

## FROM RABBI ROSSOFF . . . MITZVAH DAY IS HERE!

Last Fall, we announced a very special event which would be taking place in the Spring. Back then, it seemed far away, but now it is Spring and it is time to say "MITZVAH DAY is finally here!"

Just to refresh your memory, Sunday, April 13, is Temple B'nai Or's MITZVAH DAY. On that day, members of our Temple will be going out into the community-at-large in groups and in families to provide a variety of services for individuals and organizations in the Morris area who are in need of our help. Our members have been choosing from a list of projects which was compiled by our Social Action Committee with the help of VMC (Volunteers of Morris County). The list of projects has something for everyone, from those who wish to paint and clean, to those who want to spend time with the elderly. Each project is specific, directed and limited, meaning that you will know what you have to do and know when you are done. This is our time to come together, to put ourselves back on the moral map of Morristown, to extend our reach into the community, to strengthen our ties with each other and with the community in which we live.

We all do so much in this hectic world. Torn in a thousand different directions, we straddle our many obligations as best we can. So why take time to be part of MITZVAH DAY?

I could tell you how much you will enjoy working together with others from our Temple, perhaps making new friends, perhaps bonding with your children.

I could emphasize the good feeling that each of us receives when we do for others with no expectation of reward. For when we help others, the joy and meaning that we receive in return far surpass that which we give. (I have come to see that the ultimate irony of life is that those who are concerned about their own well-being have less wellbeing than those whose primary concern is the well-being of others. Who says God has no sense of humor?)

I could speak of the importance of showing our neighbors that the primary mission of Judaism is to "repair our world in the Kingdom of God" and that Temple B'nai Or is a place where Jews not only "talk the talk, but walk the walk."

But all those reasons are secondary to the essence of the day. MITZVAH DAY is about *mitzvah*, about commandment, about responding to the compelling inner voice which God has given each of us that tugs at us constantly and tells us to transcend our own needs and labor on behalf of others.

Participating in MITZVAH DAY is a mitzvah, and doing a mitzvah is a very spiritual act. Whenever we do a ritual mitzvah, we say the blessing "asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav" — praising God for "making us holy through the commandments (mitzvot)." Participating in MITZVAH DAY may be fun, may be exciting, may be personally fulfilling on many levels. But above anything else, it is holy. Holy? Does painting classrooms in a childcare center, spreading mulch in a nature reserve, entertaining at a party for the blind or installing storage shelves in the Temple basement feel holy? The question reminds me of a writer who responded to someone who said to her, "You don't <u>look</u> sixty." Replied the writer, "But this is what sixty looks like!" This may not be what you think feels holy, but this is what holy feels like!

Our thanks go out to all those on the Social Action Committee who are helping to pull MITZVAH DAY together, especially to the Committee's Co-chairs Norman Schnayer and Caren Frankel. Together, they have put their hearts and souls into making this day as smooth, productive, and effective as possible.

(Rabbi's article continued on page two)

#### APRIL SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

Friday (April 4) at 7:30 pm Candle Blessing: Cheryl Kott Introduction to Kiddush: Joseph Kott Kiddush: Ruth Ellen Kott

Saturday (April 5) at 11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Ruth Ellen Kott will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Friday (April 11) at 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service The Rock Service Candle Blessing: Susie Schub Introduction to Kiddush: Barry Schub Kiddush: Robert Jay Schub

Saturday (April 12) at 11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Robert Jay Schub will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Friday (18) at 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service Renaissance Shabbat Candle Blessing: Bonnie Hyken Introduction to Kiddush: Richard Hyken Kiddush: Lauren Hyken Aliyah: Renaissance

Saturday (April 19) at 11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Lauren Hyken will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Tuesday (April 22) at 10:00 AM Passover Festival Morning Service

Friday (April 25) 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Candle Blessing: Sheryl Mintz Introduction to Kiddush: Michael Mintz Kiddush: Geoffrey Mintz

Saturday (April 26) at 11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Geoffrey Mintz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Monday (April 28) Passover Yizkor Morning Service at 10:00 AM

## **President's Message**

What's going on at Temple B'nai Or? There seems to be a movement afoot among our members to get involved in Temple and its activities. It is a pleasure to see the enthusiasm for the various events held at Temple. People are participating, learning and getting to know their Temple Family. Temple B'nai Or is the place to BE!

