

# TEMPLE Topics

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RABBI STEVEN KUSHNER

## keepers of the flame

Appearances can deceive. This we all know. What you see is not always what you get. And sometimes, even often, there is more than meets the eye.

From where I sit (or stand), the High Holy Day experience is a sea of humanity looking at me (and the Cantor), a form of sacred theater where the Cantor and I are the focus of attention. And so I must assume it looks to you, but in reverse. The two of us perched above the congregation, isolated, even excluded from the community. (There is a reason why, in traditional Judaism, the *shaliach tzibur*—the leader of worship faces in the same direction as the rest of the community.) But more to the point, I could see how to a novice, to a newcomer, all this might appear as if the Cantor and the Rabbi were doing it all. But this is not so.

The High Holy Days are an extraordinary illustration in the potential of community. If the truth be told, these sacred days could never be without you: ushers and choir members, volunteer musicians and shofar blowers, Torah readers and *B'Yachad* coordinators. The members of the Religious Affairs committee who planned and implemented the babysitting and the *Book of Remembrance*. The House Committee which prepared the building, and the *Tikkun Olam* Committee which organized the Food Drive. Every member of the Temple's staff—from the Religious School and Preschool directors to the Administrator to the office and custodial employees—worked tirelessly for weeks to make the New Year good. In fact, we've been preparing since *Pesach*.

This is the way it's supposed to be. Individuals working together for the larger good. Yes the Cantor leads us in prayer. I try to help put things into perspective. But the task of being a community belongs to you. As Bob Adler, our president, continued to remind us from *Rosh Hashanah* to *Yom Kippur* (and something tells me he's not going to stop there), each of us has a role to play in the shaping of *Ner Tamid*. An opportunity to contribute. Let me put it to you another way: To be a member of a community is not to be a consumer.

We call ourselves *Ner Tamid*. Those two words translate as *Eternal Light*. The thing that hangs atop our ark. But the phrase *ner tamid*—as it appears in Torah—has a similar but significantly different meaning. *Ner* means "light." *Tamid* means "eternal." The two words together, by themselves, form a noun (*ner*) and an adjective (*tamid*). But in context—as the phrase *ner tamid* appears in the book of Leviticus—the word *tamid* is not an adjective but an adverb. Not "You shall establish an eternal light" but rather "You shall perpetually establish a light." Big difference. What is more, the "You" is written in the plural. We are all challenged with the task of keeping the flame alive. No one has the right to presume it's somebody else's job. It is a communal obligation. And it never goes away.

Thank you to all who see our synagogue as your responsibility. Thank you for making *Ner Tamid* part of your family. You have made us a better community because of your willingness to share. Indeed, you have helped to make our New Year brighter. The light burns because of you.

### SERMONS AVAILABLE

Copies of Rabbi Kushner's High Holy Day Sermons are now available in the Temple office.

### SHABBAT AT NER TAMID

#### SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat services:  
every Friday at 8 p.m.

Shabbat services:  
every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Tot Shabbat:  
November 1 at 7 p.m.

Casual Minyan:  
October 12 at 10 a.m.

Anniversary Shabbat:  
October 25 at 8 p.m.

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

#### B'NAI MITZVAH

*Mazal Tov to the happy families*

October 5:	Max Claman Joshua Kleinman
October 12:	Matthew Frank Dylan Hyman
October 19:	Lindsey Russo Amanda Segal
October 26:	Carina Lee

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# being prayer

After Selichot services, I read some of the Readings from the siddur—looking for some inspiration about what to focus on for the New Year. I would like to share two of these readings with you:

1. *Our life is fulfilled by what we become, not by what we were at birth. Endowment and heritage mean much...and then again nothing; the essential thing is what we make of them.*
2. *In profound contrast to the idea of redemption as a goal of rest stands the idea of redemption as a continuous ethical ascent.*

There is a lot of physicality here. We must **become**, we must **make** something of our heritage and we must **ascend** to be redeemed.

