# **Temple Topics**

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### Homecoming

It's comforting to know that people include you in their prayers. As the rabbi of a community for over twenty years, I guess I shouldn't be surprised to learn that people think of me at times other than Friday night. Still, I am touched by how many of you were concerned when I traveled to Israel last month. Marge Grayson, our president, told me of how

### from Rabbi Steven Kushner

she would receive phone calls asking if she had heard from me. People wanted to know if I was all right. And I confess, when our plane touched down safely in Newark, I too offered a sigh of relief. It was good to be home.

By the same token, when our plane landed in Tel Aviv a week earlier and I inhaled the sweet smell of Israel in bloom, I had a similar feeling of being home. And it felt good, not so much relief but rather at last. Israel has this remarkable power. Anyone who has ever been there can serve witness. It enriches your soul. It transforms you in ways you never thought possible. But when you leave, like parting from a lover, you lose part of your soul as well. And it can only be reclaimed in person.

So for the last few weeks, when asked about my experience in Israel, I found myself oddly responding in the positive. Oddly because, despite the ever-present fear of terror, despite the nightly thuds of warfare in the distance, despite the sirens neighborhoods and cordoned-off demarking scenes of death and destruction, despite the fact that a would-be suicide bomber passed by the place where I was lunching only to be thwarted from his mission at another restaurant 50 yards away, being in Israel was exhilarating.

Perhaps, indeed, it was the atmosphere of danger. (Especially in retrospect.) But anyone who knows me appreciates I am not a thrill-seeker. Marilyn takes the kids up Thunder Mountain. In the days immediately following September 11, I would nervously hold my breath as I traveled through the Lincoln Tunnel or across the George Washington Bridge. No, there was something different here. It wasn't the danger, per se, but rather it was being in a state of danger in the State of Israel. For the first time in my life I had put my body where my mouth was.

For thirty years I have devoted my life to the Jewish people. I have lived in Israel. I have taken groups to Israel. I have taught about Israel. I have preached about Israel. But I have always been a tourist. An outsider. Never at risk. Like ten years ago as I watched scud missiles explode in the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv from the comfort of my bedroom. But this time was different. Now I knew, if for only seven days, what it is like to live in a constant state of terror. What it is like to be an Israeli, if for only one week. For the first time in my life I was able to say, I was there.

This is not an advertisement to get you all to travel to Israel (although I would be thrilled to lead such a trip). Rather it's my simple way of saying thank you for worrying about me. And if those concerns were from the heart, which I have no doubt they were, then please continue them for the Jews who daily must endure the dangers of terror and hatred. They don't have the option of going somewhere else rather than waiting for sorrow to knock on their doors. They are on the front lines every day so that there might be a place to which Jews can go home.

Love and support for Israel should never be contingent on how well it satisfies our sense of political correctness. They are doing the best they can. So should we.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m. 💵 **Yizkor** service

Thursday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. Passover Day 8, Yizkor service

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Yom Hashoah service/Guest Speaker from The American Anti-Slavery Group

Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker, Author Neil Baldwin

Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. Olympic Spirit: The Jesse Owens Story

Sunday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Carol Ochs

Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. Havdylan Cafe II

Sunday night, May 16 Tikkun Leil Shavuot

### SHABBAT AT NER TAMID

#### Shabbat Services

Erev Shabbat services every Friday at 8 p.m. Shabbat services every Saturday at 10 a.m. April 5 at 7 p.m.: Tot Shabbat

April 13 at 10 a.m.: Casual Minyan

April 26: Anniversary Shabbat

Babysitting is available every Friday night and the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

### B'nai Mitzvah

April 6 . . . Matthew Lurie/Matthew Vomacka

April 13. . Benjamin Hirsch

April 20 . . Susannah and Jeremy Schaffer April 27 . . Adam Tucker

### Nishmat & Nova

Join us on the second Saturday of every month when we hold our casual minyan. We read the entire torah portion, engage in a lively and spirited discussion, and finish with a light Kiddush lunch. Babysitting is available. Join us April 13 at 10 a.m.

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Once again, I want to bring you up-to-date on an enormous number of things going on at the Temple.

The Nominating Committee has been working hard; a full slate of officers and trustees will be ready to be announced shortly. If you don't know, the Nominating Committee is appointed by the Executive Board (that is, the officers of the congregation) and consists of 4 Board members whose terms are not up and 4 members of the Congregation. Rochelle Sandler has ably chaired the committee this year. We have a very large Board: 10 officers, 24 trustees, and past presidents who continue to be involved. The Board meets 10 times a year, on the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Likewise, the Finance Committee is in the process of working on the Temple Budget for the next fiscal year. This is a huge job, attempting to predict where we will need money and how we will get it.

Please come to our Annual meeting on May 19th, which will also be a Templewide Mitzvah Day as well as blood drive. Details of everything will be out in April.