Last month we had our annual Progressive Dinner. It would be an understatement to say it was an outstanding success. Even before the publicity had gone out to the general membership, over 100 people had reserved a spot for the evening. The response for contributions for the renovation of the courtyard has been marvelous and, as mentioned before, we expect to be rededicating it in June. I can only hope that this spirit will carry forward into all aspects of Temple life. *Mitzvah Day* in April and the *Goods and Services Auction* in May are two more worthwhile events which can certainly use your support.

I am happy to be able to tell you we have hired a new musical director to replace Alice Maleski Levy who, as I mentioned last month, has decided to retire at the end of June. This will insure that our tradition of high quality music for all our services, and especially the High Holy Days will continue uninterrupted. Please remember to keep open *Friday night, June 20th, for a special Shabbat service to honor Alice for the 20 years she has given us*. Naturally, this will be a musical service and there can be no better honor to Alice than to fill the Synagogue that night. In keeping with what I said before, I'm sure we'll have a big turnout.

April, of course, is also Passover. Please remember the second night seder that Sisterhood holds here. If you're not going to be with family, why not plan on spending the evening with your Temple family? The food is always good and the company is great. On behalf of the Board of Trustees please accept our wishes for a Happy Passover.

Fack Piermont

## From the Cantor

The winter has passed . . . the blossoms appear on the land. It seems hard to believe that spring has come again, and with it another Temple year starts its journey to a close. Pesach and then the counting of days until Shavuot and Confirmation. Spring is a time when people look forward to making plans for vacations and that long break (or so it seems when you're a child) until school begins, fall comes roaring in and the cycle begins anew.

When you begin to make your plans for summer activities, consider the concept of ASSETS. In the near future you will be hearing much more from me regarding ASSETS programming. For now – Assets are those skills or connections which will bring the community together around their children and create healthy connected youth. Connect with a child or teenager. Ride a bike with a kid, throw a ball, share a story (your story) or even just LISTEN while they tell you how hard school is, or how hard growing up is. Let them know you care, let them know their community cares.

Several members of our senior community joined with the Senior youth group to help with the Purim carnival. They have no kids in the group, but by sharing of themselves they have created a bond with a child. That TYG member now knows the community, values them and feels a full part of a community. The benefits, as you can imagine, go in both directions. Become an asset to a child. Be an asset to a teen. Be an asset to each other. We are all in need of assets to connect us to each other.

Teach assets to a child. Let them see you attend adult education programs at the Temple. Let them see you at a service. Let them see you give of your time to a volunteer organization. They will then learn and repeat what they have been taught. Be an asset provider.

Watch for more information or call me at Temple to see how you can become involved in this faith community, this synagogue and the life of a child. It doesn't take much – can you give what it takes, or more importantly, can you take what it gives? Canton Bruce M. Benson

From the Rabbi

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We want MTTZVAH DAY to make a difference in our community, in our Temple and in our hearts. If you have not signed up to help, what are you waiting for? There is very little time left, but everyone is needed to make MTTZVAH DAY all that it can be! Don't wait. The time has come.

## Rabbi Don Rossoff

P.S. Best wishes from our home to your home for a sweet, joyous and kosher Pesach for all!

May 15th 8:00 рм Annual Congregational Meeting

## From the Desk of the Administrator. . .

Please remember that our Annual Congregational Meeting has been changed to Thursday evening, May 15th. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please return your Fair Share Pledge Form. If you have any questions, please call me.

Registration material for religious school will be mailed out by the <u>end</u> of April. If you have any questions, please call David Iskovitz.

Our parking lot has designated areas for reserved spaces and for NO PARKING areas. Please respect these areas, and observe the posted requests.

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.

## Carole Goldberg

## Passover Preparation Workshop

A Passover Preparation Workshop with Rabbi and Mrs. Rossoff will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 8:00 PM.

The program will include 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 will give a hands-on demonstration of how to make traditional (and non-traditional) and delicious foods. Something for everyone.

