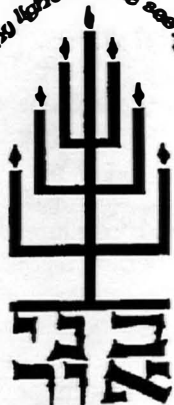


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FROM THE RABBI

Knowing Some Hebrew One of our Jewish Commitments

Included in our list of 10 Commitments to live a Jewish life was the importance of knowing some Hebrew. In many ways, Hebrew is the glue that has held and continues to hold the Jewish People together. Hebrew language connects us to our heritage, our people and, in many ways, the Jewish experience of God. Being able to read, to pronounce and eventually to understand Hebrew brings the act of Jewish prayer to life. I remember Dr. Weil, my professor of Russian literature, saying how reading literature in translation is like kissing your lover through a veil. When one does not know how to read Hebrew, the Hebrew of the prayerbook appears to be a brick wall, alienating one from the very act of prayer. When one knows some Hebrew, the ancient words become springboards to higher levels of spirituality.

Hebrew Marathon

In order to make Hebrew available to our members, once again Temple, in conjunction with the JEFF Program, is offering the one day HEBREW READING MARATHON. Sign up to be with us at the Temple on November 5, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and YOU WILL LEARN TO READ HEBREW. Three of our own congregants, Renie Fernbach, Steven Markoff and Sandy Rems, have received training in the Marathon Method and Materials and will serve as instructors. With them, you will be reading the Hebrew Aleph-bet and learning over 100 Hebrew words — all in one day!

Hebrew Prayer Class for Adults

And to make sure that you do not lose what you have learned, Temple will be offering a Hebrew Prayer Class for Adults with Rabbi Susie Kassel, beginning on November 12th. Rabbi Kassel's focus will be learning to read the Hebrew prayers with understanding. This class is for those who already know how to read the Hebrew Aleph-bet, which means students from last year's Beginning Hebrew Class, participants in this year's Hebrew Marathon, those who participated in our first Hebrew Marathon, and anyone with some prior background.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

And for those who never became Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or who would like to re-experience this joyous event, or simply for those who would like to have a focus to their Jewish study, we will be offering a two-year Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program. The first part of this Program is being offered this year in

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SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

OCTOBER

- 3 **Erev Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre**
Early Service 6:00 PM
(Children of all ages admitted)
Late Service 9:00 PM
(Children 4th grade and older admitted)
- 4 **Yom Kippur**
Adult Service 10:00 AM
(Children 4th grade and older admitted)
Concurrent Children's Service 10:00 AM
Memorial and Concluding Services 2:30 PM
Everyone Welcome
- 6 **Family Shabbat Evening Service** 7:30 PM
Candle Blessing: Deena Greenebaum
Introduction to the Kiddush: Jon Greenebaum
Kiddush: Chad Greenebaum
- 7 **Shabbat Morning Service** 11:00 AM
Chad Greenebaum will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- 9 **Sukkot Festival Service** 10:00 AM
- 13 **Shabbat Evening Service** 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Iris Stern
Introduction to Kiddush: Marc Stern
Kiddush: Whitney Stern
Aliyah: Herbert Vogel
- 14 **Shabbat Morning Service** 11:00 AM
Whitney Stern will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
- 15 **Simchat Torah** 7:00 PM
*Consecration of New Students
Come Dance with the Torah!*
- 16 **Shemini Atzer/Yizkor Service** 10:00 AM
- 20 **Shabbat Evening Service Teaching Service** 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Deborah Dixler
Introduction to Kiddush: Alan Dixler
Kiddush: Scott Dixler
Conversion of Susan Monticello
- 21 **Shabbat Morning Service** 11:00 AM
Scott Dixler will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- 26 **Healing Service** 8:00 PM
- 27 **Shabbat Evening Service** 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Charlotte Abberman
Kiddush: Roy Konwiser

Message From The President

Rosh Hashanah is past and Yom Kippur is rapidly approaching. Last month another year of religious school began, and by now, we are all back in the groove of carpools and other activities at Temple. Summer is fast becoming a fond memory. On Rosh Hashanah I spoke to you and told you that the Temple is nothing without its congregants, and how important it is to have your input and participation in activities, both religious and social, that are sponsored by us, or are associated with Temple. We are always looking for help and welcome your ideas as well as your active participation.

