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FROM THE RABBI . . .

Reform Judaism Under Attack!

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

This past Yom Kippur, I spoke of the struggle of Reform Judaism to gain legitimacy in Israel. I also talked about ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, the organization of Reform Jews which fights for the rights of non-Orthodox Jews and non-Orthodox Judaism in the Jewish State.

But in the intervening months, the stakes have been raised. As part of its campaign to gain support for the peace process, the Rabin Government has made a deal with the ultra-Orthodox "Shas" Party. In exchange for Shas' support in the peace process, the Government has agreed to pass a law to make the current religious "status quo" permanent. What this means simply is that in the "Jewish" state, Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Judaism will never be recognized as Judaism and non-Orthodox Rabbis will never be recognized as Rabbis. This deal, as originally put forth, would even override the many Supreme Court decisions already supportive of non-Orthodox forms of Judaism—plus any such decisions made in the future!

This is an egregious affront to Israel's democratic character and a slap in the face to majority of Jews around the world who are non-Orthodox. In short, it is an outrage!

What can we do?

At this time when we join with fellow Jews in kindling lights and recalling the battle for religious freedom 2000 years ago, we need to engage in the battle once more. Just as we made our voices heard a few years ago over the "Law of Return" issue, so, too, must we raise our voices now.

Once again, ARZA remains our most effective instrument to protect religious freedom in Israel. ARZA, along with the President of the Reform Movement, Rabbi Alex Schindler, have made it known to Prime Minister Rabin and his government that, while we support the peace process so far, such a compromise with extreme Orthodoxy would "cause grave harm to the character of Israeli society... bring lasting damage to Israeli-Diaspora relations... and, for many American Jews, be further indication that Israel is unwilling to accept their authenticity as Jews." At this season celebrating religious freedom, we need once again to put forth a Macabean effort to battle the forces of fanaticism and intolerance.

At this most crucial juncture, I ask for your support. If this issue touches you—and how could it not in some way—then **now is the time to join ARZA!** In a few weeks, you will receive your January dues statement. On it, you will see an optional ARZA membership check-off. Simply check-off ARZA and you will be supporting democracy in Israel and the rights of all Jews to hold their heads up high in the Jewish state.

Translate your conviction into action. Check-off ARZA and light a candle for freedom!

Warmest wishes from all of us at Temple and from all us in the Rossoff Family for a joyous, fulfilling and deLIGHTful Hanukkah!

Rabbi Don Rossoff

SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

DECEMBER

- 2 **HANUKKAH HAPPENING!*** 7:30 PM
Gift of Song—Stories, Skits and Songs
Bring Your Menorah from home to
light on the Bima.
Candle Blessing: Maxine Riskin
Kiddush: Harry Riskin

**Not a regular service. Kaddish will be
said towards the beginning of the service.*

- 3 **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE** 11:00 AM
DAVID RISKIN will be called
to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

- 7 **HEALING SERVICE** 8:00 PM

- 9 **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Lynda Lerner
Kiddush: Irwin Lerner
Aliyah: Arthur Ginsburg

- 10 **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE** 11:00 AM
JORDAN LERNER will be called
to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

- 16 **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** 8:00 PM
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS
Candle Blessing: Margaret Falk
Kiddush: Henry Falk
Aliyah: Anniversary Celebrants

- 23 **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE** 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Betsy Freeman
Kiddush: Gordan Korn
Aliyah: Edward Friedman

- 30 **SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**
Candle Blessing: Ann Gorman
Kiddush: Marc Kustoff
Aliyah: Alan Dubov

Message From The President



In my message to the congregation on Yom Kippur, I talked about our need to plan financially for the future. I told you that we had always lived on a year-to-year basis; dues and fund raising were our sole source of income for any given year. If disaster struck, hurried phone calls were made to generous congregants to cover the emergency.

I believe most members of our congregation are not aware of the endowment fund that was established in 1988. We have not carried out a huge endowment campaign yet, or even made this a priority, because we are always too busy securing the resources for the current year. However, the vehicle does exist for long-range giving.