How do we ascend? We are all familiar with Jacob's ladder—but the rabbis apply the ladder metaphor beautifully to what we do together on the High Holy Days and every Shabbat—pray. They take the text "I am prayer" from Psalm 109 and say that there are three rungs to the ladder of prayer: Third best is to talk about prayer. Second best is to pray. Best is to **be** prayer.

How can we **be** prayer? The long confession prayer in the Selichot siddur lists human sins in an order that offers a remarkable hint about finding an answer to that question.

- First, the prayer focuses on sins against *God*—including hating without cause...dishonesty in business, and by hurting others in any way.
- Second, we confess sins against *life*—by failing to work for peace, by keeping silent in the face of injustice, by ignoring those who suffer in distant lands, and by forgetting the poor in our own midst.
- The confessional prayer continues with more sins, and then it ends in a remarkable way—by focusing on sins committed against *ourselves*—by paying scant heed to the life of the spirit and...by not having **risen** to fulfill the best that is in us.

Again, an expression of ascent—of rising.

As I noted on Erev Rosh Hashana, my charge to each of you is this: *Find and act on your Ner Tamid mitzvot*. What does this mean?

- Fulfill your mitzvot by **rising** to fulfill the best that is in you.
- These mitzvot are the ethical and spiritual imperatives within each of us—that can only become real through **action**.

Obviously, I am imploring each of you to find a few Ner Tamid mitzvot this year that give meaning to your life—whether they are community mitzvot that exist now or those that you can help create here. If we rise to fulfill the best that is in us, then maybe we can **be** prayer.

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CANTOR JESSICA LEVITT

# road rules

This August, I drove back and forth to the far southern Outer Banks by myself. It was the accomplishment of my summer. Before this, my farthest solo trip had been to Cape Cod, which is a mere five or six hours—no big deal. This was the summer I passed my own personal mental stamina test.

I should confess that I come from a long-line of distance drivers. My great-grandfather, David Schwartz, used to load up the Packard and take his wife and his three daughters from New York City to Mexico, California, or the Grand Canyon. My grandfather hated to fly, so in his prime he drove from Boca to wherever we lived: Delaware, Illinois or New Jersey. He had a habit of braking every couple of hundred feet, for no apparent reason, which made it difficult to ride with him without throwing up.

My mother is the inheritor of these sacred driving genes. She's good for distance and for any weather. I think she was a trucker in a past life. She drove sixteen hours straight from Princeton Junction to Champaign, Illinois to take me to college, twice a year for five years. She wouldn't let me drive. She liked it too much. Our ten-year-old, 150,000 mile, light-blue Ford LTD station wagon was her baby. We had a goodbye ceremony when it finally died. From her, I learned the trick of not stopping. You stop for gas and coffee only. Grab something to eat in the car and get back on the road. Don't lose momentum. My older brother has driven cross-country. This spring, my little sister drove from Chicago to Montana, down to Colorado and back to the Windy City.

So this August, it was finally my turn to take up the family tradition.

I went down alone to an island on the far southern Outer Banks. I don't want to tell you the name, because you might want to go there. And, I confess, it's fun to be anonymous. I told the locals I was a music teacher. They don't know from cantors down there. I drove down in two days, stopping at tourist sights along the way, but I wanted to drive back in one. I estimated it would be about eleven or twelve hours, depending on the weather. I wondered if I could do it alone. Did I have the gene? Did I have the *sitzfleisch*?

What kept me going was the joy of the newly seen. I was able to attain the sort of Zen mind that can only be achieved by remaining immobile while moving—it was like an alert trance-state. Driving north and south on the DelMarVa peninsula, there were shacks and abandoned houses, farm-stands selling tomatoes, little kids selling shrimp for 35 cents a pound, flea markets, fireworks for sale, smelly chicken processing plants and brown, stunted corn so dry I wept for the shame of it. There were volunteer firefighter bar-b-ques and all-you-can-eat church suppers. I liked the signs that said, "Welcome Home Mrs. Barbara" and "Hermit Crab Races." But most of all, I liked the church signs.

