost is estimated at more than \$1 billion for every 100,000 olim.

"The people of Israel will cover the major share, but we are relying on world Jewry to make extraordinary efforts to help in this great enterprise."

## How You Can Help Solve The Garbage Crisis

### *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*

- **Avoid overpackaged goods**, such as double-packaged beauty and cosmetic products; and avoid disposables, such as razors and pens.
- **Buy foods in bulk.**
- **Compost grass clippings and leaves.**
- **Buy recycled goods.**
- **Promote curbside recycling:** Call your local town hall or state solid waste office for more information. (Lite-sized soda bottles, plastic milk jugs, polyethylene shopping bags, and foam meat trays are *all* recyclable.)
- **At home use cloth diapers** rather than disposable ones.
- **Reduce household toxic wastes in your garbage:** Soap and water, ammonia, baking soda and vinegar can often replace cleaning solvents. Latex paint is less toxic than solvent-based paint, especially if allowed to dry before discarding. Batteries may contain extremely dangerous chemicals, call your county agency for proper disposal; if none exists, pressure your local official to establish a household hazardous waste collection system.
- **Avoid containers made from multiple plastics and multiple layers**, such as squeezable ketchup bottles and children's fruit juice packs. They *cannot* be recycled yet.
- **Avoid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) containers**, often distinguished by molded jug handles and often for cooking oil, detergent, or salad dressing. PVC is difficult to recycle, and its manufacture causes extremely noxious air pollution. (Soon more states will require that plastic containers bear a code identifying its type of plastic.)
- **Bring your own washable cup** to workplace and community meetings.
- **Return hangers** to your local dry-cleaner.
- **Recycling must be accompanied by reduction of trash** to make an impact.

## 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 Wednesday evenings at Temple Emeth in Teaneck, beginning August 22. 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 George Stern of Nyack, 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 for 16 weeks from 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. through December 26. 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. Additional sections will be offered in New Jersey.


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

# BRING IN A MEMBER

## JOIN OUR MEETINGS

JUNE 1990 - SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5750

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3 10 SIVAN Men's Club Baseball Breakfast and Installation of Officers 9:00 am Lunch at Medieval Times for grades 7, 8 & families 11:15 am	4 11 SIVAN	5 12 SIVAN Sisterhood Rummage Sale BESY Senior Dinner 7:00 pm	6 13 SIVAN Sisterhood Rummage Sale	7 14 SIVAN Dessert Party in honor of Evie Rotstein 7:30 pm Adult Education Committee 8:00 pm	8 15 SIVAN	9 16 SIVAN  Beha'olotecha
10 17 SIVAN BESY/BENJY Trip to Point Pleasant Beach 8:00 am	11 18 SIVAN	12 19 SIVAN Sisterhood Women of the Year Dinner honoring Susan Asher and Judy Sussman 8:00 pm	13 20 SIVAN	14 21 SIVAN Board of Education Ritual Committee 8:00 pm  FLAG DAY	15 22 SIVAN	16 23 SIVAN  Sheiach
17 24 SIVAN  FATHER'S DAY	18 25 SIVAN Officers Meeting 8:00 pm	19 26 SIVAN Calendar Meeting 8:00 pm	20 27 SIVAN	21 28 SIVAN Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 pm  FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 29 SIVAN	23 30 SIVAN  Korach ROSH CHODESH
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