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FROM THE RABBI...

Israel On My Mind

"Was it real or was it just a dream?"

These were the words of the poet Rachael, written from a far away room in 1927, as she imagined the Sea of Galilee and the days when she used to run her feet through the waters as blue as the heavens.

These were the words which, in 1993, we twenty pilgrims from Temple B'nai Or read anew as we stood at Rachael's palm-shaded Galilee grave. And later, as we were about to board the buses that would take us to Ben Gurion Airport and back to our New Jersey homes, we stood in the rain-cleansed Plaza of the Western Wall and vowed that we would not ask ourselves if it was all just a dream. For the Israel we had experienced together was more real than any other place we had ever been before.

Israel is the only place I know to which you can travel for 6,000 miles and, never having been there before, feel like you are coming home.

Israel is not as far away as the miles would have us believe.

And this month, the two most important organizations that link us with our Jewish homeland are reaching out to us.

ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, works for the kind of Jewish State that we Reform Jews believe should be - an Israel in which all Jews can practice their own form of Judaism freely and on an equal footing, an Israel in which religion is a force for good and for peace, not just another political party, an Israel which strives to make real the vision of the prophets for a just and righteous society.

The new Executive Director of ARZA is Rabbi Ami Hirsch, who will be our guest speaker on ARZA Shabbat, Friday

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SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

MARCH

4 FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE 7:30 PM
Candle Blessing: Margot Jackler
Kiddush: Paul Flowerman

5 SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM
Aviva Flowerman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

11 SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 8:00 PM

ARZA SHABBAT

Special guest: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America

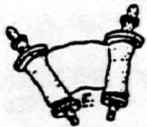
Candle Blessing: Wendy Kell
Kiddush: Gordon Keil
Aliyah: Jim Rubenstein

12 TOT SHABBAT SERVICE 9:15 AM
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM
Sarah Keil will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

18 SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Rebecca Conviser
Kiddush: Steven Conviser
Aliyah: Peter Sarasohn

19 SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM
Lily Conviser will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

25 SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Dolores Gingold
Kiddush: Ken Parker
Aliyah: Peter Fried



MARCH TORAH DIGEST



MARCH 4 - 5

VAYAKHAYL / SHABBAT PARAH

Exodus 35:1 - 38:20

Numbers 19:1 - 22

Materials for building the desert Tabernacle are donated. But before the work begins, Moses reminds the workers that the day of rest, the Shabbat, must be observed, even when working on "God's abode." The people bring more than is needed and are told to stop bringing. The Tabernacle, that portable sacred place, is constructed.

SHABBAT PARAH focuses attention on the purity required prior to the celebration of Passover.

MARCH 11 - 12

PIKUDAY / SHABBAT HACHODESH

Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

Moses makes an accounting of all the materials collected and used for the Tabernacle. The book of Exodus concludes as the Tabernacle is set up and God's presence, which will guide the people throughout their wanderings, enters the Tent of Meeting.

SHABBAT HACHODESH: An extra reading from Exodus marks the new Hebrew month of Nissan, the time when the Israelites were freed from Egypt and when we relive this event as we celebrate Passover.

MARCH 18 - 19

VAYIKRA

Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

In the ancient world, reality was divided into categories: holy and ordinary, pure and impure. The third book of the Torah, Leviticus, is largely concerned with the laws regulating these categories, especially in the life of the sacrificial cult. This first portion begins the description of some of the standard sacrifices which were to have been done in the desert Tabernacle and later in the Temple in Jerusalem.

MARCH 25 - 26

TZAV

Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

More details concerning the actual method of sacrifice are given along with regulations concerning the eating of the sacrifices. Care is to be taken not to eat blood which is seen as containing the "life-force." Aaron, brother of Moses, and his sons are ordained into the priesthood. It is they who have responsibility for overseeing the proper functioning of the sacrifices and purifications.

SHABBAT HA-GADOL: The Great Sabbath, precedes Passover. It derives its name from the Haftarah reading which introduces Elijah, the prophet, as the one who will herald the next great redemption.