On Yom Kippur you will be asked to make a contribution to Temple. You have received a letter from me on this subject, and those of you who have already pledged get a big **thank you**. This year I would like to see 100% participation. We understand that we have some members not as well off as others; some who live on fixed, limited incomes, and some who are suffering financial difficulties. At the same time, even the smallest contribution shows that you care about Temple and that you want to do your part. Tzedkaha is what we are all about . . . be charitable.

I also do not wish to offend anyone who thinks that every thing we do revolves around money, and every letter you receive asks you to give more. For the reasons indicated above, we have many different fund raisers. The Board realizes that by having different types of fund raising activities, we can appeal to more people. But I disagree strongly with the idea that every letter of activity is a fund raiser. It costs no money to come to services. It costs no money to attend an adult education class. It costs no money to go to someone's house this month and help them celebrate Sukkot in their sukkah. Read your *Tempo*, your monthly *Bulletin*, and the monthly *mailings*, and become involved. Temple needs YOU!!

Jack Piermont

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 5	Hebrew Marathon
Thursday, November 9	Outreach: Parents of Intermarrieds
Friday, November 17	Consecration of New Members
Sunday, November 19	CANTOR'S CONCERT
Wednesday, November 22	Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Saturday, April 27	Progressive Dinner
Tuesday, June 4	Golf and Tennis Outing

From the Rabbi. . .

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the form of the Hebrew Prayer Class. Next year's Class will focus on an in-depth study of Jewish texts. The Program will culminate in Spring of 1997 with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony. If you are interested in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program, please call me.

As a start, why not check out the Prayer Sheet in this Bulletin to make sure that the prayers listed there are friends and not strangers.

Rabbi Don Rossoff

P.S. for Parents: The Religious School teaches our children how to read and pronounce the Hebrew Prayers. We cannot, however, expect them to be conversant in the prayers unless they are heard at home on a regular basis. Our experience has been, "Use them or lose them!"

From the desk of the Administrator. . .

The quarterly billing for October (the beginning of Temple's second quarter for our fiscal year) will be mailed after the fifteenth of the month. It would be helpful if you would write your Temple account number on your check.

A few gentle reminders:

Information for our monthly bulletins is due in the office by **the first** of the month preceding the date of publication.

The area marked Fire Zone is a NO PARKING area. If you need assistance loading or unloading packages, please come to the office so that we may help you.

Please park in the appropriate designated areas. The reserved spaces are for the Rabbi, Cantor, Educators (Religious School and Nursery School) and the Administrator.

Please join us for our Sukkot Festival services on Monday, October 9th and Monday, October 16th (Yizkor) at 10 AM. Our Simchat Torah celebration is Sunday, October 15th at 7 PM.

If you have any questions please call me.

Carole Goldberg

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During the break between the Yom Kippur Morning and Afternoon Services, Rabbi Rossoff will be leading a discussion on Jewish views on life after death.



By her works,
shall ye know her...

Women of Reform Judiasm/Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or

On behalf of Sisterhood, Miriam Herbert and I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

We would also like to extend an invitation for anyone wishing to get involved in Sisterhood to join us at our monthly meetings. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Temple. It's a great way to meet people and to help Temple at the same time. Anyone wishing to obtain more information can call Miriam at 201-993-1299 or me at 908-879-9098. We would be happy to speak with you.

Upcoming Events:

Cradle Roll for preschoolers is a series of five (5) events: Sukkot, Chanukah, Shabbat, Purim and Passover. These are fun-filled occasions which feature arts and crafts, food and song. Our first will be held October 7, at 9:30 AM at Temple. Our next will be a Chanukah party on December 2.