Our Capital Campaign is proceeding extremely well. Look for a creative illustrative display showing our Campaign success in the lobby after Passover. Of course, you have all received the beautiful Campaign brochure by now, and many of you have received (or will be receiving) phone calls to set up appointments to explore your involvement. We hope as close to 100% of the Temple will be involved in our *Kehilla* (community) campaign for the future of TNT. Please be generous if you are able. I want to remind you as you start thinking of your involvement that we are looking for 5-year commitments. We hope everyone will be as excited about this new phase as the Campaign leadership and I are. We are working now with an architect for the expansion plans; if all goes as planned, we will start construction on our multi-purpose room and additional offices after the High Holidays of 2002 and finish before the High Holidays of 2003. Again, more details will be available at the Congregational Annual meeting. And, of course, this Campaign is also seeking funds for endowment to cover the costs of future expanded programming and the continued health and well-being of our Congregation in the future.

I will keep you posted on developments.

I also want to welcome Renee Drell, our new Executive Director, who is squeezing into a corner of the office. Please stop by and meet her as she settles in. Renee is in charge of the building and of making everyone's volunteer lives easier—a huge task that we are easing her into. The Board is delighted to have her and to be working with her.

Finally, keep in mind all of the activities coming up, ranging from guest speakers to Havdalah Café, from choir *Shabbats* to Mitzvah Day, from *Yom HaShoah* to *Yom Haatzmaut to Shavuot*, from weekly services and lots of b'nai mitzvahs besides the casual minyan. I hope to see you at many of them.

### from Cantor Jessica Levitt

Judaism has a blessing for everything. We have blessings to say when waking up and blessings to say when falling asleep. There is, for example, one blessing to say when eating an apple—but another one for eating a carrot. Bread, wine and cereals also have their own unique blessings.

There is a blessing for everything and everything for a blessing.

The things we eat, use, see and feel are merely vessels that allow us to praise God's holy name. We don't sanctify the *items*—wine, apples, carrots, blossoms—by blessing them. We use them to remind ourselves that everything in this world is a small miracle that must be acknowledged and appreciated. We stop before we sip fine wine, nibble a luscious pear, or see a rainbow in order to appreciate the Creator of All.

Spring is a time when the miracles of God's creative power seem closer to us. Delicate flowers bloom in the lengthening hours of sunshine. Leaves now unfold as if by magical command. Rich green saturates our once dull, gray world. We are renewed again.

Maybe April is truly the "cruellest" [sic] month. Winter barely touched us this year; some have noted that it was like a long, drawn-out, dreary autumn without end. Dry, cold and dark have surrounded us for months. It's been an uncomfortable, restless hibernation.

Last week I drove into the city at night. Speeding around the helix, my gaze clung to the towers of light in lower Manhattan. Two blue beams shone above the skyline and into the stars. Later, leaving town and driving on the West Side Highway towards the Lincoln Tunnel, some volunteer firefighters from Upstate asked for directions at a light. "We're trying to get to Ground Zero," they said. "Which way should we go?" "South," I replied. "Just keep driving toward the lights."

There's more light in the morning now, waking us early and warming cold bones. There are lights at night now as well. I find lately I need both the light of God and the light of Man, the warm, life-giving sun and the blue-hot fire of memory and pain.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, the Creator of Light.

### Cantor to perform at New York's Makor

antor Levitt and Mark Dunn will be appearing at Makor in Manhattan (35 West 67th Street) on April 7 at 7:00 p.m. for a lecture/recital "Mi Sinai Nuggunim: Melodies from Sinai."

Mi Sinai Niggunim are a group of melodies held so sacred, they are considered to have come down from Mt. Sinai along with the Ten Commandments and the Torah. More than just a series of sounds, they are the expression of sacred ideas through sound. As we unlock their secrets we'll ask, What is the source of their power? How have sounds been "seen" by Jews through the ages? What is the connection between sound and spirituality? What are today's Mi Sinai melodies?

Tickets are \$15 dollars and can be purchased through Makor. For tickets or more information contact: 212-601-1000.





### from Iris Schwartz Education Director

The following story comes from the Talmud (Taanit, 24a). "In Rab's days, there was a teacher whose prayer for rain was answered promptly. Asked to tell of his special merit, he said: I teach children of the poor as well as of the rich; I accept no fee from any who cannot afford it; and I have a fishpond to delight the children and to encourage them to do their lessons."

- Snapshot: Seventh graders "unpacking" words from Pirkei Avot
- Snapshot: First graders baking matzah
- Snapshot: Eighth and ninth graders preparing food and feeding hungry people
- Snapshot: Fifth graders improving their language proficiency using newly created Hebrew games
- Snapshot: Third graders engrossed in Torah study
- Snapshot: Fourth graders leading peers in tefillah (prayer)
- Snapshot: Eleventh and twelfth graders visiting a college Hillel
- Snapshot: Second graders making (and eating) edible Hebrew letters
- Snapshot: Kindergarten Jewish detectives searching the temple for clues to Jewish observance
- Snapshot: Tenth graders preparing with the Rabbi for Confirmation

The pond at Temple Ner Tamid overflows with much more than fish. Our faculty and madrichim are to be thanked for that. Their enthusiasm for teaching our children is fueled by an enduring belief that Judaism is worth passing on to the next generation. Much of the work that they do goes unseen by others. Our faculty spend countless hours in teacher training sessions, Jewish education courses, staff meetings, team meetings, supervisory sessions, talking with parents and consulting with colleagues and other professionals, setting up classrooms, listening to Hebrew homework tapes, planning lessons, and more. Exhausting? Yes! Is it worth the effort? Yes!