FROM THE RABBI...

Continued

night, March 11. Under his direction, the Reform Movement in Israel is continuing to fight the good fight on behalf of Reform Jews and Reform Judaism. Come and hear the latest!

March will also bring us Super Sunday, as the UJA reaches out to all of us to perform the *mitzvah* of building up the land of Israel and its people. Just as it is our sacred obligation to support a strong and vibrant synagogue, so must we support the wider Jewish community - our "meta-mishpacha." Say yes to Israel and to all the other needs of the Jewish Community when the United Jewish Appeal reaches out to you this year. As our Rabbis say, give until it hurts and then give a bit more.

What else can, should, must we do to link ourselves with Israel?

Stay informed.

Invest in Israel's economy.

And most importantly, go to Israel. Bring your families. Words cannot express the joy of experiencing Israel for one's self. If you have not been there yet, or you have not been there in a while, now is the time to begin to plan.

It is like a dream come true.

Rabbi Don Rossoff

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION

**THE PASSOVER
PREPARATION WORKSHOP**
*with the ROSOFFS will be held
on MARCH 16TH at 7:30 pm!*

Everything you wanted to know about conducting a joyous and delicious Seder. Rabbi will discuss the concepts of the Haggadah and how to create a meaningful Seder experience while Mrs. Rossoff gives a hands-on demonstration of how to make traditional and delicious foods. Something for everyone.

THOUGHTS FROM THE CANTOR

My Jewish Heroine: Hannah Senesh, A Blessed Match

Let me share with you the story and significance of one of my favorite heroines, Hannah Senesh, a young, self-sacrificing Jewish woman, whose life and creative energies have influenced my own.

Hannah Senesh was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1921, into a home of affluence and culture. At the early age of twelve, she began writing poetry and keeping a diary. Her thoughts, poetry and life experiences would become part of the Jewish experience during these momentous years and thereafter.

When she was seventeen, Hannah became an ardent Zionist. Her soul was committed towards the direction of Jewry, Palestine and the future of the Jewish people. On the day of her eighteenth birthday, July 17, 1939, she immigrated to Palestine. Through her spirit, energy, beliefs and arduous labor on an agricultural farm and on a Kibbutz, Hannah contributed to the building of the Jewish homeland.

With the events of World War II and the rising anti-Semitism, Hannah volunteered for a secret mission by the British Royal Air Force to parachute into occupied Yugoslavia, make contact with the Resistance forces and help the Jewish rescue attempts. In Yugoslavia she worked closely with the local partisans, making contact with the Resistance, and sending messages to the British.

On May 13th, 1944, Hannah crossed over the border into Hungary, the same day the expulsion of the Jews from Hungary's cities had begun. On May 15th, she was captured by Nazi forces and imprisoned in Budapest. Despite the beatings and tortures she suffered, she never revealed her secret code by which she relayed messages. Hannah was tried in the

courts, where a final verdict was never issued. However, on November 7, 1944, at the age of twenty-two, Hannah was suddenly taken from her cell, and secretly led to her conviction.

Hannah Senesh has become a beloved symbol to the Jewish people of the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust. She is also an example of the heroic efforts made by the Jews of Palestine to save as many of their fellow Jews in Europe as possible during the years of the Holocaust. This young girl sacrificed herself so that others could live.

Hannah's other legacy is the diary she kept and the poetry she wrote, until shortly before her death. She had a most spiritual and creative side. Hannah's life and heroism can be taught through her poems. Her diary is filled with her thoughts on many subjects ranging from family, friends and men, to Zionism and the Holocaust. There are about twenty poems that have survived her; they are touching verses on her feelings about Israel, the meaning and purpose of life, nature's eternity and death. Two of her most famous poems are included in our *Gates of Prayer*. "Eli, Eli" (O God, I pray that these things never end) on page 267, and "Ashrey hagrafoor," (Blessed is the Match) on page 642.

