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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Judaism: Hallowed or Hollow

"Thank Goodness for Christmas," the obviously Jewish person says on the front cover of a Hanukkah card. Inside: "Who else would buy retail?" This was from a particular line of Hallmark holiday cards. Meant to be funny, I found these cards ranging from stupid to offensive to anti-semitic. There is no such thing as "just" being funny in this context. Something like the "retail" card can only be funny if it draws on a stereotype which has been internalized by the reader, a stereotype which is then reinforced through the reading. What bothers me about these cards is not only the tackiness (it is difficult to avoid these days) and the anti-semitic stereotypes which they reinforce, but the fact that there seems to be a market for them. Who would buy them? I imagine (or hope) that they would be of little interest to the Christian community (which has to deal with its share of cards in bad taste).

I can only surmise that the cards must be responding to a Jewish market, those for whom Jewish life is hollow. There seems to be an implied embarrassment about being Jewish, especially in those cards in which Hanukkah is just a pale Christmas. ("Deck the hall with boughs of challah!") I cannot believe that anyone with a great deal of Jewish self-esteem would buy such a card. It is one thing to have a sense of humor about oneself. It is another to be so self-effacing as to be self-denying. The core of their Jewish selves seems to be quite hollow. My concern is not about "those" Jews. My concern is about us, we who recognize the importance of hallowing our Jewish lives with meaning. We need to possess and pass on the content of Judaism and living Jewishly, not just some vague sense of Jewishness or empty ethnicity. We ourselves have the power to affirm Jewish existence and give it a meaningful future, or let it slip through our fingers. Anti-semitism seems to be on the rise. Yet in the long run, we Jews will harm ourselves more than the David Dukes of the world. We harm ourselves when we allow others to confirm or deny the worthiness of being Jewish.

We harm ourselves when we search the world for beauty, spirituality and meaning, ignoring that which we had all along. We harm ourselves when we do everything possible to make our children "well-rounded" while at the same time do not make as great an effort to give the "well-rounded" circle a core of Jewish identity. We harm ourselves when we do not give clear value messages to our children, for example, as to whom we hope they will date and marry.

We harm ourselves when we make Jewish learning "pediatric," for children only. We harm ourselves when our resources, tangible and intangible, are spent on concerns of the general community to the exclusion of those which enrich Jewish culture and life.

The philosopher Emil Fackenheim has stated that after the Holocaust, all Jews hear a 614th commandment: "Thou shalt not give Hitler a posthumous victory! Thou shalt not despair of the Jewish People or of God, lest you complete what Hitler was unable to achieve." This is certainly not the only reason for being serious Jews. Yet, being part of Jewish history in this century means seeing oneself as an important participant in the struggle for meaningful Jewish survival.

As our secular New Year begins, let us each make a Jewish resolution. Let us each, in our own ways, resolve to do one more mitzvah which will lend more depth, meaning and substance to the Jewish label of which we are so proud.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 3 7:30 pm

Family Services

Friday, January 10 8:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 11 11:00 am

Rebekah Schwartz will become a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, January 17 8:00 pm

Shabbat Shira Service - Sabbath of Song
Cantor Staiman, assisted by the Professional and
Adult Volunteer choirs, will present a
Sermon in Song on the ancient biblical poem,
Song of the Sea (Shirat ha Yam)

Saturday, January 18 11:00 am

Amanda Rubenstein will become a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, January 24 8:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 25 11:00 am

Jonathan Corn will become a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, January 31 7:30 pm

Installation Shabbat for Cantor Staiman

Saturday, February 1 11:00 am

Debra Ackerman will become a Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Donald B. Rossoff

THOUGHTS FROM THE CANTOR

Sabbath of Song and the Song of the Sea

One of the oldest pieces of biblical poetry and the oldest song in Jewish history is the song that Moses and the children of Israel sang after they had crossed the Red Sea. It is found in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 15 and it is known as "The Song of the Sea" or "The Song of Moses", and in Hebrew as Shirat hayam. As the Hazzan starts to chant it, it is traditional to rise and join in singing the closing words of certain verses.

The Sabbath on which Exodus 15 is read in the synagogue as part of the regular cycle of Torah readings is called Shabbat Shirah - the Sabbath of Song. In North America, Jewish Music month begins on this Sabbath.