## **Religious School Reminder**

Thursday, March 27 through Sunday, April 6: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Monday, April 21 & Tuesday, April 22: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Thursday, April 24 & Sunday, April 27: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL BE HELD Monday, April 28: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Some Enchanted Evening '97

## **Goods and Services Auction**

Your invitation has been received! It is time now to make your reservations for a fun evening with your Temple Family. A catalogue will be mailed to everyone purchasing tickets by April 15th. Reserve your place now and order Auction SCRIP in advance. There is a 20% discount for all SCRIP purchased before May 10th.



people you do business with and your family and friends, to donate to our growing list of auction items. Items to date include tickets to Broadway shows, sports events and movies; dinners, kitchen appliances, and babysitting time; computer lessons and consulting; rare books and art, and hotel accommodations. Our Religious School grades are donating baskets for the Auction, too.

Remember, if you would like to donate some money toward the purchase of a special auction item, that would be great, too! The important thing is to help out with something. Participate in this Temple-wide event. Plan to attend and bring your non-Temple member friends with you.

Have any questions? Have some suggestions? Call Marilyn Piermont 201–267–8493 or Dick Hyken 201–644–3206.

## Use \$crip: Support Temple as you buy your groceries

Reminding you once again: when you use CRIP you are supporting Temple's many programs and services. For each 1of food purchased with CRIP, the Temple is given 0.5. If a family spends 400 per month on food, paper goods, wine, etc., and purchases it with CRIP, the Temple receives 20. Spending at that level each month, over a year's time,

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## SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

On Friday evening, April 4th, Temple B'nai Or will participate in SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA is an evolvement of the acclaimed Turn Friday Night into Shabbat (TFNIS) program first developed at Lincoln Square Synagogue in 1980. The original TFNIS program was designed to give the millions of unaffiliated North American Jews, who have little or no connection to Jewish life, a "taste of Shabbat."

Over 400 congregations in our country will be participating in SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA. A Shabbat dinner is planned to precede our Family Shabbat Service. If you would like to be a host for the evening, or if you would like to invite your Jewish friends who are not affiliated with another congregation to share this Shabbat experience, please contact Debbie Rood Goldman 201–895–7779 or Barbara Rayvid 201–515–3518.

## The MAZON Convection

The tradition of enjoying wonderful food always has been an important component of Jewish celebrations. Feeding the poor is a rich Jewish tradition arising from the concept of tikkun olam - repairing the world. We, at Temple B'nai Or, can make a connection between these two traditions by donating 3% of the cost of our celebrations to MAZON, a national Jewish organization that works to alleviate hunger. MAZON provides cash grants to food banks in inner cities and rural areas, kosher meals-on-wheels programs, homeless shelters, and groups working for long-term solutions to hunger. Holidays, birthdays, B'nai mitzvah, weddings, and anniversaries are all occasions which can be made even more meaningful with your 3% donation.

You may send a check directly to MAZON at 12401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 303, Los Angeles, California 90025– 1015, or to Temple marked "for MAZON." Further information is available at the Temple office.

## **Israel Trip**

Join Rabbi Don and Fran Rossoff on the Temple's two week PIL-GRIMAGE TO IS-RAEL in the summer of 1998. For information,



call Rabbi Rossoff at the Temple, or Margie or Jennifer at ARZA Travel at 1–800–223– 7606.





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## RABBI ROSSOFF'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Forthcoming marriage of Beth Ginsburg to Moshe Vaknin Pat and Phil Glucksman Ray Goldstein's recovery Renee and Bernie Schulman

In memory of Ruth Vogel, mother of Herbert Vogel Irwin Levine

Pat and Phil Glucksman Rose Shapiro, mother of Myra Widmann Ronnie and Harvey Hammer Joan and David Marx \*Carole and Richard Einaugler Rose Shapiro, beloved mother \*Myra and Warren Widmann Mendel Schleichkorn Dora Faber Aaron Zweig Claire and Gil Zweig Eve Lerman Barbara and Donald Piermont Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z. David Levy

Renee and Bernie Schulman

### CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In honor of: Sandy Rem's speedy recovery Eva and Ted Mendelsohn