Each and every religious school teacher and member of our madrichim program touches the future of the Jewish people. Do they each deserve our honor and respect? Yes! Please join with us as we pay tribute to our teachers and madrichim at Shabbat services on Friday, April 26, 2002.

Don't forget to bring your umbrella. Somehow I think that rain might be on the way.

### **Religous School Important Dates:**

Monday, April 1 Grades 8 and 9 Anti Defamation League Family Program

Wednesday, April 3 No School, Passover

Wednesday, April 10 Temple Yom Hashoah Program

Sunday, April 14 through Sunday, April 21 No School, Spring Break

Monday, April 22 Grades 6 and 7 Author's Visit, all temple members invited

Wednesday, April 24 Grade 6 Family Education Program with the Rabbi

Friday, April 26 Shabbat Morim

Sunday, April 28 Grade 5 Family Education Program

### Important Sisterhood Dates

**Monday April 15:** It's not just tax day; it's a **Sisterhood General Meeting.** Please join us at 8 p.m. as Holocaust survivor, Gina Lanceter, shares her personal experience with us. Hear about the lifesaving decision her parents made for her and how she survived during the war. It's guaranteed to be a night you'll never forget.

Friday May 10: Sisterhood Shabbat. Please plan to join us for this annual Shabbat event.

**Sunday June 9: Rummage Sale.** Doing spring-cleaning? Don't forget to put your treasures aside for our rummage sale. You can bring them to the temple the week before the sale.

**Monday June 10: Our Annual Donor Dinner.** The dinner will be held once again at the wonderful Toscana Ristorante in Montclair. Save the date and save your appetite for this delectable evening. It's not too late to earn donor credit!

### **Purim Thanks**

I would like to thank everyone who helped fill and distribute Shalach Manot boxes. Once again it was a huge success. With the proceeds we will be able to further help our Temple and also are giving a donation to Mazon which helps feed the hungry.

### Thanks to:

Liz Peters, Debbie and Maggie Ostheimer, Arlene and Bree Kraus, Ron Jacobs and Robin Sherman, Sonia Rapaport, Shirley Sapir, Martha Fritz, Rose Kron, Ann Katz, Elinor Neifeld, Norma Siegel, Ruth Cohen, Amy Levinsohn, Dot Glazer, Susan Fader, Stacey and Ashley Rom-Jensen, Rebekka Ellman, Rosa and Irene Kuzmich.

### Anniversaries

### Potpourri

Looking to earn Donor Credit? We are always looking for volunteers to spend a little time during Religious School hours to work in the Judaica Shop. It will give you a chance to peruse the latest merchandise while you earn \$2.00 donor credit for each hour worked. Please contact Amy Levinsohn at (973) 744-3668 if you are interested in helping us out.

The Sisterhood would like to congratulate Claire Feldman and Adrienne West the winners of our annual raffle. Enjoy your shopping spree! Our thanks to the temple community for your support. It's through your generosity that the Sisterhood is able to support various functions and groups as well as provide interesting programs.

The Sisterhood is collecting cleaning supplies and household items for the domestic violence safe house. Household items such as lightly used dishes, towels, sheets and small appliances will be greatly appreciated in addition to cleaning supplies. These items will be given to women that have escaped from situations involving domestic violence to help them set up their own homes. Items can be dropped off at the Judaica Shop.

### Sisterhood Tribute Fund

### **Births**

Lori & Rick Abrams—Son Micah Solomon Ruth Jackler—Granddaughter Helene & Sid Spitz—Great Grandson

### Condolences

David Rappeport—wife Lorraine Ruth Cohen—sister Lorraine Rappeport Lori Loebelsohn—daughter of Carol Loebelsohn

### **Sisterhood Adult Education**

Rabbi Kushner will spark your imagination and lead you into areas of discussion that you never thought of before. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Dates: 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15

*Mazal Tov* to the following couples who will celebrate their anniversaries in March and will be honored at Erev Shabbat Service on April 26:

Sheldon & Dorothy A. Altwarg Gideon & Catherine Asher Cary & Beth Chevat Stephen & Dianna Chipkin Charles & Judith Cohen Mark & Stasha Cohen Ron Epstein & Paula Kaufmann Thomas Fraioli & Eve Robinson Stephen & Deborah Friedman James Friedman & Janet Boltax Robert & Stacey Hammerling Alan & Susan Hecht David Jasinski & Allison Field David & Naomi Kaplan Jack & Anita Kassel Arthur Katz & Nan Silver Joseph & Roberta Klein Gordon & Arlene Kraus Eric & Susan Levin Jerome & Marisabel Raymond Ira Resnick & Ellen Ziff-Resnick Stuart & Susan Rosen Edward & Fern Seaman Irving & Evelyn Shakin Tobin Unger & Enid Shapiro Howard & Nina Wilson

### Seniors

ouis R. Druian Fellowship Circle, co-sponsored by Temple Ner Tamid, the Weiss Family Endowment Fund and Dorothy Druian in cooperation with the JCC Metropolitan NJ and the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

Meetings are held at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Current events discussion and/or video aerobics start at 11:15 a.m., followed by (bring your own) dairy lunch, and then the feature presentation at 12:15 p.m. Meetings conclude with a business meeting.