On Friday, January 17, it is Shabbat Shirah. During the Torah service, I shall chant this poem with the special Ashkenazic cantillation which is specifically for this song. I shall also present a Sermon in Song about this ancient biblical poem, which describes the Israelites flight to freedom. You will hear musical settings of this text that range from Sephardic melodies to renditions by Frederick Handel! I shall be assisted by members of the professional choir and the Adult Volunteer Choir and special guests from Temple B'nai Or. The month of January, 1992, also marks the beginning of a year which will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain (1492) and their dispersion throughout the Mediterranean Basin and elsewhere. The vibrance of the Sephardic culture can be seen in its music as well as in its poetry, history and customs. During the next twelve months I hope to bring to your attention this rich musical and cultural heritage through prayer in the Sephardic tradition, the singing of Sephardic melodies to familiar texts such as Adon Olam and L'cha Dodi and more. Let us rejoice that we are free as Jews and can now experience the vibrancy of the Sephardim, a vibrancy that is often unknown to the general Jewish community. Let us celebrate the Sephardic contribution to Jewish culture. Finally, I am filled with joy and honored that my beloved Rabbi, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, is coming to install me as the Cantor of Temple B'nai Or on January 31. I look forward to his visit with us with great excitement.



Join the B'NAI OR ADULT VOLUNTEER CHOIR

*No auditions necessary.
Sing the Hebrew prayers and have fun, too!*

*Every Wednesday
7:30-9 pm
In the Social Hall*

RSVP - Cantor Staiman, 539-4539

THINK GOLF!

June 16

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marking Happy Occasions

It's almost too easy to feel depressed in January. It's dark when our day starts and it's dark by late afternoon. We can spend the whole week without feeling the warmth of the sun. January challenges us to be happy. Skiing, skating, and sledding offer some fun and outdoor exercise and there is beauty in a new-fallen snow. However, your Temple may be one of your best answers to the winter "blues". Shabbat evening services offer spiritual guidance and the enjoyment of being with family and friends. And now, since November 15th, there is a special way to recall happy events...the Rabbi Z. David Levy Simcha Tree. Everyone who attended the dedication enjoyed a special moment that combined the recognition of Rabbi Levy and a truly beautiful Tree of Life. Now we have a Simcha Tree to mark the happy occasions for our families and friends. Comments from the congregation suggest that we'll be adding leaves very quickly. We hope you, too, will have a happy occasion to recognize. A very special kind of recognition is planned for January 31. Mark that as a not-to-be-missed date in your calendar. You are cordially invited to participate in the Shabbat evening service which will be distinguished by the installation of our Cantor, Cantor Deborah R. Staiman. We are delighted that Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Cantor Staiman's Rabbi from Toronto, Canada, will join Rabbi Rossoff on the Bimah. More details soon...we're all looking forward to this exciting event, a happy occasion in January.

Irv Gozonsky, President

THE METROWEST CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY
presents the

Rabbi Samuel L. Cohen memorial concert

featuring

SOVIET JEWISH MUSICIANS LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, January 12, 1992 7:00 pm
at Temple Beth Shalom

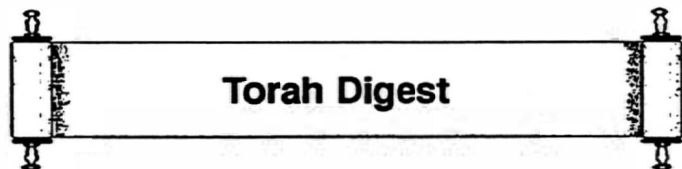
193 E. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, NJ

General Admission \$10

Senior Citizens, Students and New Americans \$5

Proceeds will be used to advance Jewish education
of Soviet Jews in Vilnius, Lithuania and in MetroWest

MetroWest Conference / 60 Glenwood Avenue / East Orange, NJ 07017 / 201-673-6800



Torah Digest

January 3-4 Vaera

Exodus 6:2-9:35

God again appears to Moses and encourages him in the struggle to free the Israelites. Pharaoh will be so stubborn that God will have to visit Egypt with plagues. The power struggle between God and Pharaoh begins. God is out to demonstrate that God, not Pharaoh, is the one Power in the universe.