<u>In memory of</u> Louis Flatt, father of Linda Carleton Sara Crimi, mother of Richard Carleton Joan and Martin Cohen

#### HOUSING THE HOMELESS FUND

In memory of Loved Ones Betty Sesnowitz Esther Zweig Claire and Gil Zweig

#### JASON LEWIS FUND

<u>In memory of</u> John Epstein Sylvia and Milton Litwin

#### LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Rose Shapiro, mother of Myra Widmann Eileen and Bert Marech

#### MELISSA NEIER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Elissa Williams Ariel Weintraub Adam Sarasohn Rachael Beekman Debra Morris

## NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

<u>In memory of</u> Marc Hamilton Schlosser, son of Stacey and Bill Schlosser The Ford Family

### PRAYERBOOK FUND

In memory of Martha Brown, mother of Marcia Kaplan La Ruth and Jay Van

## DARYL GEHR ROSENFARB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Marriage of Craig to Marianne Arleen Tarutz and family

<u>In Memory of</u> Arthur Child, father of Alynne Rosenfarb Arleen Tarutz and family Paula and Ira Antin Sophie Rosenfarb Parents of Alynne Rosenfarb Carol and Leonard Eisenbud

#### SHABBAT SHIRA FUND

In honor of Judith Steinberg's speedy recovery Vicki and John Nelson

<u>In memory of</u> Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z. David Levy \*Dolores and Sandy Rems

#### **TEACHER ENRICHMENT FUND**

In honor of Moishe Posner The Moses Family

#### JUSTIN WAYNE MEMORIAL FUND In memory of

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In memory of Sam Chase Laurie Spiegel

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*Tickets to*: sports events; opera; ballet; theater; symphony; orchestra; rock concert; please specify any limitations that apply (day, date).

*Dinner:* for 2 or more at your favorite restaurant or by your favorite caterer

*Miscellaneous Items*: athletic club memberships; cases of wine or liquor; luggage; jewelry; accessories for home or car

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# **APRIL 1997** Adar II 5757 - Nisan 5757

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Renaissance Breakfast 9:30 am	Madrikim Meeting 6 pm Orim Renaissance Board 8 pm Executive Board 7:30 pm	WRJ/Sisterhood 7:30 pm		Passover Preparation Workshop 8 pm Nursery School Committee 7:30 pm	<i>Rock Service</i> Grade 5 Family Shabbat Dinner 6:30 pm Shabbat Service 8 pm	Robert Schub will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvi
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## LOST AND FOUND

<u>ATTENTION:</u> If any of the following items belong to you, <u>please claim in the Temple Office</u>. Any item **not** claimed by April 15 will be donated to a charitable organization. Thank you.

## ITEM

## DESCRIPTION

## **COMMENTS**

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Back Pack	Temple B'nai Or back pack	
Bed Pillow	Bed Pillow in a blue pillow case	
Blazer	Ladies' Barry Brickman black blazer	
Gloves	Girl's Thinsulate lavender gloves	Size Children Med/Large
Hats (6)	Hat with ear muffs and (5) wool caps	
Hoods (2)	Two face hoods - one black and one blue	
Jacket	Child's two-sided jacket (green/plaid)	Size L-4T
Jacket	Girl's two-sided jacket (red/purple)	
Jacket	Child's two-sided jacket (black/red) Columbia	Size 7/8
Jacket	Child's multi-colored jacket (nylon shell) JPI	Size 8
Miscellaneous Items	Head bands, barretts, stocking hats, gloves, socks.	
Polo Shirt (2)	White polo shirts	Small 34/36 and Extra Large
Purse	Child's purse with shoulder strap (black with multi colors)	
Scarfs (4)	Red wool, black plaid wool, black wool and large print squ	are scarf
Shirt	Blue Levi - Long Sleeve	Medium
Skirt	Black Wrap-Around Skirt	
Sweater	Ladies Brown Haymeter button down	
Sweater	Child's Green <b>Baby</b> N sweater	Size L-4T
Sweater	Child's Navy Blue handmade sweater	
Sweat Shirt	Grey British Mist	One Size Fits All
Sweat Shirt	Red Gap sweat shirt	Size 12
Tote Bag	Beige canvas tote bag	
Umbrella	Ladies' black Tote umbrella	
Wrist Watch	Ladies Mickey Mouse wrist watch	