There are three different methods that can be used to help secure the future for your Temple. The first is simply by giving money or stock earmarked for the endowment fund. The second is to name the Temple as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. The third is to provide a bequest in your will.

Although we have not publicized our endowment fund, in the last two years we have received:

- cash gifts
- cash from a bequest that was made in a will
- notification that we have been named in another will
- notification that we have been listed on an insurance policy

The actual amount of money in this account to date is small, and we have not touched the interest, because it is not yet significant. The important message is that the Endowment Fund does exist and is only waiting to grow.

If you would like to join this group of generous Temple supporters who want to play a role in our long term security, please give me a call. I will be happy to answer questions for you.

Vicki G. Nelson

A Service of Healing

A special evening worship service for those struggling with loss, grief, illness, or anyone in need of spiritual sustenance.

Wednesday,
December 7, 1994
8:00 PM



ON THE BIRTH OF:

Andrew Bryan Shichman,
grandson of
Malka Singer

Matthew Joseph Leventhal,
grandson of
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Temple B'Nai Or's 40th Anniversary News

Join with the Temple Family for the next 40th Anniversary Celebration Event. Save...**March 31, 1995**, for the **Special Shabbat Celebration** featuring the outstanding Ebony and Ivory Choir!

Mark your calendars now and plan to come to Temple with your friends. The Ebony and Ivory Choir will participate in this 40th Anniversary Shabbat Service adding a warm and most distinctive dimension.

Further details will be announced in the near future.

For Gozonsky

The 40th Anniversary Journal
Needs Your Family Portrait!

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:*

David Wachtel
son of
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Renaissance Times

Ladies and Gentlemen... Please line up for the dance!

How to become the "bell (and beau) of the ball" instead of a wallflower. You will have that opportunity at our Renaissance Breakfast on December 11. We shall have an expert instructor, Ms. Jo Ann Mathias from the Morris County College who, by using the line dancing method, will help you to meet our goal of socialized dancing. Come and join us for this delightful activity at our Temple's Social Hall at 9:30AM.

To build up your strength and stamina, we will serve our famous continental breakfast prior to the dancing instruction at the ever moderate cost of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

For reservations call Ted Largman at 201-539-8855 or Herbert and Laura Waters at 201-334-8680.



A Service of Healing

A special evening worship service for those struggling with loss, grief, illness, or anyone in need of spiritual sustenance will be held each month at 8 PM in the Temple Sanctuary starting on Wednesday, December 7.

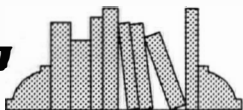
All of us, during the course of a lifetime, have or will experience "something" which will profoundly disrupt the ordinary rhythm of our lives. It may be an illness of our own or someone close to us, a betrayal, a loss, death of a loved one, a heart broken, a violation, the pain of divorce, a disability, or an accident. The consequence is a severe disruption of the life we know, and a need for spiritual sustenance to help us carry on, to overcome the grief and despair caused by these events.

Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn wrote: *"The mystery of prayer is how our acknowledgment of our limits is transformed into a source of empowerment. Prayer is not limited to words; I am praying when I reach out my hand to you, asking for support, yearning for connection. The answer to my prayer begins at that very same time you take my hand and give me of your strength."*

However, during difficult times, many Jews, affiliated or not, do not have available or do not know how to find the spiritual nourishment and empowerment which can be found in Judaism. Temple B'nai Or, acknowledging this need, is offering a monthly Service of Healing. In an egalitarian service, using insights and materials from the Jewish Healing Center, we will have an opportunity to tap our own inner spiritual resources for healing in a mutually supportive and caring environment.

In the words of Abraham Joshua Heschel: "Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will." It can lead you to push away your despair, renew your hope and heal the pain of your grief. Please join us on Wednesday, December 7. All are welcome!