January 10-11 BO

Exodus 10:1-13:16

God inflicts on Egypt the last of the ten plagues culminating in the slaying of the firstborn. The Israelites place the blood of the paschal lamb on their doorposts so the "Angel of Death" passes over their homes and spares their children. But they must leave slavery in such a hurry that their bread has no time to rise. As a reminder of the Exodus, God commands them to observe the Feast of Pesach (Passover) and of Matzah (unleavened bread) for seven days each year throughout their generations.

January 17-18 Beshallah

Exodus 1:1-6:1

After the Israelites leave Egypt, Pharaoh commands his army to pursue them. Caught between the approaching Egyptian army and the Red Sea, God splits the sea so that the people can cross dryshod. Moses and the people praise their saving God with the "Song of the Sea" which includes the phrase "Mi chamochah - Who is like You among the gods that are worshipped..." which became part of Jewish liturgy.

January 24-25 Yitro

Exodus 18:1-22:23

Yitro, (Jethro), Moses' father in law, suggests that Moses share the responsibility of judging disputes with a hierarchy of qualified individuals. Moses brings the People of Israel to Mount Sinai where God communicates the decalogue, the foundation of the covenant (binding commitment) between God and God's people who are to become a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

January 31 - February 1 Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

God's revelation continues with mishpatim (laws of social concern), the day to day establishment of justice and respect for persons and property. Some of the issues dealt with include violence, sexual propriety, theft, respect for the powerless, bribery, the prohibition against lending money on interest, concern for animals and the establishment of an impartial judicial system.



SCHOOL NEWS



The Daryl Gehr Rosenfarb Scholarship Fund awards a \$500 prize each year to a confirmand who writes an essay which best expresses why he/she would like to visit Israel. The only stipulation is that the award must be utilized prior to entering college. We are pleased that Linda Klein will be able to use this award and hope she has a wonderful and exciting trip. We look forward to her return and hope she will have an opportunity to share her experiences with us.

Linda Klein, a member of the Temple B'nai Or Confirmation Class of 1990 and winner of the Daryl Gehr Rosenfarb Israel Scholarship, has made plans to participate in the MetroWest Jet Trip to Israel. Linda, daughter of Barbara and Art Klein, is a senior at Morristown High School and a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Congratulations to three TBO fifth-grade students who participated in the Junior Varsity Morris County division of the Forensics Tournament sponsored by the New Jersey Consortium of Gifted Students. At this public speaking contest, held in East Hanover on November 12, Kathy Ellis was an alternate and Lisa Ellis, one of three team contestants from Littleton School, Parsippany, while finalist Joshua Bogdan from Sussex Avenue School, Morristown, received the trophy for second place.

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SOCIAL ACTION

The next food drive doesn't start until February, but please take advantage now of some great sales at local supermarkets. There is a big need for quality food, so if you see any of these items at a special price, pick them up for donation in February: tuna, beef stew, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, cereal and juice. The African-American Jewish Dialogue will be meeting again soon to discuss a book about the African-American experience. Details weren't available when we went to press, but they are now. Call Connie at 267-6553 for information. Thanks to the CROP walkers, we donated \$254 to local and world hunger projects.

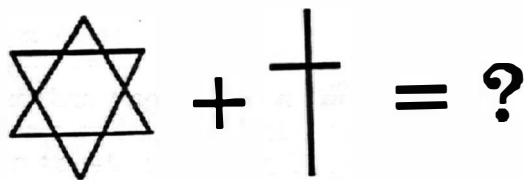
Connie Rubin, Social Action Chair

Outreach

We are planning programs for the intermarried, interdating, or Jew by choice. In November the "December Dilemma" was discussed at Rabbi Rossoff's house. Questionnaires have gone out to Temple members and are available on the table outside the sanctuary. If you are interested in participating, please return the questionnaires as soon as possible. Non Temple members are always welcome to join us. For more information, please call Rabbi Rossoff or me at 895-3808.

Marcia Schran, Chairperson

ARE YOUR CHILDREN INTERMARRIED OR
INTERDATING?



You are not alone!

Come share your experience and feelings with others like yourselves who are dealing with this sometimes difficult and painful challenge.

Thursday evening, January 16
8:00 pm, at the Temple.

RSVP to Marcia Schran (895-3808) or
Rabbi Rossoff (539-4539) by January 12.