# **Temple Gourmet Breakfast**

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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:

- Alfalfa sprouts
- □ Barley
- Beans (dried)
- Bean sprouts
- Black-eyed peas
- Buckwheat
- Chinese Pea Pods
- □ Chiles (powdered or canned)
- □ Corn
- General Fava beans
- Garbanzo beans
- Green beans
- Kidney beans
- Lentils
- Lima beans
- Millet
- □ Navy beans
- OatsPeas

- PeanutsRice
- □ Rve
- □ Soybeans
- □ Wheat(except
  - matzah)

- Bulgur
- Green beans
- 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)



## After the Goods & Services Auction, continue the fun! Join us for The Sounds of the Big Band Era!

## **Temple Dance** and Buffet Supper Saturday, May 17, 1997 &

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

The Elusive Eleven, under the direction of Bud Clark, will reproduce the sounds of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw and Shlomo Musicman.

Time: 8 PM - 12 MIDNIGHT

Tickets: Advance, \$20 person At the door, \$25 per person

Attire: Casual

BYOB, set-up provided

Bring your favorite finger dessert!

Send your checks now to Temple B'nai Or, to the Temple Office. (Please indicate that this check is for the Temple Dance.)

> For special table arrangements, call Dick Raffman at 201-377-4566.



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## Renaissance Times

## COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST

On April 6, 1997, our Renaissance Group will observe Yom Hashoah in our Temple B'nai Or Social Hall. The horrific

never be forgotten and should be passed on to our descendants - this way possibly avoiding it from ever happening again!

At our gathering we shall be honored by a guest speaker, Ms. Jacqueline Berke, a professor of English and Co-Chairperson of the Holocaust Studies Division at Drew University. The program will follow our Convinental Breakfast which starts at 9:30 AM, at a cost of \$3 per member and \$5 for non-members.

Please attend this all-important commemoration. For reservations or information, call Dick Raffman at 201-377-4566 or Pat Tolkoff at 201-539-2827.

### A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Did you know that the City of Morristown existed long before there was a City of New York?

In order to become better acquainted with the history of OUR City, which played such an important role during our Revolutionary War, come and join us for a short but interesting walking tour through the center of Morristown - maybe even follow in the footsteps of George Washington!

This event will occur on May 4. We will meet at the Temple Social Hall where we shall start with a hearty Continental Breakfast. This will be followed by a short drive to a specific location near the center of Morristown from whence we shall begin our walking tour. This promises to be a very enlightening experience, although it will be kept short enough to prevent any undue exertion to any participant. Make your plans now. Call Dick Raffman at 201-377-4566.



By her works, shall ye know her ...

## Women of Reform Judaism/ Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or

Each person who contributed in any way to an elegant Progressive Dinner deserves our praise. Barbara Bugen and I express our gratitude for the time and effort devoted by Rosalind Guilis, Vice President-Joint Events, who orchestrated the evening.

We are also grateful to Judith Sacks-Bliss for arranging the successful Joint Sisterhood meeting held here with Arthur Kurzweil as special guest speaker. A good time was had by all who attended.

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This month in the Temple Social Hall, don't miss a demonstration and hands-on program on faux painting beginning 8 PM on April 8. \$5 per person includes painting materials. Learn a variety of techniques from Lauranne May. RSVP to Stacey Schlosser at 201-267-0945.

The next Cradle Roll celebrates Passover on Saturday, April 19, at 9:30 AM in the Temple Nursery. Preschoolers bring an adult to attend a special morning of holiday crafts, food and music. By the way, the final Cradle Roll of the year is a Shabbat Dinner on May 9. RSVP to Susan Aidekman at 201-966-1969.

Join your Temple Family for a Second Night Seder at 6 PM on April 22 at Temple. Service will be conducted by Rabbi Rossoff. See flyer for details. RSVP to Judith Sacks-Bliss at 201-898-0094. Reserve your place now for a wonderful service and meal.

Happy Passover!