Sunday Evening Book Club



Rabbi Rossoff is conducting monthly discussions on fiction and non-fiction books of contemporary Jewish interest. The first meeting, held in November, reviewed *"Patrimony"* by Philip Roth and was found interesting and informative by those in attendance.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Sunday, January 22, at 7:30 PM. The book to be reviewed is *"And They Shall Be My People"* by Paul Wilkes.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please RSVP to Margaret at the Temple (201-539-4539) no later than January 15. Space is limited. . . reservations will be accepted on a first come, first accepted basis.

New UAHC Introduction To Judaism Class

A sixteen-week course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered Tuesday evenings at Temple B'nai Or beginning January 10. 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 Donald Rossoff and student Rabbi Andrew Paley, 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 also will be included.

Class will meet once a week for sixteen weeks from 7:30–9:30 PM through April 25. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple.

Introduction to Judaism is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 58-member congregations. For further information on this and other programs for intermarried couples, please contact Rabbi Rossoff or Kathy Kahn at the UAHC office at 201-599-0080.

What Temple Means To Me . . .

(First in a series: Delivered at New Member Consecration)

I'm **Sari Zarpentine** and I'm a new member at the Temple. I was asked to share with you why we joined a Temple, what are my hopes and how I think I will grow from the experience.

We joined a Temple because it was the next logical step. My son, Ben, had just completed the two year Pathways program which opened his Jewish doors. My other son, Max, had completed pre-school and Kindergarten at a Temple school where he had Jewish studies everyday. I wanted their Jewish education to continue. Therefore, we joined a Temple.

I hope that through membership in a Temple, I can instill a stronger sense of being Jewish in my children. I want them to associate going to Temple for services, holiday activities and Hebrew school as worthwhile experiences, fun times that later will be happy memories. I think that participating as a family will aid in this process.

Already I am growing in my Temple experiences. I am studying Hebrew here on Sunday mornings while my children are in class. Reading and understanding Hebrew was something I never mastered as a child. Now as an adult I want to learn. I want to be able to read and understand the prayers and not just recite those I have memorized.

My family and I are glad we decided to join Temple B'nai Or, because of the warmth and friendliness we have already felt.

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SCHOOL NEWS



As one year draws to a close, we take time to reflect on events of the past year and of years past. When we see our children finishing another year of school, another season of sports, or performing in one more play, we often think back on their first year of school, season of sports and first play. We cannot help but remember these times, the pictures we took at those times, and the pictures that remain in our minds. Each family has its own way of marking special events and the passing of time, and Judaism also

has a built in tradition for just the same thing. On the first day of each holiday, and the first time we do something we say a special prayer, the shehecheyanu. The shehecheyanu is a prayer that thanks God for our lives and for bringing us to new seasons, new times and new experiences.

Whatever way you have for marking important occasions in your life, why not add this special prayer, to help frame those special moments in a Jewish context. One idea that several Jewish educators have shared is to keep a photo album of shehecheyanu moments; all those times when you do something new, or for the first time that year. Make a point of saying shehecheyanu and keep this album separate from the rest. Joel Grishaver, in his book, *40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People*, says, "The shehecheyanu is Judaism's way of saving, 'Kodak moments.' Whether or not you snap the shutter, say this blessing and add it to the album in your heart." (pg. 21)

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו
והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha-olam shehecheyanu v'kiye-manu v'hi-gi-anu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this season on joy.

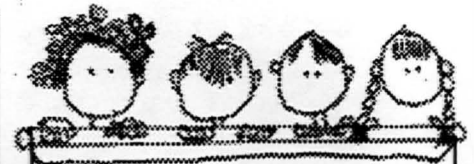
By the way, *40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People* is a great book! It really does have 40+ suggestions for Jewish parenting. Each suggestion is accompanied by a story and personal attempts by people to make themselves and their children "more Jewish." It is an entertaining book to read, but is also very thought provoking. For anyone interested, it is available in the Family Education section of the Children's Library. Why not check it out and read it with your kids. Experiment with new ideas and come up with your own suggestions!