Renaissance Times

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Future Events

Sunday, January 5, 1992:

Temple B'nai Or Social Hall 10:00 am

Jewish-American Continental Breakfast

Speaker: U.S. Congressman Richard Zimmer

Dick Zimmer, 46, in succeeding Jim Courter, became New Jersey's only Jewish congressional representative after serving both in the NJ Assembly and the NJ Senate over 10 years. Germane to his talk on issues facing Senior Citizens is his post on the House Select committee on Aging, including health and long-term care. A graduate of Yale and Yale Law School, Dick Zimmer had a distinguished legal career with one of NYC's leading firms and Johnson & Johnson before turning to public service.

Come welcome Congressman Zimmer to B'nai Or. He will respond to your questions following his talk.

Reserve early by calling Guy Callea, 292-9689, Fred Glickman, 540-1175, or Laura Waters, 334-8680. We expect a sell-out crowd!

Sunday, February 2, 1991

Ms. Ann Belkov, Superintendent of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island), will be the guest speaker at the Renaissance Breakfast.

March 1992

We are planning a retreat weekend with Rabbi Rossoff in the Poconos (a great hotel and price). Two dates are being considered, either the second or third weekend in March. If you are interested and have a date preference, please call Fred Glickman at 540-1175.

WE COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Special Sisterhood thanks to:
PAT SCHREIBER & THE CRADLE
ROLL CREW for a great Chanukah
party on November 30th!

To DEB, MINDY, CAROLYN, HARRIET
STACEY & THE COOKING
COMMITTEE for support always
above & beyond at Progressive
dinner

TO JAN BURGH, DEB SPRUNG AND
ELEYNA WEINTRAUB for all their
work on Chanukah Breakfast
with the Men's Club.

To ART KLEIN...who stepped in &
covered for us so beautifully!

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP COMMITTEE

This new committee was formed to advocate for our Senior and Junior Youth Groups and to support the super work being done by our Youth Group Advisor, Sue Hanover. Sue has been getting rave reviews by all the children who have met her. If you haven't met Sue, introduce yourself when you drop your child off at a Youth Group activity or at Hebrew School on Monday night when she teaches.

Together with the Youth Group members and their Officers, Sue has planned some great activities for this year. However, what is needed now is parental support. Those children who have already been to meetings know that there are great times ahead but those who haven't yet been involved may need some parental encouragement. Let's all work together to make our Youth Groups integral and important parts of Temple life!

If you or your junior high (7th and 8th) or high school student have any questions, please call:

Youth Group Committee

Connie Rosenberg, Chairperson	539-3283
Ellen Cookler	539-3279
Margot Flowerman	539-9206
Wendy Keil	993-8756
Joyce Leibowitz.....	635-4694
Vicki Nelson	455-1056
Helene Marcello	267-4536

Note: It is not necessary to be attending Hebrew School to be a member of Youth Group.

Connie Rosenberg, Chairperson

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The new and improved Senior Youth Group is living up to its name as we complete another great month. December saw an excited group turn out for Havdalah at the Temple before travelling to see the Devils take on Detroit. The group enjoyed the fun bus ride along with all the action of the game. Those who missed this, surely missed a lot of fun. Future plans for the youth include the annual ski trip January 24-26. Please contact Dan Rosenberg for details and look for applications in the mail and at the Temple. This perennially popular event is once again expected to be a great unifying factor and a very positive piece of the youth group calendar. Looking ahead to February, the group is planning a billiard night. Keep an eye out for the date, application and flyer. As is the pattern for this new youth group, Temple B'nai Or was well represented in the regional JFTY scene. Kevin Cookler, Jordana Fenik, Rachel Nelson and Chad Cookler (as the board representative) enjoyed a great weekend in Mahwah meeting other new members in JFTY. JFTY's Winter Conclave, with a theme of Israel, was at the end of December. The many B'nai Or people who attended had a fabulous time learning and socializing with peers from throughout the state.

Finally, excitement is mounting for January 4. This date will see TBO hosting hundreds of JFTYites and alumni at the annual JFTY Homecoming Dance to benefit JFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps.

The dance will commence at 7:15 and run until 11:30. This is one activity that cannot be missed and it is in your own back yard.

Finally, please feel free to contribute your ideas, questions, concerns, comments, and perhaps even complaints. We're getting better every day but we need your help to be the best. Join the fun!!

Sue Hanover, Youth Group Advisor

INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Junior Youth Group is for you!