Hannah's heroism and sensitive and moving messages through her words are like a match that continues to kindle those who know her. Indeed, Hannah's life has been an inspiration to all humanity.

Cantor Deborah Staiman

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Hannah's death, Cantor Deborah Staiman has prepared a dramatic presentation entitled: *"The Life and Poetry of Hannah Senesh."* Hannah's life is dramatized together with a presentation of a variety of musical settings set to her poetry. It will be presented at Drew University in the Great Hall on April 5th, at 8 p.m. It is appropriate for youth and adults.

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COME ONE - COME ALL! SPRING FLING II

Back By Popular Demand!!
Back to the 1940's and 50's with a Temple-wide dance.



Make your reservations now and come ready to boogie to the good ol' sounds of the Big Bands.

Date: Saturday, May 21, 1994
Time: 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
Entertainment: *The Elusive Eleven*, under the direction of Bud Clark again! Reproducing the sounds of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, and Shlomo Musicman.

Tickets: \$18.00*/person, buffet included.
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Attire: Yes, and casual.

Send your checks NOW to secure a seat in the "grand ballroom." Or, you can wait for more details and more flyers and more announcements and more bulletins, and end up watching Gilligan's Island!

If you require special arrangements for your group, call Pat Tolkoff (539-2827).

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*\$3.00 of this cost is tax deductible.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Recently, two of our Temple vice-presidents and I had the opportunity to attend a key leader meeting with executive board members from other temples in our region. There was representation from the relatively new and relatively small congregation in Kinnelon to the very old and very big B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills. Mostly we fell between the two and had a lot of things in common to share.

I am always amazed by how similar things can be, both the problems and the strengths, no matter how different we may be geographically, demographically, socially, etc.

The difference comes in how we view and solve our problems. For example, there are at least two temples which make SCRIP purchase a condition of membership. The mutual problems of High Holiday overflows, as well as the sale of tickets, was another topic of discussion.

After listening, I came away feeling that we are really doing very well. This is not to say there are no problems to solve, but as we approach our fortieth year, with the *Words of Honor* Torah restoration well underway, we, as a group, can be proud of our accomplishments and satisfied knowing that we are definitely on the right path.

Vicki Nelson



Think Spring!
Think Art!
Think Residence!

June 11, 1994

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SCHOOL NEWS



As with many holidays in our tradition, the festival of Passover is called by many different names. One name is Z'man Cheruteynu, the season of our freedom. In Deuteronomy 29:13-14, God says to the people Israel, "I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, but both with those who are standing here with us this day before the Lord our God, and with those who are not with us here this day." We are all commanded to experience the seder as if we ourselves were set free from slavery in Egypt.

For all of us, Passover should be seen as a time of release. For many, it may be difficult to try to recall the experience of our ancestors as they were led from freedom by the mighty hand of God. But, surely, we all have many things that burden us today. We are bogged down by the demands of work, the needs and wants of our children, spouses, parents...we all need a time for release.

In many ways we can experience the same sense of release as did our ancestors. In order to experience the same release, we must give power to God. The end of Winter and the harvest of Spring are not the work of humanity alone, nor was the release from Egyptian slavery an act of humanity. Rather, God made possible the release of the Israelites from slavery so that they might enter into a covenant relationship with God. Passover represents the formation of the Israelites from tribal groupings into a community of Jews.

In order for us today to have the same experience, to feel as if we were set free from bondage, we must reach to the next level, we must enter into the covenant with God. In our day, it may require that we consciously release ourselves from our burdens, if only for a week, but to truly experience what the Israelites experienced, we must also accept the yolk of the covenant.

Passover provides a time of renewal for us. We are given a chance half way through the year to evaluate our commitment to Judaism, and are encouraged to make a stronger commitment. One great way to renew our commitment to Judaism is to constantly try out different traditions, search for ways to make the holidays meaningful for us. Passover has been celebrated many different ways throughout the centuries. It is great to highlight your seder with traditional customs from all over the world. For example: Did you know that it is customary at a Persian seder to beat each other with the leafy ends of green onions!? This was done at the beginning of the seder to let everyone know what it felt like to be a slave.