Deborah Niederman

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES FOR DECEMBER

December 2	2nd Grade Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 PM Hanukkah Happening 7:30 PM
December 4	Madrikhim Meeting in room 11:00-12:00
December 10	Tot Shabbat and Pre-K 9:15 AM
December 18	1st grade Family Program on Torah 11:30-1:15
December 19	High School Dinner 7:00 PM

December 22 - January 2 NO SCHOOL



NURSERY SCHOOL

What a wonderful, busy time of year! As we brace ourselves for a winter wonderland—whatever that may be—we try to imagine how our children perceive the glitter and frenzy, the excitement and magic of the holiday season. For two, three and four year olds, it is important to remember that their experience with the commercial aspects and the family celebration aspects of each holiday is very limited. What does a three year old remember about the celebration of Hanukkah last year? In fact, what do we remember of the details of the story? Who was Mattathias? Where is Modin? Who were the Maccabees? When? Why? And what does it mean for a family of the nineties? How do we bring this message to our pre-school children?

We must always be very aware that what is important to us will be important to our children. If glitter and gifts are our focus, our children will learn that quickly. If giving, sharing, family, respect for others and freedom to be ourselves is our focus, our children will be given a most wonderful gift—the expression of our values and our goals for our children as responsible and sensitive members of humankind. Sharing this with our little ones is meaningful and, by the way, lots of fun!

Best wishes for many beautiful holidays together with family and friends.

Dee Cohen



TORAH TOPICS

from **THE JEWISH HOME** **A Guide for Jewish Living** by Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Hanukkah: Ceremonies, Symbols, Customs (excerpts)

1. What is the meaning of menorah?

Menorah is a Hebrew word meaning "candelabrum." In relation to Hanukkah, it refers to the nine-branched ceremonial lamp in which the Hanukkah candles are placed and then blessed.

2. Is the menorah unique to Hanukkah?

No. The menorah originated as a religious symbol in biblical times. The Torah records how the great artist Bezalel fashioned a seven-branched menorah for the desert tabernacle in fulfillment of a Divine commandment (Exodus 25:31-40; 37:17-24). Such a seven-branched menorah adomed the Temple in Jerusalem and was carried away by the Roman legions at the time of its destruction in 70 C.E. While the Roman Empire has long since vanished, a seven-branched menorah stands before the Knesset building in Israel, yet another tangible reminder of the indestructibility of the Jewish people.

3. How did the Hanukkah menorah originate?

The nine-branched Hanukkah menorah was a modification of the biblical model and seems to have originated in the first century C.E. It had eight branches, one for each day of the holiday, and a ninth branch for the *shamash* or "servant" light.

In ancient times, oil was used in the menorah. Over time, candles were substituted for the oil.

Interestingly, some scholars believe that the use of small candles for the menorah was a deliberate choice, designed to distinguish Hanukkah lights from Christian votive candles. Except in times of religious persecution, the menorah was placed outside the front door or, as is the custom today, displayed in the window of every Jewish home.

4. Why do we eat latkes on Hanukkah?

A common explanation is that we eat latkes (potato pancakes) because they are cooked in oil and thus remind us of the miracle of the single cruse.

Rabbi Solomon Freehof, a great contemporary Jewish scholar, has hypothesized that the eating of latkes may have grown out of an old custom of eating *milchig* (dairy) foods on Hanukkah. *Milchig* foods evolved into *milchig* pancakes and then into latkes, possibly because the main potato crop became available about the time of Hanukkah.

No one knows for certain how the association began, but for anyone who feasts on latkes at Hanukkah time, a historical rationale is unnecessary.

5. Why do we give gifts at Hanukkah?

Again, no one knows for sure. Many scholars postulate that the practice is a carry-over from the biblically-based custom of sending gifts (*mishloach manot*) to one's friends on Purim. It is clear, however, that presents were never a major element in Hanukkah, which emphasizes enduring religious and ethical values.

6. Who wrote "Rock of Ages"?

Ma'oz Tzur, or "Rock of Ages," was composed in Europe in the twelfth or thirteenth century by a man known as Mordecai. His words were set to different melodies over the centuries.