### **April Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, April 2	Hirschhorn speaker Edith Sobel
Tuesday, April 9	Yom Hashoah Program at Agudath Israel, Caldwell
Thursday, April 18	Israeli Independence Day Program with Caldwell. Ruthie Cohen to perform
Tuesday, April 30	No Meeting

### **Upcoming Events/Trips**

Wednesday, April 24 ..... Trip to JCC for Spiritual Health Fair



### **B'NAI MITZVAH**

April 6 . . . Matthew Lurie/Matthew Vomacka

April 13 . . Benjamin Hirsch

April 20 . . Susannah and Jeremy Schaffer

April 27 . . Adam Tucker

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to Susan and Lanny Katz on the engagement of their son, Joshua to Jill Allison Borteck, daughter of Lynn and Robert Borteck and granddaughter of Evelyn and Manuel Stier. An October wedding is planned.

### THEIR MEMORIES ARE A BLESSING

Chicky Goldberg, Beloved father of Richard Goldberg Lorraine Rappeport, Beloved wife of David Rappeport...Beloved sister of Ruth Cohen Morton Raymond, Beloved father of Jerome Raymond Syril Levine, Beloved mother of Susan Levine

Shabbat - April 5 Sally Canter Louis Cole Arthur Eisenberg Lake Epstein **Thomas Fitzgerald** Yetta Freedman Nathan Garmansky Solomon Geller Martha Henley Joseph Jacobs Samuel W. Kaplan Herz Ketzlach Selma Kowal Louis Liebling David Marion William Marks Louise Nazare Martha Newman Hyman Phillips Anne Polin Harry Rabinowitz Benjamin Rich Saul Ring Max Schutzman Minnie Sherman Berl Sondak Moritz Spitz Barbara Weiser Julia G. Yasen

Shabbat – April 12 Henry H. Abrams Louis Abramson Hialmer Anderson Samuel Berger Dr. Samuel Cohn Gedaliah Convissor Moishe Ehrlich Rose Halpern Max A. Kahn Mollie Kaplan Sara L. Keyles Morris Korn Anita R. Lanzo Martha Lazar Milton Lee Leon Levoff Yetta Mandelkern Fred W. Phelps Zelig Rapaport Erna Reisner Israel Richmond Erwin Rosenow Maxwell Ross Terry Samuels Hazel Satin Ray Schiller Antonia Schubert Fannie B. Shapiro Jonah Spiller Benjamin Stadtmauer Alexander Sterne Mary Stolzberg Deborah K. Weidenbaum Samson Wiener Sandra R. Zeff

Samuel Zelikman Blanche Ziman Shabbat April 19 Morris Becker Lee Bolker Hermon Brown **Elizabeth Dicks** Norman Eatroff Serene Funk Fanchon Gattel **Jules** Gruber **Jack Guest** Louis Hershkowitz Martha Heumann Samuel Holland Anna Krulewitz Fannie Latz Ray Levee June Linn Benjamin J. Meyer Samuel E. Myers Samuel Paur **Charles** Reisner Albert Rothfeld **Rachel Shapiro** Stella Shtracks Samuel Solomon Helen Tucker Kermit Wellner Morris W. Wien Joseph Wischner



Shabbat – April 26 Matthew Adlman Rebecca Bussin Harry Cotler Sol Feia Anna Feingold Esther Garmansky Eva Girsh Hyman Goldstein Locke Grayson Max Hirsch Anna Ivner Eleanor Kaplan Nathan Kerdman Henry Kolb Selig Krischer Abraham Krulewitz Louise Krulewitz Wolf Maybe Alex Neuman Louis Roth Florence Schick **Jules D. Schor** Samuel Sherman Abraham M. Slater Hyman Small Fannie Sterne Louis Stier Edward J. Uchrin





Sunday Mornings

#### **BEGINNING WITH GENESIS**

No text in Judaism has been more loved and debated than *Sefer Bereishit*—The Book of Genesis. Is it just a haphazard collection of great stories or is there a message in the whole? Are the stories factual or true (there *is* a difference)? What is a *myth* and why is it so important for modern Jews? These and many other questions will form the basis for an extended introduction to the Book of Genesis. Modern scholarship as well as ancient rabbinic commentary will be brought to bear onto our examination of this most beloved of sacred texts.