Deborah Niederman

PASSOVER ACTIVITIES IN MARCH:

March 12	Pre-K
March 13	1st grade 11:30-1:15
March 17	5th grade Scavenger Hunt 4:30-6:00
March 20	2nd grade 11:30-1:15
March 22	6th and 7th grade 4:30-6:00
March 24	3rd and 4th grade 4:30-6:00

NO SCHOOL MARCH 27TH-29TH.

THERE IS SCHOOL THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST



SISTERHOOD IN MARCH

On January 10, 1994 there was a proposed amendment to our Constitution on the floor; after some discussion and a vote taken, it was adopted so that now our official name is changed to conform with that of NFTS: *Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood of Temple Or*.

Sisterhood is a precious and unique part of all Temples. Our times with world events and changing social conditions demand new initiatives, new attitudes and new programs - in short, new ways of going forth to meet the challenges of the day and current needs of our community.

Here's what's happening:

- ▲ *On March 13th*, we will be having a very special treat and retreat. NFTS will be providing us with an inspirational experience. As stated in the NFTS President's Message, "Reform Judaism is itself part of that ongoing, inquiring voyage of what it is to be a Jew in the Modern World." As a result of this workshop, we hope to be able to share our inquiring voyage with you.
 - ▲ *On March 15th*, we're having our Joint Sisterhood Event with Morristown Jewish Center, to be held at Morristown Jewish Center starring our own Sisterhood Board member as a speaker, Marie Singer, along with Elise Oliver, our Temple member, who will provide a presentation on *Mind/Body Connection - Stress Management and Reduction*. All are welcome!
 - ▲ *On March 19th*, at 7:30 p.m.,
 - Come and dance the night away to the *Sizzling Sounds D.J.* The place is the Social Hall. You're guaranteed to have a ball. Bring a friend, or come alone. For details or questions use this phone.
- 201-966-6572 (Marie Singer).
- Cost: \$18.00 per person, payable to Temple B'nai Or and mailed to Marie Singer at 250-E8 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932.



New Members

Save the date for "Sundaes on Sunday"

May 1 (3 to 5 p.m.)

More information to follow

- ▲ *On March 27th*, come join our Temple Family as we celebrate our warm and festive *Second Night Seder* and feast led by Rabbi Rossoff and Cantor Staiman. See you at 6 p.m., at the Temple Social Hall. If you missed our flyer and want to make a reservation, contact Laurel Ginsberg at 201-984-2425.
- ▲ *Passover Plant Sale* - Take advantage of this wonderful way to wish your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers a joyous Passover, and to welcome Spring. Allow us to deliver beautiful, fresh potted tulips with a personalized, handwritten gift card attached with your own very special message. Each plant is only \$14.00. For further inquiries or to order by phone, please call Fran Rossoff at 201-539-2558. Plants will be delivered during the week of March 20th. Payments for all orders must be received by March 9, 1994.

Don't Forget

- March 12:* Tot Shabbat and Pre-K at 9:15 a.m.
- March 19:* Cradle Roll at 9:30 a.m.
Passover Party at Temple

And here's what to look for in the future:

Another way of staying healthy is by eating healthy. Enjoy an afternoon delight by taking our Healthy Food Cooking Class provided by KINGS. More details to follow...so until then...watch what you eat!

That's all for now. Be well!

Yve Cohen

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY...

to the music of the

Sizzling Sounds D.J.

sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club of
Temple B'nai Or

Everyone is welcome!!

When: Saturday, March 19, 1994

Where: Temple B'nai Or Social Hall

Time: 8:00 pm til Midnight??

Cost: \$18.00 per person*
Beer, Wine and munchies
provided

Send your checks made out to:

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TEMPLE B'NAI OR PASSOVER



Passover is the holiday celebrating the liberation of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. The holiday is also known as the feast of unleavened bread, "Chag Hamatzot" and "Z'man Charutanu," Season of our Freedom.