When all is said and done, perhaps the most important message of Hanukkah may be found in the name of the holiday itself—Dedication. When Jews have dedicated themselves, through faith and action, to the pursuit of high religious and human ideals, Judaism has been strong. That imperative, to strengthen our religion and our people, remains an important challenge at this season in every generation.

Social Action

Homeless families will be our guests December 18–December 26. We need your help during that busy time of year. If you can volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact Connie Rubin (201-267-6553) or Norman Schnayer (201-267-1943).

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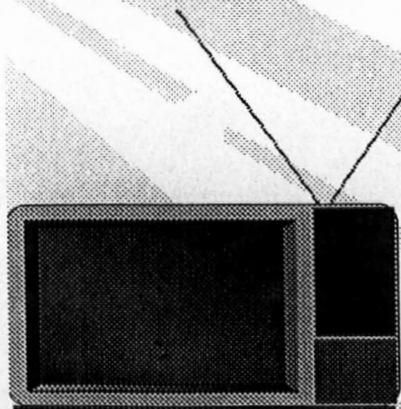
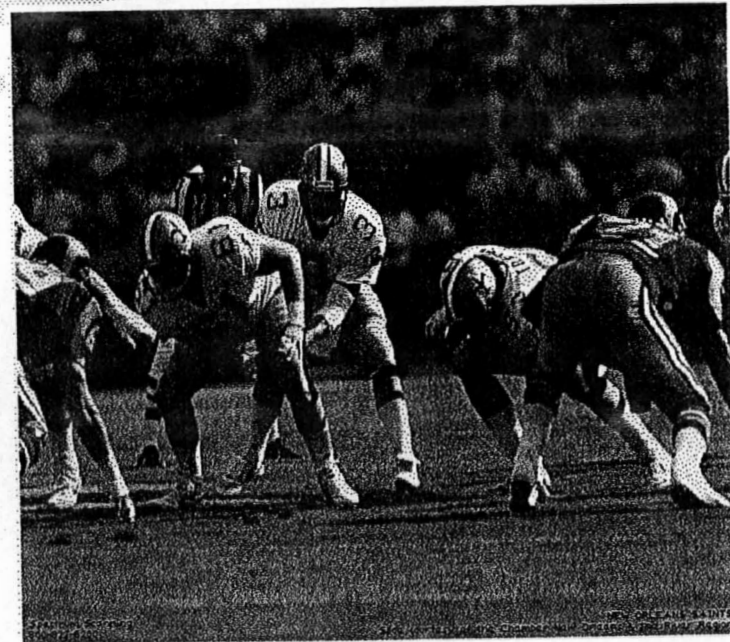
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The duties include: front desk/reception coverage, emergency room coverage, and courier service, which may range from picking up and delivering items from general supply, pharmaceuticals, lab specimens and other requested items between the wards and the in-hospital service units to delivering charts and forms to the floor coordinators. There are three shifts each day: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Each Christmas volunteer is provided with a personalized package which includes complete duty instructions, maps of the hospital interior, free parking permit for the day, free holiday meal pass for the hospital employee cafeteria, an identification badge and, most of all, a warm and wonderful feeling of having done a *mitzvah* by serving the community and our friends and neighbors.

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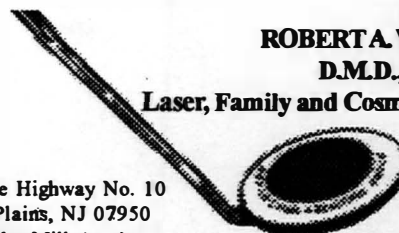
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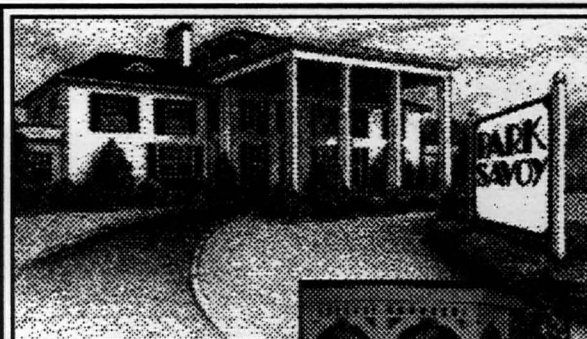


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Here's what we've been up to:

Hanukkah Curbside: Many thanks to Barbara Bernstein for organizing our outrageous Curbside boutique. Thank you to all those who helped her and participated in this event. Please note that we have a great new selection of gift items which may be conveniently purchased at our Judaica Shop all year. Please contact Barbara Bernstein or the Temple office.