The junior Youth Group of Temple B'nai Or is moving ahead quite nicely. The end of November saw thirty Temple B'nai Or youth join together for pizza dinner at the Temple and a lovely Havdalah service led by Rabbi Rossoff. Soon after, the group moved together to the Morristown Jewish Center for a regional dance for hundreds of children. TBO was proud to have one of the largest delegations there, and thanks go to Youth Committee Chair Connie Rosenberg and all the parents for driving our large group to the dance. To kick off December, the group travelled to the Meadowlands to see the Devils play Detroit. A great time was had by all who attended this unique Chanukah celebration.

Looking into January, the youth group is planning a pizza, movies and ice cream outing at the AMC Headquarters theatre on January 12. Mark your calendar and look for information in the mail and class. Please make the effort to give youth group-ing a chance. We are having a great time so far, but we need your help to be even better. Join us soon.

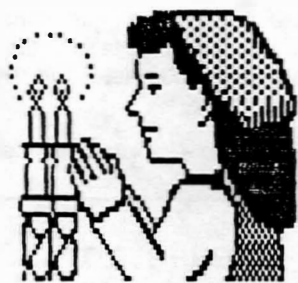
Sue Hanover, Junior Youth Group Advisor

MEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Men's Club will have a bagels and lox breakfast on Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 am, with guest speaker Jeff Eger, writer, director and producer. Jeff's topic is Biosphere II: \$150 Million Experiment in Recreating the Earth." Biosphere II is a fantastic experiment now taking place in Oracle, Arizona, about 40 miles from Tucson. There, towards the end of September, four men and four women entered a new world where they will live for two years in total isolation from the rest of humanity. Their experiment in self-sufficiency inside the man-made biosphere may determine important aspects of the way we live in the future.

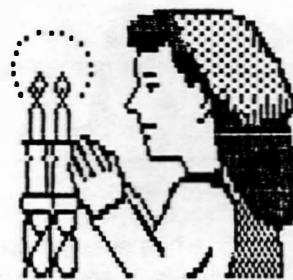
Join us to hear Jeff talk about this interesting and important experiment. Part of his presentation will include a video. Family and friends are invited, and baby sitting will be provided after the breakfast so that we can enjoy the program. The cost is \$4.00 per person, children are free under 12. Please RSVP to Richard Burgh at 984-9703 to help in our planning.

Richard Burgh, President



SISTERHOOD IN JANUARY

1992



Do the Winter doldrums get you down? Read on for Sisterhood's antidote!

Do these cold
winter months
leave you down?
Sisterhood's many
activities are sure
to lift your spirits!

JANUARY has a joyous start at the BIG APPLE CIRCUS on the 5th! At 2:00, we'll board the bus with popcorn and anticipation and head for Damrosh Park at Lincoln Center. We have 75 Temple members coming with us to see Grandma clown and the rest of the troupe relive the days of Coney Island fun! Any questions? Call Shari Stack at 285-5118.

There's a special catered affair at 6:00, on the 17th, for our CRADLE ROLL KIDS and their families to celebrate Shabbat. Contact Pat 984-0137.



The last event in January is especially dear to our hearts because it is the annual Sisterhood Shabbat dinner and service. The dinner will be delicious as always and the service will be ably led by the women of our Sisterhood. Last year's service was especially moving, with anecdotes, personal stories, and poetry beautifully delivered by our members. Please mark the date of Jan. 24th on your calendar and, if you want to attend the dinner, call Barbara at 540-8863.

FEBRUARY FUN is guaranteed from the very first day!! Feb. 1st we have booked the NEW YORK COMEDY STOP for their 8:30 seating! If we get 100 members to come with us, they will close the room to the public and it will be a night tailor-made for B'nai Or. They are willing to customize the jokes...and with 3 N.Y. comedy headliners, should be hilarious! When it's the middle of winter, and there's nothing much to do, and you're looking for a pick-me-up evening, this should really fill the bill! Call Beth Benson, 539-0956 or Cheryl Doline, 292-1937 Also in February is Family Fun for families with older children as we take to the Florham Park Roller Rink. Watch for our flyers!

Temple is a warm place to be in the winter! Come join us.

HELP OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY GROW

Reading Jewish books helps to build Jewish minds and souls. Won't you help modernize the Temple B'nai Or Children's Library?