I always look for signs and symbols. I used to meditate on the black and white subway signs that read, "Do Not Hold Doors." What was the universe trying to tell me? What should we hold and what should we let go? Where was the conductor, the oracle to clarify the hidden meaning in this pedestrian sticker? I can't help it. I look for signs and wonders because they are there. Once in the subway, I noticed that

someone replaced the signs that said, "Air Conditioned Car, Do Not Open Windows," with identical-looking signs that read, "Karma Conditioned Car, Watch What You Do."

What harm can there be in looking? After all, are we not obligated to thank God for the miracles before us morning, noon and night? Who's to say what that miracle may be? You have to notice a lot of things to see a miracle. In Blake's words, "If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite." Or maybe just more interesting.

After a few hours, I started writing the church signs down as best I could without killing myself or anyone else on the road. Luckily there are lots of stoplights on Route 13. As the messages accumulated I began to see them not only as cheap proselytizing, but as a part of a delivery system with a message that transcended the medium. For a moment, I felt like Pynchon's Oedipa Maas. In "The Crying of Lot 49" his heroine discovers (or does she?) a "network by which X number of Americans are truly communicating." She believes she might have stumbled into "a real alternative to the exitless, to the absence of surprise in life, that harrows the head of every American you know..." Was I on the same post-modern journey or was it just the really bad coffee?

Mile by mile the church signs urged me home. Some made me smile. Some made me wince. In classic post-modern style, ultimately the message was the message. Not what they said—but the fact that they existed. It mattered that someone wanted to try and tell you about faith as you flew by at 55 miles per hour. This wasn't virtual—it was real.

Frankly, I don't feel annoyed or threatened by Christians proclaiming their faith on signs. You have the choice to read them or ignore them. These humble signs didn't scare me, quite the contrary—they heartened me. We live in a world where people of faith have too

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### WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Temple Ner Tamid wants to keep in touch with the college students of our Temple. Please send us their address, phone number and e-mail. Our Sisterhood is planning to send holiday packages to them. Rabbi Kushner wants to make himself available to your sons and daughters, to provide counsel and advice, as he did last spring, when many of our Jewish college students experienced verbal assaults on campus, in the wake of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Informational packets were also mailed to college students to provide them with "talking points" so that they were better informed.

Please send your information to Laurie at the Temple office at: [ner.tamid@verizon.net](mailto:ner.tamid@verizon.net).

### DRIVERS NEEDED FOR HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

We are in need of drivers with cars or vans willing to deliver food collected during the High Holidays food drive. Volunteers will meet at Ner Tamid on Sunday, October 6 at noon. After loading cars and vans we will drive caravan-style to the Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair.

If you are able to help, call Janet Boltax at 973-655-1074.

Thank you!

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP, *Alexandra Klein*

## greetings

My name is Alexandra Klein, and I am returning for my second year as the president of the Senior Youth Group. I am 17, and a senior at Montclair High School, and I have been on the Board of the Senior Youth Group since my freshman year. I am thrilled to be spending another year as the leader of this wonderful group again. This year promises to be a great one, as we have a creative, enthusiastic Board planning this year's events. They are: Jessica Lee—Membership VP, Emma Einhorn—Co-Programming VP, Zack Katowitz—Co-Programming VP, Joanna Stein—Social Action VP, Emilie Goodman—Religious and Cultural VP, Molly Lemire—Treasurer, Jesse Eisenberg—NFTY-GER Liaison, Laura Tennen—Secretary. Our advisor is Sharon Rappaport.

We are supported by the Youth Committee of the Temple, which is headed up by Nancy Franklin. If any parents are interested in working with either the junior or senior youth groups, you can contact her at [<joelnan9@aol.com>](mailto:joelnan9@aol.com).

An excellent opportunity for any freshman interested in becoming a leader in the youth group is the Board position of Freshman Representative. The Freshman Representative is responsible for advocating freshmen involvement in youth group activities, as well as acting as a connection between the freshman class and the youth group board. Any freshman interested in the position is encouraged to apply; within the next couple of weeks, applications will be available to all 9th graders whose families are members of the temple. The Freshman Representative will then be appointed by the Board at our October meeting.