Before Passover begins, every Jewish home is thoroughly cleaned to assure that no chametz (leaven) is found in the home during the holiday.

"It is a *mitzvah* to abstain from eating leaven (Chametz) during the entire seven days of Pesach. As the Torah states, 'You shall eat nothing leavened . . .' (Exodus 12:20). Among Reform Jews, abstaining from leaven may take many forms -- from not eating those foods which obviously contain leaven, such as bread or cake, to the more stringent avoidance and examination of all ingredients in a particular foodstuff. By consciously **making a choice** to abstain during the whole week of Pesach, one is constantly aware of the festival and one's identity as a Jew."

Gates of Seasons

Being a Reform Jew means making an informed choice.

What is Chametz?

The special dietary laws of Passover are based on the rule that during the seven days of Passover, a Jew must not eat, own, or derive any benefit from **chametz** or **s'or**. **Chametz means "fermented" and s'or means "that which causes fermentation."** The term *chametz* refers to products made of naturally or artificially fermented wheat, rye, barley, oats, or spelt. The term *s'or* refers to yeast and yeast-like products which cause or accelerate the fermentation of these grains. NOTE, that it is fermented grain products which are forbidden and not all food which has been fermented. It is permissible to drink wine which is made of fermented grapes.

Forbidden products on Passover include:

- ☐ Regular flour as it would be more subject to fermentation than the matzah meal, which, since it has already been baked, has a much lower moisture content.
- ☐ Beer and whiskey made from fermented grain.
- ☐ Vinegar made from grain.
- ☐ Most prepared products from a supermarket, like salad dressing, pickles, mayonnaise which are usually made with grain vinegar, or sauces which may be thickened with flour.

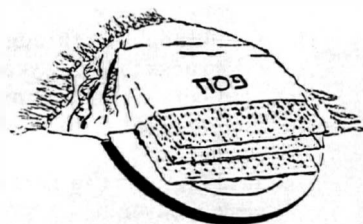
Forbidden Vegetables:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alfalfa sprouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Pea Pods | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barley | <input type="checkbox"/> Chiles (powdered or | <input type="checkbox"/> Lentils | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beans (dried) | canned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lima beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Rye |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bean sprouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn | <input type="checkbox"/> Millet | <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-eyed peas | <input type="checkbox"/> Fava beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Navy beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat(except |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckwheat | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbanzo beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Oats | matzah) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulgur | <input type="checkbox"/> Green beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Peas | |

- Sephardic communities and Oriental Jews permitted the eating of rice, millet, peas, and beans (including peanuts).

The following items do not need Rabbinic certification:

- ☐ Raw, fresh, or frozen FRUIT, not in any syrup or sweeteners
- ☐ Raw, fresh, or frozen VEGETABLES, that are permitted, and not in any sauce
- ☐ Raw, frozen FISH of the Kosher species, unbreaded, not in any sauce
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Raw NUTS (except peanuts)



TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO REVIEW YOUR PASSOVER PREPARATION LIST

March 6 Sunday morning, 11:30 am - 1:15 pm
Judaism on One Foot, "Passover For Adults"
 presented by Rabbi Rossoff and Gary Aidekman

March 16 Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm
"Passover Preparation Workshop"
 A hands-on workshop led by the Rossoffs!

PASSOVER TREATS

Passover Chocolate Chip Cookies

- ☛ 1 cup Matzah Meal
- ☛ ½ cup Sugar
- ☛ 1 cup Matzah Farfel
- ☛ ¾ cup Chocolate chips
- ☛ 2 Eggs, beaten
- ☛ 1/3 cup Oil

Combine first 4 ingredients in a small bowl.
 Beat two wet ingredients well, and then add them to the dry ingredients.
 Drop onto greased baking sheet. (These do not spread so you can put a lot on a sheet).
 Bake 20 - 30 minutes in a 350° oven.