Instructor: Rabbi Steven Kushner

Sundays Breakfast at 10 a.m. Lecture 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. April 7, 28; May 5, 12

Fee: \$15



Sunday Evening Lectures

### April 28, 2002 / Carol Ochs FINDING GOD IN OUR OWN STORIES

Temple Ner Tamid is honored to have as our final speaker for this year's Guest Lecturer Series, Dr. Carol Ochs. She will be joining us on April 28, 2002, Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Carol Ochs is Director of the Graduate School and Adjunct Associate Professor of Jewish Religious Thought at HUC-JIR, New York. Her research, writing, and teaching focus on Jewish spirituality, comparative religion, and Jewish feminism. In addition to teaching spiritual guidance, she serves as spiritual guide to Rabbinic, cantorial, and Doctor of Ministry students. Prior to joining the faculty of HUC-JIR, she taught philosophy at Simmons College in Boston, where she is professor emerita. Her most recent book, *Finding God in Our Own Stories* has been widely praised by leading Jewish scholars and thinkers. The following are just some of the comments that her book has prompted:

"A most intriguing book! What is it? A work of theology? Personal reflection and childhood memories? Biblical commentary? Psychotherapeutic exploration of the unconscious, epic stories of love and loss, a self-help guide, poetry of the soul, a book of healing? Suddenly the mind penetrates to the core of this work and grasps its inner meaning: it is all of the above and more. This is a poignantly beautiful work of theological understanding." —Blu Greenberg, author of On Women and Judaism and How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household

"A moving and inspiring book that should be read by anyone wishing to have a richer, deeper life. Ochs's approach to Jewish theology will be helpful to people of all faiths and to those in search of faith." —Professor Susannah Heschel, author of Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus

"Through her powerful stories, piercing intellect, and challenging commentary, [Ochs] enables each of us to discover God's presence in all that happens to us." —Rabbi Norman J. Cohen, provost, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

"With uncommon wisdom, Carol Ochs blends the discipline of theology with the art of story-telling to help us achieve the kind of self-awareness that can only enrich our lives." —Neil Gilman, professor of Jewish philosophy, The Jewish Theological Seminary

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## Yom Hashoah

### APRIL 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Jesse A. Sage Assistant Director, American Anti-Slavery Group

Jesse A. Sage, Assistant Director, American Anti-Slavery Group, will speak about the existence of slavery around the world. As many as 30 million people are enslaved today worldwide, forced to work for no pay under the threat of violence. Contemporary slavery includes forced labor, debt bondage, forced prostitution, and chattel slavery. Cases of human bondage exist around the world.

The American Anti-Slavery Group is dedicated to abolishing slavery worldwide. Based in Boston, the historic center of the American abolitionism, the AASG works to extend the wave of emancipation to millions trapped in bondage.

Mr. Sage has spoken at numerous colleges and universities including Harvard, MIT, and American University. He has appeared on National Public Radio, CNN, the BBC, and Black Entertainment Television.

April Offerings

### Friday April 12 at 8 p.m.

### NEIL BALDWIN, AUTHOR OF "HENRY FORD AND THE JEWS"

Author Neil Baldwin will speak about his book, "Henry Ford and the Jews," immediately following services.

Every schoolchild knows that Henry Ford was the genius who automated the process of making cars. Less well known – until now – was the fact that Ford turned the same talent into a campaign against the Jews. Neil Baldwin's new book, **Henry Ford and the Jews: The Mass Production of Hate**, has received critical acclaim and is already in its second printing. Mr. Baldwin is a coveted speaker on the Jewish lecture circuit.

Mr. Baldwin, who has also written a biography of Thomas Edison, lives in Glen Ridge, and has graciously accepted our invitation to speak about his book.



Copies of **Henry Ford and the Jews** are now available in the Temple office for \$22, a discount off the cover price. They cannot be sold on Shabbat, but will be for sale in the synagogue a few weeks before his lecture.

### Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m.

#### BELIEVE THE DREAM IN OLYMPIC SPIRIT: THE JESSE OWENS STORY

The courage and triumph of Jesse Owens, one of America's greatest Olympic heroes, are celebrated in ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's production of *Olympic Spirit: The Jesse Owens Story* being presented on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. at the Temple. Set during the tumultuous 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, *Olympic Spirit: The Jesse Owens Story* portrays the struggle of Jesse and his fellow athletes against the prevailing politics in Germany.

As the U.S. Olympic team sets sail for the Games in Nazi Germany in 1936, the African-American track star Jesse Owens dreams of winning a gold medal and showing the world that all races are equal. Jesse's dear friend and teammate is a Jewish relay runner named Dave Levitt. Dave is also very eager to challenge Germany's "Master Race Theory." When the two friends arrive in Berlin, Jesse quickly gains international recognition by winning gold medals in his first two races. Meanwhile, Dave befriends Helene Mayer, the only Jewish member of the entire German Olympic team. Unfortunately, the politics of the Games become overwhelming for the young athletes. Founded by Temple Ner Tamid members Gary and Mark Blackman in 1985, ArtsPower National Touring Theatre is one of the premiere American theatre companies for young and family audiences. "At ArtsPower, we are committed to enriching children's lives through the performing arts," said Gary Blackman, executive producer. "Characters like Jesse show young audiences that there is true strength in friendship in any day and age."

ArtsPower has created 14 original musical theatre, dance and instrumental music productions that have been seen by more than four million people. In addition to its touring productions (Hans Brinker's "Christmas," "Salem Justice," Laura Ingalls Wilder: "Growing Up on the Prairie," "Dance Asia," "Anne of Green Gables," "Fourscore & Seven Years Ago," "Terrifically Tilly" and "A Little Princess"), ArtsPower has begun an interactive television broadcast series that brings the excitement and immediacy of high quality live performances to an even wider audience.