Misiam Herbert Co-President

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Throughout the classes in our Religious School, children are learning about the beautiful upcoming holiday of Passover. Arguably, no other Jewish holiday is as celebrated nor enjoyed as is Pesach. Families gather at Seders and eat delicious special symbolic foods as they read the Haggadah. The joy of being together with family as the now familiar tale is retold links our youngest generation with all the others that have preceded them.

If we were to summarize in one word what the story of Passover is about, most would conclude that it is a story of freedom. We no longer are slaves and now will live in a state of freedom. How we as a people choose to act in our new found status is not always for the best (a good example is the Golden Calf that we worshipped while awaiting Moses' return from Mt. Sinai). Nonetheless, our heritage grows stronger as we learn how to use freedom to make choices that lead to actions that exemplify how our people lead lives that personify respect, concern and compassion for all people.

The joy of freedom is that it allows us to make choices. Sometimes, those making the choices are not truly ready to do so. I am referring to students that <u>tell</u> their parents that they have <u>chosen</u> not to continue their Jewish education once they've reached Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Often parents permit their child to <u>choose</u> as to whether or not they "wish" to continue on to Confirmation.

Freedom is not intended to give those not ready to make important decisions the power to do so. Education is compulsory in our country to ensure neither student nor parent stops this vital process until an agreed upon mature age is reached. Laws hold parents accountable for their children attending school. Obviously, we desire an educated society. Democracy fails if its people are not literate and knowledgeable. So why do some support holding Jewish education to a lesser standard?

Confirmation serves as a milestone occasion for those who <u>choose</u> to be confirmed. Their understanding of Jewish precepts, principles, and history helps our young men and women become life-long practicing Jews who display a love and passion for their rich heritage.

I encourage all our seventh graders to enroll in our High School classes that will lead to their Confirmation. I ask parents not to give away the rights of Jewish education to those not ready to understand the importance of an in-depth Jewish education and the significance it will bring to these young people's lives.

May we celebrate this Passover as a true holiday of freedom as we pledge to continue to learn about our Jewish culture and religion so that it will be preserved and celebrated by all future generations.

David Fskouitz



## NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School teachers spend a lot of time thinking about children, curriculum, classroom management, materials and supplies and special projects. Every day presents new challenges in terms of resources, behavior and ideas. We in the MetroWest, Morris County, New Jersey and East Coast area, so to speak, have lots of opportunities to explore education on the teacher level and to expand personal and professional growth. I'd like to share some of these with you.

Our teaching staff meets once a month. We discuss the calendar, holidays, schedules, special events, Nursery School Committee reports, curriculum, policies and classroom management situations. We also discuss learning theories, philosophies and methods. We often share ideas and suggestions.

The assistants meet individually with the director, and also as a group, to discuss classroom management skills, ways to motivate children, and ways to best provide support for the teachers and their programs.

The MetroWest Jewish Education Association has an Early Childhood Network. Directors meet monthly to discuss our special needs — as directors of early childhood programs, as Jewish educators and as colleagues. In addition, we plan and present an annual Early Childhood Conference. Many of us participate in Jewish Education for Families (JEFF) programs in the community such as the Jewish Home Sweet Home project (which our Pre–K dass visited). We've also helped with community-wide events such as the Rosh Hashanah Choo Choo and Yom Ha'azmaut Ceremonies.

Most recently, a grant to the Special Services Department of the JEA enabled Temple B'nai Or to host a workshop presented by psychologists Dr. Neil Litinger and Dr. Dan Gallagher. The subject was "How Children Learn." Educators from Preschools in Morris County gathered here for this special presentation.

The Morris School District has an ongoing dialogue between the Kindergartens and the Early Childhood programs. Mrs. Nardone from our Pre-K class has visited many schools and met with many educators, professional consultants to the schools, and colleagues. Our latest meeting at the Presbyterian Church was a discussion on classroom management and discipline.

Many professional and educational organizations offer countless opportunities to convene. Some of us have attended workshops at the Morris County Learning Resource Center. I have attended a number of workshops at the Children's Services of Morris County in Randolph. The most recent was on Working With Parents. Teachers have taken courses in Developmentally Appropriate Classrooms, Math in the Pre-school, and Behavioral Management Skills. Future sessions will be in Helping Children Deal with Stress and CPR.