Yield: 2 dozen cookies

Sephardic Charoset

- 8 oz. Pitted dates
 - 8 oz. Raisins
 - 2 apples, cored, peeled and finely grated
 - ½ cup chopped walnuts or almonds
 - Orange juice/or wine
- Process fruit quickly, (short turns). Add juice or wine to moisten. Add nuts.

Makes 3½ cups.

SEDER SONGS

Dayenu

I-lu ho-tzi ho-tzi-anu, ho-tzi-anu mi-mitz-ra-yim, ho-tzi-anu mi-mitz-ray-yim day-ye-nu.
 DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, dayenu, dayenu!

I-lu na-tan na-tan la-nu, na-tan la-nu et ha-sha-bat, na-tan lanu et ha-sha-bat day-ye-nu.
 DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, dayenu, dayenu!

I-lu na-tan na-tan la-nu, na-tan la-nu et ha-to-rah, na-tan lanu et ha-to-rah day-ye-nu.
 DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, DAH-DAH-YE-NU, dayenu, dayenu!

Had God brought us out of Egypt and not split the sea for us,
 Dayenu!

Had God split the sea for us and not brought us through dry-shod
 Dayenu!

Had God brought us through dry-shod and not sustained us in the wilderness for forty years, Dayenu!

Had God fed us with manna and not given us the Sabbath, Dayenu!

Had God brought us to Mt. Sinai and not given us the Torah,
 Dayenu!

Had God given us the Torah and not brought us into the land of Israel, Dayenu!

Meringues

These bake better on a dry day.

- ☛ 2 Egg Whites
- ☛ 1 tsp. Vanilla
- ☛ 1/8 tsp. Salt

Beat egg whites on high. When thick, add salt and vanilla.

Continue to beat until stiff but not dry. This may take up to 5 minutes depending on the weather.

Slowly add: ½ cup superfine sugar.

Beat after each addition until stiff and satiny. This means until the mixture shines. (10 minutes)

Fold in: 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Drop by teaspoonfuls on an ungreased, foil-lined cookie sheet.

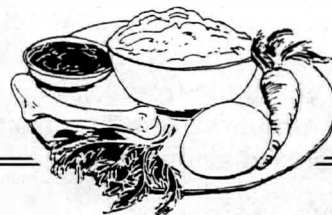
Bake 300 degrees for 30 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let sit on the foil for 10 minutes.

Meringues should peel off.

Store in a tin or box with tight cover.

Yield: 2 dozen small



Miriam's Song

And the women dancing with their timbrels
 Followed Miriam as she sang her song
 Sing a song to the One whom we've exalted
 Miriam and the women danced and danced the whole night long

Miriam was a weaver of unique variety
 The tapestry she wove was one which sang our history
 With every strand and every thread she crafted her delight
 A woman touched with spirit she dances toward the light.

Chorus:
 When Miriam stood upon the shores and gazed across the sea
 The wonder of this miracle she soon came to believe
 Whoever thought the sea would part with an outstretched hand
 And we would pass to freedom and march to the promised land?

Chorus:
 And Miriam the prophet took the timbrel in her hand
 And all the women followed her just as she had planned
 And Miriam raised her voice in song, she sang with praise and might
 We've just lived through a miracle, we're going to dance tonight.

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Renaissance Times

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On Sunday, April 10, 1994, following our 9:45 a.m. breakfast in the Social Hall, we will have a speaker on the Holocaust who will present a different point of view on this greatest of all Jewish tragedies.

As usual, the March and April Breakfasts will have a nominal charge of \$3.00 for Renaissance members and \$5.00 for non-members.

DANCE . . . DANCE . . . DANCE . . .

On May 21, 1994, we shall again have our annual "Spring Fling" dinner and dance. Remember how much fun it was last year! Make your plans NOW! The cost will be \$18 per person.

