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FROM THE RABBI

NOW, MORE THAN EVER . . .

I just attended a beautiful wedding – an intimate affair for 4,000 of the bride's and groom's closest friends. It was the wedding of Ruth Florsheim and Yair Cohen. (You may have caught it on CNN or picked it up from the AP.) Ruth and Yair are both Israelis – kibbutzniks – but they could not be married in Israel. You see, Ruth was divorced once and Yair is a *kohen*, a descendent of the priestly family of Aaron, the High Priest from Biblical days; and according to the Torah, a *kohen* may not marry a divorcee. (Why? That's a different story.) Since the only way for Jews to get married in Israel is through the Orthodox rabbinate, and since the Orthodox rabbinate will not sanction this type of marriage, they had to leave their own country (the Jewish state!) to consecrate their lives together as husband and wife. How absurd!

In order to marry Jewishly, Ruth and Yair turned to Reform Judaism. Long ago, Reform Judaism discarded the laws connected to the special status of *kohen*. And in order to put a spotlight on the problem of Orthodox hegemony over Jewish life in Israel, they agreed to use their wedding to make a political and religious statement to the world.

It was ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America (to which many of us now belong), which brought the young couple to the United States and which conducted the wedding at the UAHC Biennial Convention in Atlanta. In addition to being a beautiful ceremony, the wedding indeed called attention to the work of ARZA and the need for EQUALITY for all the streams of religious Judaism in Israel.

We in ARZA are beginning a new campaign: OPERATION EQUALITY. The ultimate aim of OPERATION EQUALITY is to create a level playing field in Israel on which Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Orthodox Judaisms are equally available for those who seek a spiritual path for their lives.

What can – what should – we do to help OPERATION EQUALITY?

1. We can join ARZA. Simply check-off ARZA on your next Temple statement, and you will be joining thousands of Reform Jews across the country who – with their \$25 membership – are making their voices heard.
2. We can communicate to those in Israel and here in America how very important this issue is to us all. Every Israeli official, from the Prime Minister on down, needs to know that Reform Jews are not going to go away and that they cannot turn their backs on the non-orthodox community.
3. We can contribute to OPERATION EQUALITY. We will be raising 2 million dollars over the next two years to be used in Israel to gain equal rights and equal access for all forms of Judaism. Through advocacy in the courts, media campaigns, and communal work, our monies will be bringing us closer to true equality.

Do you become upset whenever you hear of Reform Judaism's second class status in Israel? Then let's put our money where our mouths and our hearts are.

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SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

JANUARY

5 Family Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM
Candle Blessing: Sari Hassanein
Kiddush: Jeffrey Horn

12 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Gail Solomon
Kiddush: Jordan Lieberman
Aliyah: Charles Gropper

Teaching Service emphasizing
The Tenets of Reform Judaism

19 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Beverly Miller
Introduction to Kiddush: Richard Miller
Kiddush: Jeffrey Miller
Aliyah: Anniversary Celebrants

20 Shabbat Morning Service 11:00 AM
Jeffrey Miller will be called
to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

26 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 PM
Candle Blessing: Member of WRJ/Sisterhood
Kiddush: Member of WRJ/Sisterhood
Aliyah: Member of WRJ/Sisterhood
Women of Reform Judaism/
Sisterhood Shabbat

30 Healing Service 8:00 PM

President's Message

On behalf of both the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Temple, we wish you a Happy New Year. January is a very important month and not just because it starts a new year. This month contains Super Sunday and I'm not talking about the Super Bowl. Many, if not all of our members, will be solicited this month to make a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal. While "charity begins at home" is a well known saying, it is not an absolute. What I'm saying is that while it is important to give to the Temple and support its fund raising activities, it is our obligation as Jews to support other charities, particularly ones that help other Jews. Who among us has heard and been touched by stories of people whose lives have been saved or who have been given a chance to change their lives because of support from UJA Federation. Without all of our help, there would be no money to bring people out of the former Soviet Union, to help people who live alone to have someone to talk to and be with, and the programs and good deeds go on and on.