Watch your mail for further information or call the Temple office at (973) 338-1500.

### **Tikkun Olam**

The Tikkun Olam committee's next major effort will be a "Mitzvah Day," in conjunction with the Sunday school, on Sunday May 19, on the last day of Sunday School, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Activities will include a clean-up at Clark's Pond and around the Temple, doing odd jobs for seniors in the area, and a blood drive.

Terrorism discussion groups continue, led by a professional facilitator, and focused on our personal reactions to the recent attacks on New York, the Pentagon, and Israel. The group will next meet on Sunday evening, April 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Temple library. All are welcome.

The Temple's Junior Youth Group (5th through 8th graders) is sponsoring its own Tikkun Olam project, a "Wishing Well" for kitchen utensils to be donated to needy families. Look for the receptacle in the Temple Lobby.

The Tikkun Olam Committee still needs congregants interested in social action! By participating in the present activities of the committee, and advocating for causes you identify, you too can participate in "Repairing the World." The next meeting will be Thursday April 18th at 8 p.m., at the synagogue. Coffee and cookies will be served. For more information, contact the Tikkun Olam chairperson Larry Westreich at 509-1444 or <westlar@aol.com>.

### Blood Drive at TNT on May 19

Temple members are again invited to participate in a blood drive to be held in the Bloodmobile which will be in the parking lot of the Temple on Sunday May 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reservations for specific time slots every 20 minutes starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:40 p.m. may be made by contacting Harvey Morginstin, 973-338-6408, leave message, or e-mail to <hayimm@excite.com>.

Last time they gave out Dunken Donuts, so if you really like Krispy Kreme, bring them!

Last month article spelled Krispy Kreme with capital C's which is incorrect. Our apologies to that fine company for the unintentional error. Congratulations to all the proofreaders that picked up on this error.

### Yad B'Yad, Grotta Foundation Update

Nearly three years ago, a grant was received by Temple Ner Tamid, the purpose of which was to reach into the community, find isolated or lonely seniors and match them up with active individuals who would call them on a regular basis.

We have made many "buddy" relationships which have worked as well for the buddies who call, as those who are being called. Friendships have been made among the group and a close camaraderie has been formed.

Last year, the play "I DO, I DO" was a huge success and this year we are presenting the wonderful Klezmer duo, "THE OY VEY KLEZMER" on April 21, Sunday at 3 p.m.

The community at large has now learned that Temple Ner Tamid is the center for those Jewish people who could use help, advice or just friendship.

An extensive and updated directory of senior services is available for the asking at our temple.

With the senior community expanding rapidly, the needs will only increase in coming years. Our program, which assists the lonely, is mainly a volunteer program and no matter how large it gets, will not greatly alter the expenditures, because it runs on very little overhead.

The greatest gift we can offer our elderly citizens is the dignity of not being alone. It is our greatest mitzvah. That's what the grant sought and what the grant continues to achieve.

Volunteers are always needed and most welcome.

Call the temple today and sign up for this most worthy of mitzvahs.

### **High Holiday Appeal Round-Up**

Thank you to all of the Temple members who have participated in the High Holiday Appeal which we are now officially closing. This has been our most successful appeal ever, raising close to \$100,000 from 187 families.

Thank you to the following people who have made pledges to our High Holiday Appeal between January 15, 2002 and March 12, 2002:

Jani Rachelson

Again, the Temple is extremely appreciative to all of you who have given so much.

The Temple Ner Tamid men's softball team will be in action again this spring in a long-standing "men's only" synagogue league. The 16-team league is competitive, but the key focus is having fun. We play slow-pitch (also known as high arc) ball. Balls and strikes are called by an umpire. Games last 7 innings.

Spring Training: There will be "spring training" practices in Brookdale Park on the following Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. — March 31, April 7 and April 14. This schedule presumably allows anyone doing earlysession Religious School drop-off and pickup to do so and still get some "spring training" in. We will meet rain or shine, meaning that we meet each other in the lower parking lot even if it's pouring — perhaps over a nosh in a dry place.

Season: The season starts on April 21. Games are all played on Livingston public school fields every Sunday morning until late July. If we make the playoffs, the season can continue until early August. With one or two exceptions, all games start at 10 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m. We try to get to the field before 9:30 a.m. to warm up and get in some batting and fielding practice.

*Contacts:* The team managers are Warren Levinson (Mordechai in this year's Purim Spiel) and Bob Adler (King Achashverosh in the Spiel):

a. Warren can be reached at 973-680-4435 or wlevinson@ap.org

b. Bob can be reached at 973-509-8459 or radleris@comcast.net

If you want to play for all or part of the season, contact Warren or Bob. We need to submit a roster to the league, so we will need to get some info (name, date of birth, home phone, e-mail) and a signature from you. We are also ordering uniforms, so we would also want to know what size jersey and pants you wear (S/M/L/XL/XXL).