Contribute a book in honor of a child's birthday, a special event, or simply "just because." All contributions will be recognized in the Temple Bulletin. Helping provide new books for our younger readers is a mitzvah and can be done in one of two ways: Choose a book which has already been purchased by the school. Stop in the Religious School office together with your child. Mrs. Gaidemak and/or Debbie McCormick will be happy to show you a group of titles which have been previously purchased and which are clearly marked with the price. After choosing one or more books, make out a check to Temple for the total amount and complete the needed information for a special bookplate. The book(s) you have chosen will then be placed in circulation.

The following books have been donated to the Religious School library:

Lights, A Fable About Hanukah
by the John Beekman Family

Purchase your own book. You are always free to purchase a book with Jewish content at a store or book fair. Please send the book to school with your child or leave it in the school office. Be sure to place a note in the book indicating who the donor is as well as the reason for the donation. A special bookplate will be created and the book will be placed in circulation.

EACH GENERATION PLANTS

Tu B'Shevat falls in late January when the winter rains have tapered off, and the sap that brings food to the limbs of the tree starts to rise. Buds appear, and the land takes on a springtime glow. As nature comes to life, it feels like a new year. The holiday began more than 2,000 years ago in Israel and celebrates the love of the Jewish people for trees. The Torah required farmers to give one tenth (tithing) of all crops grown to the priests of the Holy Temple. Tu B'Shevat marked the beginning of the year for tithing trees. We are told in the Midrash Tanchuma, Kedoshim 8: "When you come into the land you shall plant..." (Leviticus 19.23) The Holy One said to Israel, "Even though you will find the land full of good things, don't say, 'We will sit and not plant.' Rather be careful to plant

trees. Just as you found trees which others had planted when you entered the land, so you should plant for your children. No one should say, 'I am old. How many more years will I live? Why should I be troubled for the sake of others?' Just as he found trees, he should add more by planting even if he is old."

In the modern age, trees have become the symbol of the rebuilding of the land of Israel. When the early pioneers came to Palestine 100 years ago, the land was barren from centuries of wars and neglect. They planted trees and made the land bloom again.

January is the month to support the Jewish National Fund "Plant A Tree" program. This organization has planted more than 140 million trees throughout Israel. Many forests and parks have been established. Last year Temple B'nai Or planted a Garden of 114 Trees. Let's see if we can plant two gardens this year. In order to do this we must plant 200 trees. Please support us in our effort.

When we buy a tree in honor or in memory of a friend or a family member we are helping to reforest Israel. Each tree costs \$7. Forms will be sent to all students enrolled in our Religious School. All other Temple families who wish to purchase trees may return the form printed in this bulletin (along with a check) to the Religious School Office. Each person who purchases a tree will receive a special certificate from the JNF sometime in April.

Elaine B. Gaidemak, R.J.E., Director of Education

PLANT TREES IN ISRAEL ON ALL OCCASIONS

Enclosed please find \$_____ for the planting of _____ trees at \$7.00 each

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

DONOR INFORMATION

SEND CERTIFICATE TO

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Zip _____ Zip _____

Please charge my MasterCard/Visa Card
Minimum charge \$35 (5 trees)

In Honor Of ☐ In Memory Of ☐
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If using Master Card, please include 4-digit
bank number appearing on card just above
your name