January also is the month when Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated. Why is this important to us other than perhaps for having a day off or not getting mail? Now more than ever we should be working with the local Black community to help overcome the gap that has opened partly due to misunderstanding and partly due to people like the Minister Farakham, who spread hate. While many approve of the Minister's statements about Jews and others whose heritage and acts he libeled, they came and they heard, and if we don't do anything to show the falseness of these statements, they will be believed by more and more people. Temple B'nai Or participates in an African-American Jewish dialogue to help show where the truth lies. Do your part, and Martin Luther King Day is certainly no better time to start.

Also, I'm giving those of you who didn't make a resolution at Rosh Hashanah a second chance. Now is the traditional time to make New Year's resolutions. Remember, I asked you to resolve to get more involved in Temple life. We still need your help. Attend services, join a Chavurah, join a committee, attend an adult education session, or attend a different function whether it be social or religious. Better yet, do at least one of all of the above. I know you will enjoy it and come back for more.

Jack Piermont

From the Administrator. . .

Billing Statements

The fiscal year at Temple B'nai Or is July 1st through June 30th. This means that our third quarter begins January 1. If you have any questions about the statements that you have received, please call Michael Priante or me at the office. We will be happy to go over your statements with you.

ARZA Membership Optional Check-off

In support of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), a dues check-off appears on your dues statement for the third quarter (January) that you should have received. Please consider supporting ARZA which is particularly concerned with building Reform Judaism and the pursuit of religious pluralism in the Jewish state. ARZA membership is \$25 per year.

Tax contribution letters are being prepared and will be sent out by January 31st.

A few gentle reminders:

If you know of someone in our Temple family who is ill, please call the Temple office so that their name can be included on our Healing List. Information for our monthly bulletins and our mid-month mailings are due in the office by the first of the month preceding the date of publication. If you have any suggestions or questions please call me.

Carole Goldberg

FROM THE RABBI (Continued from page 1)

I have made a pledge to this important campaign. Please call me if you would consider doing so as well.

(By the way, when I spoke out at the ARZA National Board meeting saying that, as vicious as the Orthodox attacks against us become, we must ever keep our discourse on the highest moral level, there was resounding applause. ARZA will not add to the poisonous political and religious atmosphere in Israel.)

ARZA has already achieved incredible victories: Reform conversions done inside and outside of Israel are recognized in Israel; non-orthodox Jews, including women, now have been elected to various municipal religious councils, once the bastion of Orthodox men; our Reform Rabbinic School in Jerusalem, the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, is receiving communal funds on par with the Orthodox yeshivas. And there is much much more happening with Israeli Reform Judaism, in the Reform synagogues, schools and youth centers, that can make us all proud.

But beyond all of this, NOW MORE THAN EVER, Israel needs a Judaism which speaks both to the mind and to the heart, which affirms the best of our tradition in the context of the modern democratic state. We have all seen – here, in Israel, throughout the world – the results when religion loses its moral grounding. Let us say that we did what we could to bring a Judaism of compassion and justice to the Jewish state.

Israel needs Reform Judaism.

Israel needs ARZA.

And ARZA needs YOU!

Shalom,

Rabbi Don Rossoff

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By her works,
shall ye know her...

Judaism/Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or

A happy and healthy New Year to all!

Chanukah at Curbside was a smashing success. Thanks to Barbara Bernstein for her dedication to our Judaica Shop and to all those who staffed tables while the sale was being held.

December 2nd was the Chanukah Cradle Roll and all the children had a wonderful time. The next **Cradle Roll** is March 2nd at which time we'll be celebrating Purim.

Upcoming Events

Sisterhood's monthly meeting for January will be held on January 4th at Kings Supermarket in Short Hills. A **Cooking Class** featuring soups and desserts will be the topic. The fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are required. Please contact Jill Katzman for details at 201-292-2913.