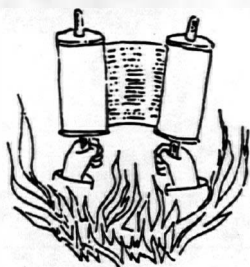
AND FURTHERMORE:

On June 5, 1994, we will be privileged to enjoy the talents of Cantor Deborah Staiman. We are enthusiastically looking forward to a wonderful concert of Broadway tunes. Join us for a morning filled with great music, food and fellowship.

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't as yet paid your 1993/94 Renaissance dues, do so as soon as possible. It's only \$5.00 per person. Contact Jack Swotinsky at 201-539-1348, or mail your check to Jack at 19 Locust Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

WORDS OF HONOR



What's your favorite date?

Your wedding anniversary?

Your graduation date?

Your mother-in-law's birthday?

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For more information: call Rabbi at 539-4539 or Mindy Zaziski at 326-8907.

DECIDE.....SELECT....HONOR

GARAGE SALE

APRIL 17TH!

**Start your Springtime
Clean-up Now!**

The second annual Temple Garage Sale is set for Sunday, April 17th. We need your help NOW!

Last year's event was profitable and fun. Items needed this year include the following: household items, sports equipment, kitchenware, furniture, toys, costume jewelry, etc. We would like to expand this year's event to include food and more specialty items.

We will need pick-up trucks or vans for once a month "pick-up," members to price items, put up signs, handle cash, move furniture and prepare food to sell the day of the event.

Assistance is also needed in the overall planning of the event. Please call Bill Schlosser at work (201) 539-9303, Ext. 22, or at home (201) 267-0945 for additional information or if you would like to get involved.

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 1994 - 1995

Registration for the 1994-1995 year is currently underway for **TEMPLE FAMILIES** only.

If you have not been contacted, please call 201-267-6424. If your child will be two (2) years old by September 1994, the following programs will be available.

PreKindergarten: _____ 4-5 year olds

Nursery: _____ 3 year olds

Play Group: .. Young 2 year olds, 2 year olds
and young 3 year olds.

Stop in and visit a lovely program....



HIGH LIGHTS OF BOARD MINUTES - JANUARY, 1994 MEETING

1. The President's Report:

- a. Plans are underway to celebrate the Temple's 40th anniversary.
- b. New appointees to the Nominating Committee are Bill Blatt and Dee Ginsburg.

2. Rabbi's Report:

The pilgrimage to Israel was a huge success. Plans for 1998 are underway.

3. House and Grounds:

Many thanks to Dennis for his considerable effort toward overcoming our ice problems in the parking lot.

4. Fund Raising:

- a. Major festivities are planned for May 22nd to honor our restored Torah.
- b. The results of this year's Israel Bond sale exceeded last year by 14 percent (from \$75,482 up to \$86,266).

5. Membership:

539 members

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:

*Israel Beilin, father of
Arnold Beilin*

*Cele Friedman, mother of
Robert Friedman*

*Alma Winters, mother of
David Winters*

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP

A group trip is planned by the Temple to visit Washington, D.C. on April 23-24th, with the National Holocaust Museum the primary focus of the tour. Several other important sites will also be visited. The price is \$140.00 per person (double occupancy) which includes transportation, lodging and tour guides in D.C. All reservations, accompanied by checks, must be received in the Temple office by March 11.

For further information, call Ken Parker at 908-204-0272.

INTERESTED IN FORMING A CHAVURAH?

What is a Chavurah? A Chavurah is a group of 5 to 8 families, which meets regularly, based on a Jewish agenda chosen by its members. Chavurah is designed to integrate members into the Temple by providing a small group within the larger Temple family, and to provide for an "extended Jewish family" with which to celebrate Shabbat, festivals and personal and family milestones.

For information, call Nadine Milberg and Jim Rubenstein at 538-0349, or the Temple office and ask for a "Chavurah Informational Package."

TEMPO UPDATES

Please make the following changes
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CARING COMMUNITY

Everyone in our congregation is part of a Caring Community. Our Temple is a family and each member cares when another is hospitalized, bereaved or in need of emotional support.