We have a lot of great events planned for this year. Coming up in the month of October, we are looking forward to:

- Our annual **Progressive Dinner** on Sunday, October 13th from 6 - 8:30 pm.
- Our first **shul-in** of the year is in November. The date will be announced.
- **NFTY's New Member Conclave** from October 25th to the 27th. NFTY-GER, or the North American Federation of Temple Youth's Garden Empire Region, is the Senior Youth Group's regional youth organization.

Look for our monthly mailings with updates on all upcoming youth group activities. The mailings are automatically sent to all 9th—12th graders whose families are temple members. If you have any questions about events, or the youth group in general, please feel free to contact me at (973) 783-6032 or [<crackers56@comcast.net>](mailto:crackers56@comcast.net). With questions about becoming a member of the youth group, please contact Jessica Lee, the Membership VP, at (973) 743-4993 or [<je55ey@aol.com>](mailto:je55ey@aol.com). Remember—yes, our acronym is SNoTTY (Senior Ner Tamid Temple Youth), but no, we certainly are not. I hope to see many new faces this year, as it promises to be a great one.



IRIS SCHWARTZ, *Religious School Director*

# clowning around



Someone recently said to me, "I'd hate to have your job. (This conversation wasn't starting out well as far as I was concerned.) Bravely I pursued the issue. "Why wouldn't you want to have my job?" I asked. "Well," she replied, "Here I am talking to you about an issue that is of paramount importance to me. From where I sit, this conversation is all about what I need from you." "Why does that make this a terrible job?" I countered. "Well," she continued, "I am one of many. I am one of four hundred children, eight hundred parents, two dozen teachers, countless professional staff and lay leaders and others who all think the same way about their conversations with you." "Oh," I said, "I never thought about it that way." She left smiling after I took care of the concerns that she needed addressed that afternoon. I left wondering if I should find another career.

Have you ever wanted to chuck it all and join the circus? After considering the conversation that transpired, I am seriously considering this option. What could I do in a circus though? Let's face it; lion taming or flying through the air on a trapeze are probably not for me, too dangerous. Being a fire eater may be harmful to the digestive tract, and walking on stilts is not as easy as it looks. Where do I go from here?

I think I've got it! What about making people laugh? I can do that. Who doesn't enjoy having fun? What could be more appealing than making people laugh? After all, Judaism does teach: "A joyful heart makes for good health..." (Proverbs) If I were to become a clown I could live and breathe the mitzvah of bringing joy to others. All anyone would want from me was a chance to make them smile. This is it!

And so, off I went to find out how to prepare myself to join the circus. Should I go to the Ringling Brothers Circus Clown College? Should I find a small local circus and become a clown intern? Should I watch the old movie *Circus* as part of an exhaustive investigation of my new career? Should I buy make-up for the first time in my life and practice putting it on? Should I practice riding on a train? Should I eat some peanuts? Where to begin?

One of my favorite stories came to mind. It is about a poor man named Isaac who dreams of finding a treasure at the foot of a bridge that is many miles away from his home. As he makes his way through the forest and across the river he finally comes upon the very bridge that appeared in his dreams. As he begins to dig, a soldier stops him. After Isaac explains his mission, the soldier says, "If I believed everything I dreamed, right now I would be looking for a poor Jew named Isaac, for under his bed is a buried treasure." Isaac makes his way back home and, lo and behold, finds the treasure that is buried beneath his bed. What we learn from this, say the rabbis, is that we never have to go far to realize our dreams. We just need to search.

And so search I shall for that perfect clown experience. I realized that until I actually start my new circus career that I would have to continue on with my religious school duties. Linda Jum, teacher for our 11th and 12th grade post Confirmation program, told me of the strong social action, social justice component the program will incorporate this year. Students will be volunteering at projects such as a Jewish ecology bike ride, train to be peer leaders for a teen conference on discrimination, and participate on a regular basis in programs that help to repair our world. Further, a guest speaker's series is being planned as well as a monthly discussion group that will be conducted in different places (read Starbucks etc.) around the community.