*Eligibility:* All males above the age of 20 can play if they are members of the Brotherhood. League rules prevent more than three players under age 30 from being on the field at any time. While the league does not specify, our team also expects players to be current or prospective Ner Tamid members. We do this because we view this team as a chavurah within the Ner Tamid community.

*Mitzvot:* Team members play an active part in High Holy Days ushering and on various programs and committees. Players are encouraged to "discover" and act upon their mitzvot within the Ner Tamid community.

*Thanks:* The team owes a debt of gratitude to the Brotherhood for its financial and moral support to member/players. All of us on the team — as well as our families, doctors and HMOs — also want to thank Debbie Lasday, who has provided instructions on appropriate warm-up exercises to help prevent unnecessary injury.

Fans: Opening game is Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m. As soon as the schedule is set, we will let you know where each game will be during the season. We welcome fans, supporters, advisors, kibitzers, etc.

*Brotherhood:* To find out more about what you can do with the Brotherhood or offer ideas and time to helping rethink what Brotherhood can do, contact Steve Rosen at 973-837-1624 or <shrosenesq@aol.com>.

### Thanks To Everyone Involved In My Fair Esther It Was Fabulous!

TNT members and their friends who had the opportunity to enjoy this year's Purimspiel, *My Fair Esther*, will be particularly appreciative of the generosity of Jack Gendelman and Brett Thomas. Jack and Brett, from Atlantic Studios in Newark, contributed to the high-quality production values of *My Fair Esther* by donating the platforms and drapery used in the play. Atlantic Studios has supported the TNT Purim play for the past several years with their donations, and the Temple is very grateful. Atlantic Studios is located at 661 North 4th Street, Newark, NJ 07107, and can be reached at (973) 481-9242. Thanks, Jack and Brett.

Special thanks to all those who devoted so much time and effort in making this year's Purimspiel the success it was.

Brian O'Reilly (writing the script and directing) Warren Levinson, Mark Rakov, Brian O'Reilly and Eric Levin (writing the song parodies and coming up with the story ideas)

> Deborah Lasday (choreography) Fred Phelps (musical direction) Tony Castrigno (sets and lights) Susan Borofsky (vocal coaching) and of course, the cast:

Bob Adler Mike Berlin Anna Berlin **Robin Borchert** Susan Borofsky Janet Campeas **Bob** David Lindsey Einhorn Barbara Flessas Ted Gabel **Debbie Galant** Marge Grayson Jennie Grayson Chloe Gutelle Cindy Herman **Rachel Hott** Matthew Jacobs **Gavi Keyles** Lisa Korn Marissa Korn-Castrigno Ava Kravitz Rabbi Steven Kushner Eric Levin Warren Levinson Margot Levinson Noah Levinson Cantor Jessica Levitt

JoAnna Luks Stephanie Lurie Abigail O'Reilly Brian O'Reilly Mark Rakov Jody Rakov **Rachel Rakov** Lydia Rakov **Rochelle Sandler Robin Sherman** Jean Siegel Barbara Siegel James Vest Alex Vest Lisa Westreich Noah Westreich And the musicians: Fred Phelps (piano) Tobin Unger (drums) Bob Mellman (bass) Ethan O'Reilly (bass guitar) Special Acknowledgements: MOC Musical Theatre for loaning us the horse costume **Atlantic Studios** for loaning us the platforms and drapery JoAnna Luks for loaning us microphones

### HISTORIC' ISRAELI COURT DECISION

ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America Applauds the Supreme Court

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20- ARZA/WORLD UNION, the representative of North American Reform Jewry on Israel issues, today hailed the historic Israeli Supreme Court ruling that has ordered the State of Israel to recognize as Jews all people who have undergone conversions, including those administered by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

"This is an historic day. It marks the first time that the government of Israel officially recognizes non-orthodox conversions. Now, finally, Israeli citizens, living in Israel, who have undergone Reform conversions, will enjoy the same rights and standing as all other Israeli Jews," said Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America.

Rabbi Hirsch was at the Israeli Supreme Court this morning for the 9 a.m. ruling along with Philip Meltzer, president of ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America. ARZA/World Union and the Israel Religious Action Center have led the fight legally and politically on this issue for more than a decade.

"We are delighted by this news," Meltzer said.

"At such a difficult time in Israel, this is a paramount statement about worldwide Jewish unity. The Supreme Court has affirmed that all of us - Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and secular - are of the same people, no matter how we got here," Meltzer said.

Today's ruling will have a profound impact on hundreds of thousands of Israelis.

"We do not seek - nor do we expect - the recognition of the Orthodox establishment in Israel, but we trust and expect that they will abide by this legal decision - the new Law of the Land. The last thing we need right now is a renewed international struggle over 'Who is a Jew?'" Hirsch said.

In the late 1990s there was widespread acrimony over the status of non-Orthodox Jewry.

"This is a great day for Reform Judaism and a great day for all Israel," Hirsch said.

For more information please call, ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America at 212-650-4280.

ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America is the representative of North America's Reform Jewish community for issues pertaining to Israel and Zionism, as well as the voice of matters related to Reform Judaism worldwide. ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America is the North American representative of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and is an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

### JFS TRANSITIONS SENIOR CARE NETWORK

The Jewish Family Service of MetroWest (which covers our part of New Jersey) provides elder care services under the name "**Transitions**." This program helps adult children with the transitions of their aging parents. Services which are offered include in-home or office counseling; medical evaluation and monitoring; comprehensive geriatric assessment; home health aides; support groups to cope with loss and caregiving; advocacy with entitlement programs/insurance; developing a transition plan into assisted living or other residence; transportation to medical care; volunteer services and visiting; information and referral.

These services are all available to you as members of Temple Ner Tamid. Further, as a member you are entitled to a 25% discount in the consultation provided by JFS.

Should you need their services, please call JFS at 973-765-9050; make sure you tell them that you are a TNT member. You may also call Sheila Edelman at the Temple office for guidance on the process.

### A JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROJECT COMES TO NEWARK

You may have already read in the Star Ledger or New York Times about the efforts underway to document every Jewish cemetery in the world. This remarkable undertaking is being spearheaded locally by one woman, Alice Gould, who with her late husband, began back in 1995, under the auspices of the Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey. 17,000 names have been recorded to date.

Alice Gould has scheduled the next volunteer day for Sunday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Won't you please join and help in this effort to perpetuate the memory of Newark's once thriving Jewish community and record the names of those who came before us? This data will be compiled and submitted to a worldwide on-line burial registry.

For more information please e-mail Alice at <argould21@aol.com>.



THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council Presents:

### TRADITIONS FOR TRANSITION The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning

Sponsored by the Regional Outreach and Caring Community Committees

A Seminar covering Shiva, Bereavement Support, Making Sacred Decisions, Outreach Issues and Planning a Funeral

### OFFERED ON THREE DATES AND LOCATIONS:

April 7 North Sub-Region Temple Beth Torah Upper Nyack, NY 9am -12:30 p.m. RSVP 4/1 April 21 Central Sub-Region Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel South Orange, NJ 9am - 12:30 p.m. RSVP 4/15 May 5 South Sub-Region Temple Beth Miriam Elberon, NJ 9am-12:30 p.m. RSVP 4/28

Optional Service at 8:30 am Fee: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Breakfast will be served.

Workshop 1: Death, Mourning and Outreach in a Congregation and a Home
Workshop 2: Making Sacred Decisions: Advanced Directives, Living Wills, Hospice
Workshop 3: Shiva, Mourning and Caring Congregational Communities
Workshop 4: How to Plan a Funeral

You will be able to attend two of the above workshops

Please return to UAHC, 56 Ridgewood Rd, Washington Township, NJ 07676 I will be attending the seminar at the following location (please check one)

April 7, Temple Beth Torah, Upper Nyack

April 21, Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, South Orange

\_\_\_\_\_May 5, Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon

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### Tuesday, April 16 Temple Ner Tamid 936 Broad St., Bloomfield

Reservations required Each session limited to 20 children with parents/grandparents

Cost \$15/child; \$25/2 children in one family (\$18.00/child at the door with pre-registration) Includes healthy snacks and treats, a goody bag of craft projects and enrichment materials

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### April Candle Lighting Times

April 5 . . . 6:07 p.m. April 12 . . 6:15 p.m. April 19 . . 6:22 p.m. April 26 . . 6:29 p.m.

### **OF INTEREST... FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Join us for Shabbat Morim on Friday evening, April 26th as we honor our religious school teachers and madrichim. Please show your support for all they do for our children and our community.

On Monday, April 22nd we will be privileged to welcome Livia Bitton-Jackson, author of I Have Lived A Thousand Years. Ms. Bitton-Jackson will be speaking to our 6th and 7th graders about her experiences as a Holocaust survivor. All temple members are encouraged to join with us from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as we listen to her remarkable story of courage and survival.

We have openings for religious school teachers for the fall. Both new and experienced teachers are needed to help mold the future of the Jewish people. Contact Iris Schwartz, Director of Education, for details.

### DON'T THINK TWICE! COME TO HAVDYLAN II

### May 4 at 8 p.m.

Come all without, come all within! The Havdylan Cafe returns for Basically Bob, a night of songs by Bob Dylan, Smokey Robinson, The Beatles and others, performed by the sensational band of TNT musicians and friends. If you didn't come to last year's Havdylan Cafe, don't miss this one. If you came last year, you're ready to rock once more!

Don Sarlin (Electric Guitar), Kevin Ellman (Drums), Iris Schaffer (Vocals), and Bob Mellman (Guitar/Vocals) are joined by Iris's intended, Doug Hall (Piano/Vocals), Barry Mitterhoff (Mandolin), Mike Levine (Dobro) and Larry Cohen (Bass) reach into Dylan's myriad musical roots—traditional folk, country, bluegrass, blues, and rock and roll. With three singers, and with instrumentalists who have played with Van Morrison, Bette Midler, Esther Phillips, Todd Rundgren, Mary Travers, Shawn Colvin, David Bromberg, in major motion



pictures, commercials and on "A Prairie Home Companion", you can be guaranteed a night of great music performed by great musicians.

Desserts, wine, and hot and cold beverages are included in the price of admission.

Tickets available through the Temple office, (973) 338-1501. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

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