Some of our Seniors could use transportation to Temple activities and services. Other congregants could use transportation, or just a friendly voice on the telephone. What can YOU as a Caring Congregant do to help?

As you think about this, remember the passage from Pirke Avot,

*"These are the obligations
without measure whose
reward, too,
is without measure.*

To welcome the stranger,

To visit the sick,

To console the bereaved,

*To make peace when there is
strife."*

and let yourself become a truly Caring Congregant. Call Harriet Samuels at 361-0684 or Phyllis Feinblum at 539-5435 to volunteer or to let them know of your needs.



ON THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF:

Shari and Stephen Levis

*as they renew their
wedding vows*

Tributes ...

RABBI ROSOFF'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of

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* Kathryn and Mitchell Cobert

In memory of

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* Kathryn and Mitchell Cobert

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In honor of

Shari and Steve Levis - renewal of wedding vows
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In memory of

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Dolores and Sandy Rems
Cele Friedman, mother of Robert Friedman
Sharon Berger
Paul Miller
Donna and Calvin Ackerman and
Aunt Esther

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SUMMER CAMP IN A JEWISH ENVIRONMENT

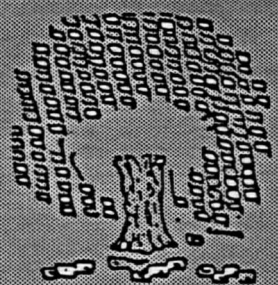
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the skits and discussion groups, in the Arts and Crafts projects and in the values that are lived in the bunks, in the dining hall and on the sports field.

If you would like to know more about *Camp Harlam*, please contact the Rabbi Rossoff or Mrs. Niederman. Some scholarship aid will be available through the Temple.

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- ▲ April 23 Temple Sponsored trip to the Holocaust Museum
- ▲ May 1 Membership Social
- ▲ May 24 "Me and My Kid" ART CARNIVAL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 60/305 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2 61/304 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	3 62/303	4 63/302 6:00pm Madrikhim Dinner 7:30pm Family Shabbat Service	5 64/301 11:00am Service Aviva Flowerman Bat Mitzvah
6 65/300 La Mishpacha Grade 3 & 5 9:30am The Renaissance Group Breakfast 11:30am Adult Education - "Passover for Adults"	7 66/299 6:00pm ORIM/ SYG 7:00pm Graduating ORIM - Parents Meeting	8 67/298 7:45pm Board of Trustees Meeting	9 68/297 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	10 69/296	11 70/295 8:00pm ARZA Shabbat Service	12 71/294 9:15am Tot Shabbat/Pre-K 11:00am Service Sarah Keil Bat Mitzvah
13 72/293 SISTERHOOD BOARD RETREAT 11:30am 1st Grade Seder	14 73/292 6:00pm Madrikhim Meeting	15 74/291 7:30pm Joint Sisterhood Program at MJC	16 75/290 7:30pm Volunteer Choir 7:30pm Adult Ed: Passover Workshop with the Rossoffs	17 76/289 4:30pm 5th Grade Passover Scavenger Hunt	18 77/288 6:15pm Youth Service 8:00pm Shabbat Service	19 78/287 9:30am Cradle Roll 11:00am Service Lily Conviser Bat Mitzvah 8:00pm Sisterhood/ Men's Club Dance
20 79/286 10:30am 6th Grade Pre- Retreat Parents Meeting 11:30am 2nd & K Model Seders	21 80/285 7:00pm All School Parent Special	22 81/284 4:30pm 6th & 7th Grade Model Seder 8:00pm Religious School Board Meeting	23 82/283 10:00am Nursery School Seders 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	24 83/282 4:30pm 3rd & 4th Grade Model Seders	25 84/281 8:00pm Shabbat Service	26 85/280 PASSOVER - First Seder
27 86/279 9:00am Passover Service 6:00pm Congregational Second Passover Seder	28 87/278	29 88/277	30 89/276	31 90/275	No Religious School	