"Talk on," I said to Linda. It was then I struck greasepaint so to speak. There is a local organization called the Mitzvah Clowns. This wonderful group of people provides entertainment for those most in need of a smile: people in nursing homes, children in pediatric wards, residents of group homes for the developmentally disabled, and those who are hospitalized. We are planning to have our own Temple Ner Tamid Mitzvah Clown Troupe which will be open to all of our 11th and 12th graders as well as any adult temple member.

Mitzvah Clown training sessions will include sessions on character creation, make-up, balloon skills, text study, and a practice site visit. Our goal is to train and sponsor a Temple Ner Tamid corps of Mitzvah Clowns who will use their newly learned skills to pursue the mitzvah of bringing joy to others. The expectation is that our Mitzvah Clown Corps will continue for years to come. To begin, however, a minimum of 12 to 15 clowns is needed. No experience is necessary,

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ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Kushner is again honoring us with his wonderful commentary, insight and sense of humor. This is your invitation to these free discussions on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the library.

Dates: October 2, 16, 23, 30

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks go out to Arlene Linetzky and Lisa Westreich for their help in organizing, preparing, and participating in the *B'yachad* Family Worship Service. We would also like to extend thanks to Terry Levinstone for blowing Shofar at the *B'yachad* Family Worship service.

CANDLE LIGHTING

October 4 6:16 p.m.  
October 11 6:05 p.m.  
October 18 5:54 p.m.  
October 25 5:44 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A few roster spots remain open on "The TNT Flame" men's basketball team.

Games are played at the JCO in West Orange, Monday nights beginning in October. If you are a member of the temple and age 35 or older, call:

Larry Degenshein  
(973) 736-5785 home  
or (973) 443-3712 work

HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

# sincere thanks

THANK YOU to the following people who have made pledges to our High Holiday Appeal as of September 4, 2002. Remember that the High Holiday Appeal is our only fund-raiser of the year and is counted on for our annual budget. We appreciate all of you!

*Additional contributions will be acknowledged next month.*

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JOAN GOODMAN, *Shoresb Director*

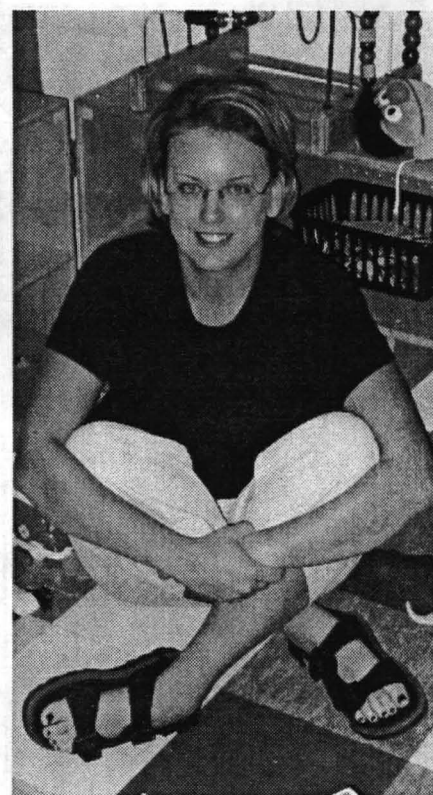


## meet the 2s

*For the next couple of months we are going to take a peak at what's going on inside each of the classrooms at Shoresb Preschool. Let's take a look.*

Hi, my name is Morah Melissa and I teach the two-year old program here at Shoresb. This is my third year at the school. This month the twos have been very busy. Throughout September we have been getting acquainted and learning all kinds of new things. We learned about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We celebrated Sukkot by having our snack time in the sukkah. We are also busy learning about Shabbat. We made our Shabbat placemats with pictures of our family and we painted our kippahs with beautiful colors to wear for Shabbat. We are busy learning about colors and shapes by doing many different art projects such as painting, making playdough, and gluing beautiful color collages for our bulletin board. We will be learning about Fall and the many changes that are taking place around us by taking a nature walk outside around the Temple looking for leaves and acorns to collect for our Fall baskets. We are also enjoying our music program with Morah Maren. She is teaching us many new songs, and we enjoy singing, dancing, and playing instruments in Music class. Also in September we enjoyed Bimah time with Cantor Jessica; she taught us some great Shabbat songs.