A **Sisterhood Shabbat Service** will be held on January 26th at 8 PM. All members of Temple are welcome to attend.

Shalom.
Barbara Rugen
Co-President

MEN'S CLUB

Who are we? Where do we come from? If you want to learn how to obtain answers to these questions, plan to join us at our Breakfast on January 21 at 9:30 AM.

Barry Mokotoss, representing the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, will speak to us on Jewish Genealogy. He will teach us how to trace our family roots. It should be an informative, educational and fun event.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Baby sitting will be provided with RSVP.

Send your check now to Randall B. Rozin, 11 Rosedale Avenue, Morris Plains, 07950, or call him at 201-898-3887 for more information.

Lee Brodsky

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Renaissance Times

LA DANSE DU 1996

Let's whirl our way into the New Year with the latest *chic* dances. On January 7, 1996 at 9:30 AM, in our Temple B'nai Or Social Hall, a professional couple from the Arthur Murray Dance Studios will introduce us to some stylish dance steps.

This "main event" will be preceded by our famous Continental Breakfast at \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Here's your golden opportunity to prepare yourself and practice for our forthcoming **Annual Spring Fling** on June 15, 1996.

A MUSICAL TREAT

At our February 4th gathering, we will be entertained by a prominent multi-instrument musician, Mr. Greg Schmidt, who is also a singer and a music teacher. His repertoire consists of a vast selection of popular and traditional folk songs, blues, and jazz pieces which we are sure to enjoy greatly.

MEN'S CLUB/RENAISSANCE BRUNCH

Yes, it's that time of the year again to join up with the "Younger Generation" for an enjoyable Sunday Brunch on March 10, 9:30 AM in our Temple Social Hall. We'll again have a choice of an elaborate brunch for \$5 per person with a variety of delectable edibles, or our more conservative Continental Breakfast at \$3 per person.

The guest speaker will be our own member, and noted author, Michael Rockland, who will present one of his very witty subjects for which he is so famous.

For information and reservations on any of the above events, call Charlotte Abberman at 908-766-4941, or Anita Swotinsky at 201-539-1348.

Rabbi and Mrs. Rossoff Plan Family Pilgrimage to Israel in 1998

Rabbi and Mrs. Rossoff will be leading a Family Trip to Israel in July of 1998, and, believe it or not, it is not too soon to begin making plans. In 1998, Israel will be celebrating its 50th Birthday. It will be an exciting and very popular time to be there, and reservations have to be made early. If you are at all interested in joining this trip, designed for adults who have not been to Israel before (or during the last 10 years) and for children, please call the Temple and leave your name with Margaret. This is a statement of interest, not a commitment.



TEMPLE B'NAI OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHILDREN OF TORAH AND LIGHT

Close to 25 percent of the student population in the communities that encompass MetroWest are involved in special education programs in the public schools they attend. This is a sharp rise from the under 10 percent that were classified as special education students only fifteen years ago.

There are varying suggestions as to the reasons for the growing number of special education students now being serviced in our school systems.

We, at Temple B'nai Or, cannot be immune from those community-wide statistics and the Religious School is reflecting these figures with an increase in special needs students.

Our Religious School Committee has been hard at work for many months to set strategies and policies that will help ensure that the Religious School meets the needs of the entire student body.

We have written parents requesting that they inform us if their child has special educational needs that may require an alternative educational setting. After we review the needs assessment of our school population, we will investigate the possibilities of offering these students specific programs that will better meet their learning difficulties.

We have acquired the services of a learning consultant from the Jewish Education Association to observe classes and students, conduct workshops for students and staff, and develop short and long range planning to ensure that our students receive the best Jewish education possible. We want all of our children to feel successful in our school. This success is extremely important because many children equate Judaism with their Religious School experience. A positive experience in our school interprets as positive feelings for Judaism.