Play Group Open House is to be held Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 PM at Temple. At this time, we will be coordinating various play groups for our children from newborn to two years of age. Anyone interested, please call Debbie Rood-Goldman at 201-895-7779.

Paid-Up Membership Dinner is to be held Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. (See details below)

Break-the-Fast: Please join Rabbi Rossoff for a brief ceremony to end the fast on October 4. This will be held outside the Sanctuary immediately following the end of Services.

A special thanks to Laurie Spiegel for all her work in connection with our Holiday community events.

Barbara Bugen
Co-President

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner

Our Paid-Up Membership Dinner is an evening filled with friends, great food and camaraderie. The featured speaker will be Barbara Kavadias, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section. Barbara's topic is *Congress, The Courts, Hate Groups: When Right Is Wrong!*

Best of all, the evening is **FREE** to paid-up members of Sisterhood, and will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. We promise an entertaining evening.

Reservations are required. R.S.V.P. including \$25 Sisterhood dues. To make reservations or for more information, call Vivian Gibilisco at 201-285-1611 or Marilyn Shapiro at 201-605-5879.

Limited non-member reservations, first come, first-served. \$25.00

Men's Club

Mark your calendar for Monday Night Football — October 16th — 8:30 PM. By the time you read this reminder, you will know where to meet your friends, old and new. Questions? Call Steve Spiegel at 966-9560.

The Men's Club will be hosting their first Sunday Breakfast of the year on October 22. Please make plans to join them at 9:30 AM. If you are a music fan, you will find the program's topic of *Jazz* to be a special reason to make every effort to come!

Renaissance Times

On October 8, 1995, at 9:30 AM, in the Temple Social Hall, we will be honored by one of our most interesting speakers, who we had the pleasure of hearing before, Dr. Robert Bull, Professor of Archeology at Drew University. His subject will cover "Excavations In Israel."

Please join us for breakfast preceding the presentation.

For information and reservations, call Dr. Richard Raffman at 201-377-4566 or Harriet Broadwin at 201-539-8654.

Bereavement Symposium

The Caring Community Committee of Temple B'nai Or is pleased to be the host and co-sponsor of a six-part Bereavement Symposium. The Symposium will meet at Temple beginning Monday evening, October 23, at 7:30 o'clock, with additional sessions held every Monday through November 27. While the opening and closing sessions are designed for a general audience, the four intermediate sessions are geared to specific types of loss.

Topics addressed in the six sessions will be:

October 23	Coping with Loss
October 30	Coping with the Loss of a Parent
November 6	Coping with the Loss of a Spouse
November 13	Coping with the Loss of a Child (Infant through Adult Child)
November 20	Coping with Loss through Stillbirth, Miscarriage, or Infertility
November 27	Looking Ahead—What's Next?

The workshop/discussion group/lecture series will be facilitated by Meryl Nadell, M.S.W., Director of Family Life Education Services, Jewish Family Service of MetroWest. Ms. Nadell, a licensed clinical social worker, will be joined during the series by Lynn Shapiro and Ann Mollen, both Senior Social Workers at Jewish Family Service, as well as by Rabbi Rossoff. All presenters have had extensive professional experience in counseling the bereaved.

The Bereavement symposium is open without charge to our Temple family and friends and to all members of the MetroWest community who wish to take part. Participants are welcome to come to as many or as few sessions as they wish; please call the office, 201-539-4539, in advance to let us know which sessions you will be attending.

We are looking forward to working with the Jewish Family Service to providing a sensitive and timely opportunity to support members of our own Temple family along with those of the MetroWest Jewish community who may need to explore these issues. Jews are traditionally a communal, caring people who respond actively to help, as well as to helping one another. We warmly invite you to join us! It is our hope that this event will reach out in the spirit of *Nachum'u*, "Comfort ye."



TEMPLE B'NAI OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHILDREN OF TORAH AND LIGHT

During the month of October, we will be inspired and enraptured by the awe of Yom Kippur, to the celebration of Sukkot, then finally to the pure joy of Simchat Torah. We invite our younger "congregants" to learn and be a participant in the Yom Kippur Children's service.