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Name of Organization _____

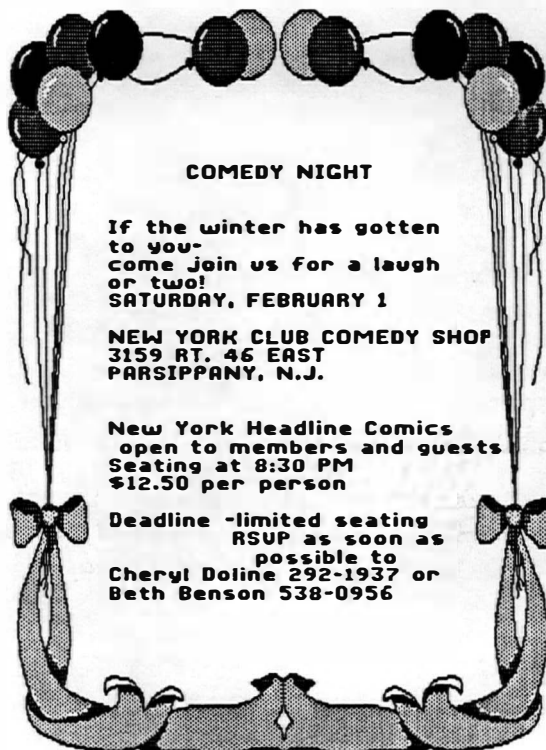
KIDDUSH CLUB FIRST MEMBERS

The following students are members in good standing of the Temple B'nai Or Religious School Kiddush Club having learned to sing the full Shabbat Kiddush. All members are now eligible to help lead the congregation in the singing of the Kiddush during Shabbat Services on selected Fridays. We congratulate these students on their accomplishment.

Rachel Isaacson-Werner
Grade Four

Ben Montgomery
Grade Five

Kiddush Club members
will lead the congregation
in the Kiddush during
services on the Shabbat
evening of December 13th.



NEW MEMBERS

Do you want to become involved?

Do you have questions about the Temple?

Do you have questions about Judaism?

“Rap With Rabbi”

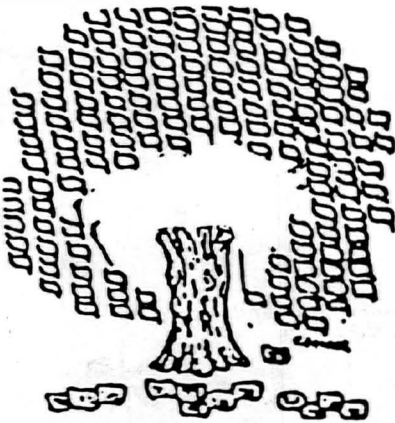
You are invited to an informal
question and answer session with

Rabbi Donald Rossoff

Sunday, January 12, 1991 at 4:00 pm
at the Temple

*For more information call Bonnie Ackerman
895-2097*

TREE OF LIFE



To celebrate a special simcha, you are invited to purchase a stone or leaf on our Tree of Life.

For information, please call Judy Helderman at 540-0346 or Janis Wyatt at the Temple at 539-4539.

Z. DAVID LEVY SIMCHA TREE

Leaves

Dee and Irv Gozorsky
Donna Parris
Jeannette and Sid Stein
Pat and Philip Glucksman
Mildred and Sidney Brickel
Elaine and Bernie Menkes
Gloria and Stan Gould
Josephine and Gerald Aresty
Linda and Richard Carleton
Bonnie and Alan Ackerman
Renee and Bernie Schulman
Susan and Michael Miller
Norma and Morton Beer
Pat and Leonard Tolkoff
Rabbi Donald and Francine Rossoff
Sandra and Barry Efros
Helene and Michael Marcello
Joan and Tony Lubowe
Marilyn and Jack Piermont
Linda R. Brower Kushner

Joy and Leon Kurland
Vicki and Ira Sukoneck
Judy and Sy Helderman
Elaine and Stewart Ginsberg
Sandy Mayer

Stones

Deenie and Sid Schlosser
Joyce and Ron Levy and Family
The congregation in honor of
Armand Kaplan
Jackie and Larry Horn
Mitzi and Len Szerlip
Myrna and Norman Ficken
Bernice and Arnold Brauer
Dee and Arthur Ginsburg
Judy and Marc Allen
Susan and Marc Spurr
Judy and Eliot Steinberg
Elaine and Seymour Lewis
and family

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Friday night, January 31, Temple B'nai Or will formally install Deborah R. Staiman as Cantor of our Temple. Installing Cantor Staiman will be our special guest, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

Rabbi Plaut is one of the true treasures of Reform Judaism. He is currently the Senior Scholar at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto where he was Cantor Staiman's Rabbi and inspiration. Prior to living in Toronto, he was Rabbi Rossoff's Rabbi in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and is the Chair of its Committee on Responsa which determines Reform stances from the Jewish legal tradition. A well known and well published Judaic scholar, his monumental work, The Torah, A Modern Commentary, is the most comprehensive contemporary work on the Torah ever to be published. Among his other works are the Rise of Reform Judaism, The Growth of Reform Judaism, the Shabbat Manual and his autobiography, Unfinished Business. Rabbi Plaut is also an acknowledged expert in the law and has taught and published extensively in this field. In addition, he has published a number of mystery novels.