Is it possible to service each child with differing special needs effectively? Probably not. Some students may have severe learning disabilities or emotional handicaps that our staff is not properly trained to attend to at this time. We should be highly effective with those students that will benefit from a Learning Center or one-to-one remediation. We will begin to train select teachers in special education methodology, as it relates to Hebrew reading efficiency. Manipulatives, games, tapes and specific activities will all be a part of the strategy to ensure classroom success.

For certain programs, we anticipate that we will need to review any I.E.P. that may already be used in the attending public school. The more information we can obtain about students with special needs, the more effective we can be in providing appropriate and successful learning models.

On the other side of the coin, hopefully, we will begin to establish enrichment classes for those students whose Hebrew skills excel and need a more challenging Hebrew language curriculum.

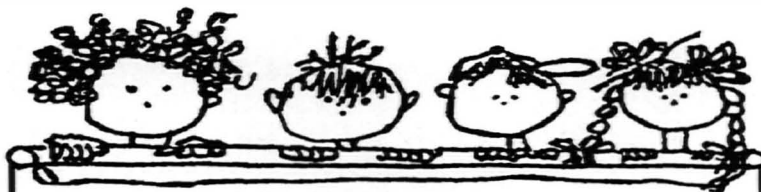
If you feel your child may benefit from some of the programs I've briefly described, please contact me so we can work together to provide the most appropriate and effective education for your son or daughter.

David Fskovitz

Chavurah Members Meet With Seniors

On November 10th, children and parents of the Chavurim Chavurah led the Friday night service at the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center in West Orange. Vivian Gibilisco provided guitar accompaniment and Laurie Spiegel delivered a Torah drasha. At the Oneg provided by the Chavurah, the children presented residents with art they created. The residents and members of the Chavurah truly enjoyed the evening.

Any Chavurah, Temple family or member who would like to lead this service, or simply attend and perform the positive mitzvot associated with it (prayer, tzedakah, visiting the sick, respect for elders, etc.) please contact Gary Aidekman at 201-966-1969.



NURSERY SCHOOL

Our Nursery School Parents' Committee is to be highly commended for their hard work in planning and presenting the **Kids Carnival**. Jody Marcus and Linda Behr led a strong group of motivated and industrious parents. The children enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and games as well as a visit from Barney. The **Karnival** raised enough money to fund several programs and events. It was wonderful to see everyone working and playing together.

We've had several visits from staff members at the St. Hubert's Giralda Animal Welfare and Education Shelter. The children enjoyed learning about caring for animals, and having the opportunity to interact with the animals.

Our **Computer Tots Program** is fully subscribed. Jill Kramer, a B'nai Or member, is the skilled teacher who introduces the children to the language and operations of computers at an early childhood level. It's a delightful and valuable program.

Our **Toddlers Together** class meets each Monday morning. We play, sing, do a project and have a snack. Parents and caregivers have a chance to discuss child development and parenting issues. We welcome you and your sixteen to twenty-six month old child. Our next semester begins the first week in February. Sign up now.

Registration for the 1996/1997 school year will begin in January. Temple members have first priority but must respond immediately to reserve a place for next September. We'll be offering a **Mini-camp** for the last two weeks in June. Please call for more information or to arrange to visit during class hours.

More and more of our Nursery School families are becoming B'nai Or families. We hope that B'nai Or families will become Nursery School families, as well.

Dee Cohen



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Winter Clothing/Linens Drive

Once again Temple will be holding a *Winter Clothing/Linens Drive* during the week of January 7-14. Please consider donating any usable, clean clothing and linens (towels, sheets, etc.) We only ask that items be bagged and labeled as to their contents, i.e., girl's clothing, size 3, or sheets for queen size bed.