Our children are anxiously awaiting the visitations to the homes of our members who will host our Sukkah activities. We will be part of this important harvest festival and time of thanksgiving. After the recent summer drought, we can all pray for rain as did our ancestors during past generations.

Please join us on October 15 at 7 PM for the Consecration of students to our Religious School. We welcome all these young men and women to our Temple family. We are very happy to witness their becoming the newest "link" in our long and glorious Jewish heritage.

Our Confirmation Class will be going to Washington, DC for the weekend of October 27—29 to visit the Holocaust Museum and engage in other activities that will prove to bond this group of Jewish youth with the richness of Judaism under the umbrella of Jewish activism.

We look forward to an exciting and meaningful time.

David Fskovitz

Youth Group News

The Senior Youth Group officers and the Junior Youth Group Advisory Board were installed during our Shabbat service on Friday, September 15th. We are looking forward to an exciting year for our youth!

The first event for the Senior Youth Group will be held in October. The SYG meets on Monday, October 2 at 6 PM. **All 9th through 12th graders are welcome!** Cantor Benson, our advisor, and Elise Rosenberg, this year's president, invite you to bring your ideas to the meeting. In the works are trips to New York City and skiing in New England.

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in our Junior Youth Group. On October 28, our Junior Youth Group will be headed to New York for lunch at the Harley Davidson Cafe followed by a 3-D movie at the new Sony I-Max Theater. For information, contact Vivian Gibilisco at 285-1611.

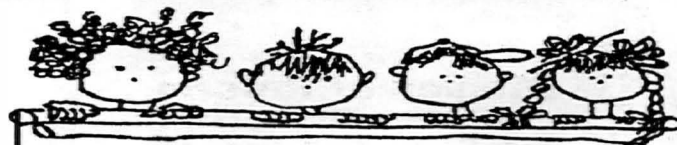
Come and join in the fun.

Teaching Service

Back by Popular Demand!

On Friday night, October 20, we will have a **Teaching Service**. Instead of a sermon, Rabbi Rossoff will be giving a running commentary on the prayers we are praying, what they were meant to mean, and why we do what we do when we pray. This service will emphasize understanding the prayers from a mystical Chasidic point of view.

Our next Teaching Service will be on February 23 at which time Cantor Benson will present new understandings of the music of our prayer.



NURSERY SCHOOL

The beginning of a new season, a new school year, a new experience with the world. These are all very exciting, and confusing, to very little children. It is impossible to plan for and anticipate each child's reactions, understandings and interaction with these milestone events. And so, we do the best we can by holding our children's hands as they walk through the unknown and untested experiences. We do so with warmth, love, compassion and a sense of freshness of vicarious pleasure as we see and hear and taste the crisp Autumn breezes, the first day of school jitters and fun with new friends and teachers in Nursery School. We hope that all of our pleasant memories of those days will revisit us through the experience of our children. We need to take the time, have the patience and stop long enough to make these special days comfortable and pleasurable for our little ones — and for ourselves.

We extend a special greeting to all of our new Nursery School families, Temple B'nai Or members and non Temple members, as well. We hope you will participate in all of the activities available to you and to your children. Help us to help you make the early experiences of your children in an educational, social and secular setting, warm, loving, meaningful and joyous. L'Shana Tova — May this be a Sweet New Year!

Dee Cohen



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We wish a sincere **Mazel Tov**
to Ethel and Sidney Schwartz
who celebrated their
54th wedding anniversary in April 1995.

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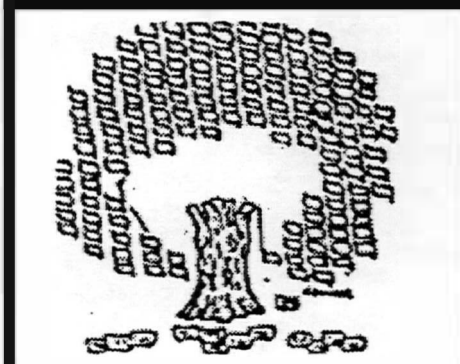
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