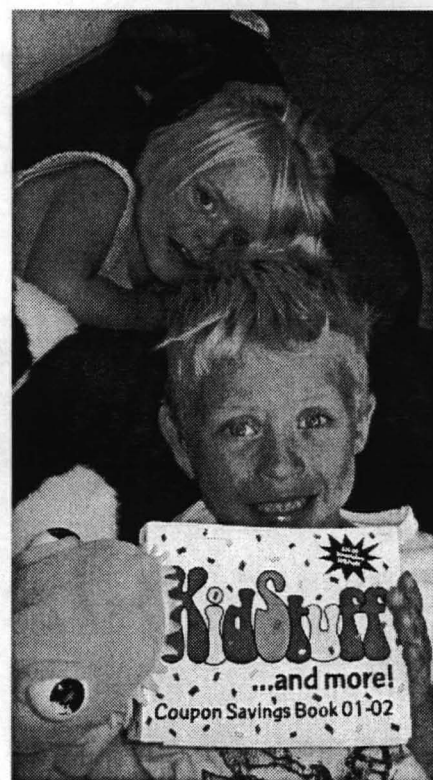
If you would like to learn more about our program we encourage you to contact us through the Temple office or, better yet, come for a visit!



**Morah Melissa in her element.**



**Milan, Morah Melissa and Lauren paint their colorful Fall placemats.**



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# unbroken chain

As we are all by now well aware, Temple Ner Tamid is in the midst of our Kehilla Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign actually consists of two different giving opportunities—a Building Campaign and an endowment fund. While many of you have generously given cash gifts and five-year pledges that will—we hope—very soon lead to work on the building, please also be aware that especially for those of us who are not able to give such cash or gifts or pledges, there is another alternative: a donation to the endowment fund through planned giving.

Please consider the endowment fund when you are doing your financial planning, estate planning, tax planning or charitable giving. Such a donation to the endowment fund, in honor of life cycle events, provides a perpetual memory of the occasion—as income from the donation compounds year after year.

Just as individual families experience many life cycle changes, so does the extended family of TNT. Just as each of us plan for the myriad events that we may face in the future so must our Board of Trustees plan for the changes that will shape TNT's future. The goal of the endowment fund is to provide the financial resources that can ensure not only the long-term existence of TNT but its continuing financial well-being. Through your help, TNT can continue to be an important factor in our lives, the lives of our children, and the lives of our children's children.

Each of us when we joined TNT has connected with an unbroken chain reaching back almost five thousand years. We continue to develop TNT's role in our lives and within the community through our participation in its many programs and by availing ourselves of its professional staff. Now, by working together, we can create the future. We expect others in the years to come to follow your example and contribute to the ever-growing Fund. A donation to the endowment fund may consist of securities, real estate, unneeded life insurance policies as well as other assets. In the coming issues of Temple Topics I will inform you of various ways that each of you can support the Endowment Fund. Also look for information that the Kehilla Campaign will send you—which I'm sure you will find informative and helpful. Please consult with your own tax and legal advisors when you are considering such contributions to the endowment fund.

A healthy and prosperous New Year to each of you and yours.

TEMPLE NER TAMID

# October 2002

October 2002							November 2002						
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## KEHILLA CAMPAIGN

# tremendous thanks

We are delighted to tell you that the Kehilla Campaign for Temple Ner Tamid's future has topped \$1,400,000 as of September 4, 2002. Please look at the model of the future shape of the building in the Temple lobby, along with plans and possible materials to be used. As we have advised you before, the physical plans now involve a multipurpose social hall, looking out on a beautiful courtyard, a beautiful new lobby and entry on Broad Street, several new classrooms on the lower level, and expanded facilities for our growing staff. One of the things that excites us is that Jerusalem stone will be used, tying us ever more closely with Israel, and not incidentally helping the Israeli economy. Plans for the endowment are still under way as we move into the later stages of this campaign.

I hope you are as excited as the campaign committee members and can help support the Ner Tamid Center for Jewish Life and Learning. A tremendous thanks to the more than one fourth of our families (listed below) who have made pledges and/or contributions to date. Our goal is more and more reachable!