Gourmet Bake Sale: Thank you to Marie Singer for organizing this year's scrumptious Bake Sale. Thank you to all the bakers and "customers."



District 4 Brunch: On Sunday, October 2, 1994, our Sisterhood had the honor of sponsoring the first District 4 Workshop for this year on the subject of Fund Raising. The guest speaker was Ms. Ellen Rosenberg, the Fund Raising Chair of the UJA. We had a great turnout with idea swapping amongst Sisterhoods.

Many thanks to Ms. Karen Anolick for her assistance on organizing this successful brunch.

And here's what is coming next:

Progressive Dinner: On December 10, we look forward to our annual Temple event, the Progressive Dinner. It is an exciting evening you should not miss! RSVP is a must! Please feel free to call for details: Karen Anolick at 201-993-1096 or Marilyn Piermont at 201-267-8493.



And more in '95:

Sisterhood Shabbat Service is planned for January 27th. Save the date!

On behalf of Sisterhood, that's all for now. Be well!
Happy Hanukkah!

Ivye Cohen

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Faith in Housing is looking for a part-time program coordinator. Initially, it will be a volunteer position. Faith in Housing is a new non-profit corporation formed by about ten Morristown area religious organizations for the purpose of building affordable housing. We are now in the process of seeking appropriate housing sites. The program coordinator, working with and reporting to the volunteer president, will handle general administrative matters for the organization. The program coordinator must have good organizational and communications skills. If you are interested and can devote about six (6) hours per week (much of which, if desired, can be done from home), please call Tony Manger, Faith in Housing volunteer officer, at 201-644-9619 in the evening or on weekends.

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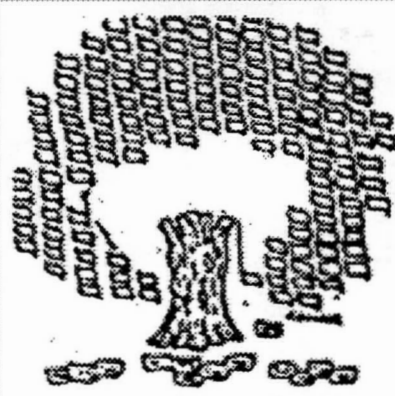
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For more information, call the United Jewish Appeal of MetroWest in Whippany at 201-884-4800, Ext. 153.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 1994 MEETING**1. THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vicki asked Board members to provide suggestions and comments concerning High Holiday services and ushering to forward to the High Holiday Committee.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Blatt discussed 1993/94 year-end figures, as well as collection of dues for the current year.

3. ADMINISTRATOR

Carole reported that a new part-time secretary had been hired.

4. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Debbie Niederman reported that additional family education programs have been added to this year's curriculum.

5. SOCIAL ACTION

\$200 was donated to Planned Parenthood; monies to be taken from the Tzedakah Fund.

6. HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

Roy Konwiser indicated the need to replace cedar shakes on the Temple. Bill Blatt will investigate as to the availability of funds.

7. HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

Larry Leibowitz reported 50% of Temple families have participated to date.

8. CARING COMMUNITY

A service of healing will be held monthly and will be open to the public. The first program is scheduled for December 7 at 8 PM.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
















The Temple Sanctuary will be made available to non-members for weddings, at the discretion of the Rabbi, for a fee of \$750. It was moved to rescind the motion to charge \$50 for High Holiday tickets to unmarried children over the age of 25 who are not full-time students. Other options are being investigated and will be discussed in the future.

10. TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

One new member. Total: 561 families

DECEMBER 1994

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