Due to storage constraints, we will be accepting items from Sunday, January 7th, through the morning of Sunday, January 14, only. No items of clothing/linens will be accepted at the Temple before the 7th, **on Shabbat**, or after the 14th.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to help sort and distribute the clothing on Sunday, January 14th, please call Ronnie Kaufman at 201-267-0433.



Mark Your Calendar Now!

Come One - Come All!

SPRING FLING III



Back to the 1940's and 50's with a Temple-wide dance and Buffet Supper

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

Date: Saturday, June 15, 1996
Time: 8 p.m. - 12 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: \$20 per person
 BYOB, beverage that is (set-up provided)
 Bring your favorite "finger" dessert

Attire: Yes, and casual

Send your checks NOW, payable to Temple B'nai Or, to Jack Swotinsky, 19 Locust Drive, Morris Plains 07950

For special table arrangements, call Pat Talkoff at 201-539-2827.

NOTE: Come to the Renaissance Brunch on Sunday, January 7th at 9:30 a.m., and brush up on your Ballroom Dancing with Lora and Danny Villavicencio.

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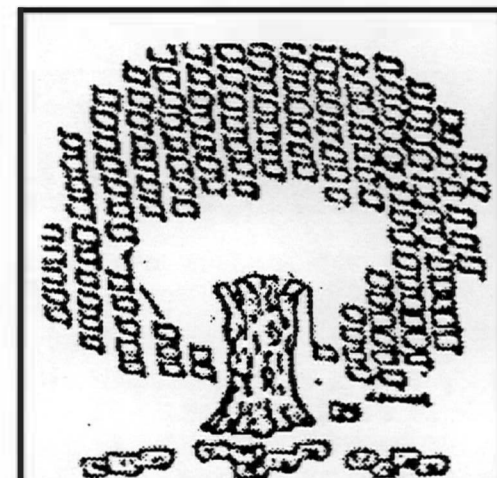
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High Holy Day Appeal Thanks

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Harriette and Robert Davis
Debra and Cesar Freire
Tillie and William Jaffe
Janet Kleinberg
Patti and Daniel Lehrhoff
Ellen and Robert Rose
Paul D. Rosenberg
Stephanie and Harvey Siegel
Ellen Tyroler*

A heartfelt **Thank You** to all of you who have contributed to the 5756 High Holy Day Appeal. Your support of this vital Temple effort is greatly appreciated.

Aids Conference

Mark your calendar. 
On Sunday, March 10, the AIDS Task Force will sponsor a community-wide conference on AIDS. There will be speakers as well as a panel discussion.

Mazel Tov!

ON
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF:

Hilda Kasdin
chosen Woman of the Year
by Hadassah

Looking Ahead

- February 10 Annual Tennis Party sponsored by Men's Club
- February 23 **Teaching Service:** A Musical Shabbat
- March 9 Wine Tasting **Getting To Know You**
- April 4 2nd Night Congregational Seder
- May 18 Temple **Special Event**
- June 4 Golf and Tennis Outing

Highlights of Board Minutes

October 1995 Meeting

President: The Board of Trustees voted to purchase a leaf on the Tree of Life in honor of Rabbi Rossoff being chosen Rabbi of the Year by MetroWest. The Board also voted to purchase a full page ad in the program for the Cantor's Concert.

Treasurer: Bill Blatt distributed a copy of the budget and expenses to date. The first quarter looks good.

Financial Secretary: Two new members have joined the Temple, and one resignation was accepted with regret. Membership total is 605 (highest ever).

Rabbi: Rabbi Rossoff reported on the memorial service for Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin, and commended the Youth Groups for their recent activities. He also reminded the Board members of the upcoming Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

High Holy Day Appeal: Carole Goldberg reported the Appeal was going well with donations continuing to come in.

Nursery School: Plans for the Carnival were announced. A new Playgroup has recently started for children 18 months to 2 years old who attend with their parents.