Lori Resnick and Josh Aaronson  
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Tamara and David Abramson  
Raymond and Florence Aisner  
Anne-Marie Nolin and Bob Adler  
Judy and Dan Anderson  
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Myra and Andrew Armour  
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Lisa and Larry Westreich

## ADULT EDUCATION

### SUNDAYS

#### Parent Education

First Session: 10—10:30 a.m.; throughout the year in the Social Hall  
**TEN MINUTES OF TORAH**—Rabbi Kushner

#### Judaic Studies

Second Session, first hour: 10:45—11:55 a.m.

First Semester

**EXPLORING EXODUS**—Rabbi Kushner (October/November: sanctuary)  
 October 6/13/20/27; November 10/17

Mini Semester

**ISRAELI FOLK MELODIES**—Cantor Levitt (January: sanctuary)  
 January 5/12/26

Second Semester

**DREAMING OF ZION**—Dr. Alan Nadler  
 (March/April: sanctuary) March 2/9/16/23; April 6/13

#### Hebrew Studies

Second Session, second hour: Noon—12:45 p.m.

**INTERMEDIATE HEBREW**—Cantor Levitt (sanctuary)

**ADVANCED HEBREW**—Rabbi Kushner (Rabbi's study)

Weekly (except when there Religious School conflict)—October 6 to April 13

#### Lecture Series

Second Session, both hours: 10:45—12:45 p.m.; Sanctuary  
 Indian Jewry; Crypto-Jews; Argentinian Jewry; Ethiopian Jewry; Ukrainian  
 Jewry; Jewish Women in America

Sunday mornings: November 3; December 8 or 15; February 9; May 18  
 Any Sunday evening is available

### TUESDAYS

#### Lunch with the Rabbi

(first and second Tuesdays of the month in NYC/NJ) "The Soul of the Text: An  
 Anthology of Jewish Literature" (Great Books) Oct 1/8; Nov 5/12; Dec 3/10;  
 Jan 7/14; Feb 4/11; Mar 4/11; Apr 8/15; May 6/13; June 3/10

#### UAHC Intro to Judaism

(17 weeks, from September 24 to January 28); 7:45—9:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Sisterhood Bible Study

(every Wednesday, beginning October 2: 10—11 a.m.) "The Book of Job"

### THURSDAYS

#### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

(4 semesters of varying length: 8—9:30 p.m.)

October-November

Thinking About God  
 October 10/17/24; November 7/14/21

January-February

Rituals and Rubrics: Learning the "Hows" of Judaism  
 January 2/9/16/23/30; February 6

March-April

What is a Mitzvah? Developing a Theology of Covenant and Mitzvah  
 March 6/13/20; April 3/10/24

May

A mini-semester dedicated to the study of texts on "The Giving/Receiving of  
 Torah" culminating at the Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Thursday evening, June 5)  
 May 8/15/22

## ADULT EDUCATION, CONTINUED

Do you want to know more? Would you like to feel more confident as a Jew? Adult Education—which should probably be better termed Adult Jewish Growth—is a priceless opportunity for you to explore Judaism on any number of different levels. Learn Hebrew. Study Torah. Struggle with contemporary Jewish issues. Explore subjects you thought you would never look at again. Adult Education is your opportunity to embrace Judaism on a level that enriches you.

In these pages are any number of offerings that will stimulate and challenge. Some require a serious commitment. Others are simply entry points for you. Above all, they are all designed to help you better understand Judaism and how it can be an integral part of your life.

Take the plunge. Read the brochure. Better yet, fill out the form, send it in and join with other members of your Ner Tamid community as we re-enchant ourselves with a heritage wonderfully rich in meaning.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

## ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Now that you're older and more mature and your friends are no longer competing for your time after school, Judaism seems intriguing—even interesting. You wonder, perhaps there is more worth knowing. The Adult B'nai Mitzvah program is an Introduction to Judaism for the college graduate. It presumes that you would like to learn more but not in just a cursory way. This is not Sunday School revisited. It's reclaiming your heritage.