NEW REPORT CARD POLICY

DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The Religious School, in an effort to be fiscally responsible, will distribute report card packets to families of students in grades three through seven on Sunday morning, January 19, 1992 at 10:45 am. Please watch for a flyer with additional information. It is important that each family with a student in these grades arrange to have at least one parent present at this meeting. We are most appreciative of your cooperation in this effort.

FIFTH GRADE LIFE CYCLE EVENT

On Sunday morning, December 15, Patti and Daniel Lehrhoff were "wed" as a part of the Life Cycle curriculum of Grade Five. Attended by their children Nicole Lehrhoff and Amanda Lehrhoff (Maids of Honor), and Jesse Lehrhoff and Benjamin Lehrhoff (Bestmen), Mr. and Mrs. Lehrhoff reaffirmed their vows in the presence of students in the Fifth Grade and their families. Rabbi Rossoff and Cantor Staiman officiated; Alice Maleski was organist. Other members of the class served as bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl, ring bearer, choir, ushers and honored guests. A *ketubah* written and decorated by the students was presented to the bride and groom. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. The newly restructured Life Cycle curriculum provides many learning opportunities. We thank the entire Lehrhoff family for helping to make this learning experience so meaningful.

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To Rabbi Rossoff, Temple staff, and members of the congregation:

We would like to express our gratitude to you, who made it possible for us to have this special day for our Jewish wedding ceremony.

We never imagined in our lives that we would have the opportunity to experience such a ceremony. It was very touching and meaningful to us. We want to thank the Men's Club for the beautiful Seder plate and for the delicious refreshments donated by the Sisterhood. We also appreciate the books on Judaism that the Temple gave us. Thank you for the flowers and all the good wishes. For all of you who have given of your time, thank you. We will always remember this memorable occasion.

Alla, Yakov and Irene Garner

IN MEMORIAM

When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends. The congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

Hyman Rosenthal, father of Seymour Rosenthal

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The congregation shares in the happiness of its members and is thankful for the blessings they enjoy. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following families:

*On the birth of a grandson, Paul Davis Burgin, to Hariette and
Bob Davis*

*On the birth of a grandson, Mitchel Aaron Dornfeld, to Eleanor
and Louis Dornfeld.*

*On the birth of a daughter, Allison Joy, to Debbie and Matt
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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2 Scrip Order Due	3 7:30pm Family Services	4 JFTY Dance
			No Religious School			
			No Nursery School			
5 Religious School Open Mishpacha - Grades 3 & 5 10:00am Renaissance Breakfast 2:00pm Sisterhood Sunday at the Circus	6 6:00pm SYG Meeting 8:00pm Executive Board Meeting	7 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:45pm UAHC Introduction to Judaism	8 7:30pm Adult Education 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	9 10:00am Sisterhood Seminar	10 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	11 9:15am Pre-K 9:15am Tot Shabbat 11:00am Rebekah Schwartz-Bat Mitzvah
12 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast 4:00pm "Rap with Rabbi"	13 6:00pm ORIM 8:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	14 12:00pm Noon Ethics Group 7:45pm UAHC Introduction to Judaism 8:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting	15 7:30pm Adult Education 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	16 10:00am Sisterhood Seminar 8:00pm Outreach Program	17 6:00pm Cradle Roll Party & Shabbat Dinner 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Services/ Shabbat Shira	18 11:00am Amanda Rubinstein Bat Mitzvah
19 10:45am Report Card Dist.- Parent Mtg. (grds. 3-7) 11:30am 3rd Grade Tu B'Shevat Seder	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> Office Closed No High School	21 7:00pm House and Grounds 7:30pm Social Action Committee Meeting 7:45pm UAHC Introduction to Judaism	22 7:30pm Adult Education 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	23 10:00am Sisterhood Seminar	24 6:00pm Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner 8:00pm Shabbat Services/ Sisterhood Shabbat	25 11:00am Jonathan Corn Bar Mitzvah
26 8:45am 6th Gr. Breakfast with the Rabbi-B/B Mitzvah Mtg	27 6:00pm Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation Parents Meeting	28 7:45pm Renaissance Executive Board Meeting 7:45pm UAHC Introduction to Judaism 8:00pm Religious School Board Meeting	29 7:30pm Adult Education 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	30 10:00am Sisterhood Seminar	31 8:00pm Cantor Staiman Installation Shabbat	

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