Religious School: David Iskovitz and Sandy Rems reported on events in the Religious School including the Confirmation Retreat Weekend, the *Meet the Teachers and Director* program and the Parent/Teen session on the subject of Date Violence. A study of special education needs of our students is underway.

Social Action: The Committee met recently and plans to have an ongoing food collection at Temple, and hopes to research political issues in Trenton.

Reports were also given by the following: Adult Education, College Connection, Men's Club, Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood, Renaissance and the Yahrzeit Wall.

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JANUARY 1996

Tevet 5756 - Shevat 5756

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"You will always be treated as a guest if you, too, can play the host."
-Chaim Weizmann

1996 JCC MACCABI YOUTH GAMES METROWEST AUG 18-23, 1996 3-8 ELUL 5756

Be at the center of an experience that will rock the MetroWest area for five days!

Plan now to join the excitement of international competition as 2,500 young athletes converge on MetroWest for the 1996 JCC Maccabi Youth Games. Hosting the games is an honor that requires total community support. To ensure smooth running games and a memorable experience for the athletes and their families, we need the commitment of 2,500 volunteers and 1,500 host homes.

Maccabi volunteers will experience the thrill first-hand when the athletes file into the Meadowlands Arena waving the flags of their country and community, cheered by an audience of 16,500. They will also hold an invitation to the mega-event of the summer—a giant hometown barbecue for 6,000 people!

The games will offer memorable Jewish cultural and social events to teens who will be competing in 15 sporting events. Included are basketball, baseball, chess, cross country, golf, gymnastics, in-line hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, volleyball and wrestling. Additionally, young ath-

letes with special needs will participate in bowling, swimming and track & field competition.

The Maccabi World Movement is dedicated to providing a supportive environment for Jewish youth to join together in

Short-term commitment!

an atmosphere of sportsmanship, democracy and peace. It consists of 400,000 members in hundreds of sports clubs in 35 countries. Since 1982, JCCs across America have played a significant role in this growing movement, participating and hosting competitive events for young Jewish athletes from around the world.

Make friendships that will last a lifetime!



MetroWest Is Best In '96!

Volunteers of all ages-get involved and have fun!

Picture yourself enjoying one or more of these roles:

- Coordinators to sign in athletes upon arrival.
- Teams of traffickers to coordinate transportation of athletes between event sites.
- Meal servers to feed hungry athletes, cafeteria style.
- Qualified First Aiders
- Hosts and Hostesses to answer out-of-town-ers' questions about community restaurants, shopping and places of interest.
- Shadow counselors for athletes with special needs.
- Scorekeepers, timers and runners for competitive events.

Become a host family.

Share in the excitement of international competition through the young athlete's eyes. It's an enriching experience for the whole family- like hosting a foreign exchange student.

Open your home to a minimum of two visiting athletes for five days and nights by providing:

- A bed, futon or air mattress linens and towels.
- Breakfast and snacks.
- Daily transportation to and from your nearest Maccabi drop-off point

Volunteer and Host Benefits:

- Tickets to special events, including the Gala Opening Ceremony at Meadowlands Arena
- Friendships that last a lifetime!
- The knowledge that you have performed a mitzvah and a significant community service.

Athletic Venues include:

County College of Morris
Hanover Bowling Lanes
JCC of Metropolitan NJ
Madison YMCA
Morristown High School
Newark Academy
Lautenberg Family JCC of Greater Morris
Local country clubs
Randolph recreational sites and schools
Solomon Schechter High School
West Orange Tennis Club
The Sports Forum

For more information, call the 1996 JCC Maccabi Youth Games Office at 201-736-3200, ext. 231 or fax us at 201-736-6871.

Please detach and mail.

YES! We are interested in:

Volunteering in the following capacity (ies)

- ☐ Hosting at least two athletes from Sunday-Thursday, August 18-23, 1996.

Name

Address

City

State

 Zip

Phone: (h)

 (b)

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Please put in an envelope and mail to:

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