The National Association of Temple Educators presents a NATE conference on Jewish education every year as does the University of Judaism. Last summer, my experience in Israel at CAJE (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education) sponsored by the Coalition for Advancement in Jewish Education was outstanding. In addition to workshops and lectures, I visited educational settings as well as places that are tzedakah projects sites. Best of all, I interfaced with Jewish educators from all over the world.

The saying, "He (or she) who dares to teach must never cease to learn" lives as an honor and a privilege for the staff at Temple B'nai Or Nursery School.

Dee Cohen

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## Highlights of **Board Minutes** Februaru 1996

**PRESIDENT:** Jack Piermont urged the Board members to attend the UAHC Biennial in Dallas (Oct.29-Nov. 2), and also announced the next Key Leaders Meeting will be held here at Temple on March 25. Jack reported Alice Maleski, our Organist, announced her intent to retire this June. The initial stage of the Hollander Garden project will start shortly. The President reported a committee is beginning to look into commissioning new Torah covers and a new ark curtain in time for the High Holy Days.

RABBI: Rabbi Rossoff hopes all will attend a musical service on June 20th in honor of Alice Maleski. Rabbi Levy has been asked to participate in this service. Rabbi announced that his sermons during the month of March will explore the positions taken by the Reform movement on homosexuality and intermarriage.

MEN'S CLUB: In Richard's absence, Miriam Herbert reported the Men's Club donated \$1,800 to the Courtyard restoration project.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Mindy Zaziski reported one new member family has been accepted. There were five resignations. Current membership is 624 as of January, 1997.

COURTYARD: Jack Piermont and Carole Goldberg gave a status report on pledges made to date. On behalf of a very grateful congregation, Jack thanked Bill Schlosser for all his hard work on the fund raising for the Hollander Memorial Garden.

FACILITIES: Debby Dixler indicated the Facilities Committee has reviewed the fee schedule for renting our facilities, and moved the Board adjust the rental fees as recommended by the Facilities Committee. The motion was carried

FINANCIAL POLICIES: Linda Haan explained our current policy of handling gifts of stocks to the Temple, and members paying their dues with stock. Linda, on behalf of the Committee, moved the Temple absorb the commission cost when members make unsolicited gifts of stock to the Temple. Motion was carried.

SOCIAL ACTION: Norman Schnayer reported that work in preparation for Mitzvah Day is in full swing. Norman moved the Board authorize the Social Action Committee to spend up to \$750 for Mitzvah Day. Motion was carried.

WAYS AND MEANS: Dick Hyken reported on preparations for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction to take place on Saturday, May 10.

## Housing in Morristown

Faith in Housing is a non-profit developer of affordable housing which our Temple helped establish. Together with the Morris County Affordable Housing Corps, they have purchased a vacant two family house on Hazel Street in Morristown and hired a contractor to renovate the building into two three-bedroom condominium homes. The two homes should be completed in June and will be sold to two low or moderate income families.

Please consider:

- O Praying for Faith In Housing, or families in need of affordable housing, and for guidance on what role you can play in this important work.
- O If you or someone you know might be interested in buying one of the homes, watch for the flyer which will be available here at Temple in about two or three weeks.
- O Volunteer to help...for family selection and/or site selection ... no experience necessary! Many jobs to be done. Contact Carlton Bruen, Ir., Executive Director of FIH at 201-267-5100 for more information.

Mazel Tov

**BIRTH OF:** Samuel Jeffri, grandson of Enid and Allan Garf

Alexander Charles Carr, grandson of Laura and Herbert Waters



Save these dates!

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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:

> Ruth Rogol, mother of Barbara Brooks

Belle Polpluder, mother of Susanne Mosler

Pauline Velmer

Rose Shapiro, mother of Myra Widmann

## Shalom to New Members of our **Temple Family**

Pauline and Morris Hirstreet Parsippany



May 10	Goods and Services Auction
May 15	Annual Congregational Meeting*
May 17	Spring Fling
May 18	Gourmet Breakfast
May 20	Adult B'nai Mitzvah
June 1	Annual Picnic
June 13	Installation Service
	*Note change in date





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