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah program is divided into two parts. The first component—focusing on what it means to live a Jewish life—involves a year of study with Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Levitt. Then, during the second year, the class will devote its energies in the Fall Semester to mastering a single Torah portion—the text from which they will be teaching on the occasion of their group B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. This event will be in February 2004.

Eligibility for the program requires that the student be Jewish, past the age of 13, and sufficiently skilled in Hebrew reading. Please speak to Cantor Levitt should you have questions regarding your Hebrew abilities.

*Thursday Evenings: 8–9:30 p.m. Fee: \$75 per year*

• **THINKING ABOUT GOD**

Oct. 10/17/24; Nov. 7/14/21

Rabbi Steven Kushner

• **RITUALS AND RUBRICS**

Jan. 2/9/16/23/30; Feb. 6

Cantor Jessica Levitt

• **WHAT IS A MITZVAH? Developing a Theology of Covenant**

March 6/13/20; April 3/10/24

Rabbi Steven Kushner

• **SINAI: Preparation for the Festival of Shavuot**

May 8/15/22

Rabbi Steven Kushner  
and Cantor Jessica Levitt

• **TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: An Evening of Study**

June 5 — a communal celebration

## JUDAIC STUDIES COURSES

## EXPLORING EXODUS

Sun: 10:45 am—11:55 am; Fee: \$20

Oct. 6/13/20/27; Nov. 10/17

Rabbi Steven Kushner

There can be little doubt that Judaism—both as an historical religion and as a faith tradition—is rooted in the Book of Exodus. From slavery to freedom to covenant at Sinai, Exodus is the basis for everything that we do and believe as Jews. It contains the first set of laws our people embraced, the design and construction details for the wilderness tabernacle and the most important story our people has ever told. Join with Rabbi Kushner for an in-depth examination of the Book of Exodus.

## ISRAELI FOLK MELODIES

Sun: 10:45 a.m.—11:55 a.m.; Fee: \$10

Jan. 5/12/26

Cantor Jessica Levitt

Every nation has its own folk music. All draw upon centuries-old musical traditions to help foster a sense of national identity and cultural unity. So how did the early Zionists create a musical tradition? Our class

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will be divided into three parts: Songs of the Pioneers, Songs of War, and Songs of Peace and Hope. Relevant readings will be assigned, but the majority of the class will be spent listening to and learning about Israeli folk songs. Come learn all the verses to the songs you've only hummed before!

## DREAMING OF ZION

Sun.: 10:45 a.m. — 11:55 a.m.;  
 Fee: \$20  
 March 2/9/16/23; April 6/13  
 Dr. Alan Nadler

**Z**ionism is a modern political movement. Begun in the late 19th century, Zionism was a reflection of growing European nationalism as well as a response to rising anti-Semitism. But the Jewish desire to live in Tziyon (Zion) is as old as our people. The truth is, Judaism is a religious tradition that is inextricably tied to the Land, and for over two and a half millennia we have dreamed of returning to the place of our birth. Dr. Alan Nadler, Professor of Judaic Studies at Drew University, will lead us on a journey that retraces our steps which has brought us back to Jerusalem. This course will place particular emphasis upon modern Zionism, its history and development, and how it led to Medinat Yisraeil—the State of Israel.

## PARENT EDUCATION

### TEN MINUTES OF TORAH

Sun.: 10—10:30 a.m. • Fee: none • Rabbi Steven Kushner

### TUESDAY THE RABBI ATE LUNCH

Join with Rabbi Kushner for another year of lunch and learning. We will be studying the book "The Soul of the Text: An Anthology of Jewish Literature" (Great Books series). A survey of the sacred and secular texts of our people—from Torah to rabbinic commentaries to modern Israeli poetry—each reading affords new opportunities to expand one's Jewish horizons. As in the past, you have the choice of meeting in either Manhattan or New Jersey.

Dates: Tuesday Afternoons • Noon—1:30 p.m.

NYC: Nov 5 / Dec 3 / Jan 7 Feb 4 / Mar 4 / Apr 8 / May 6 / Jun 3

NJ: Nov 12 / Dec 10 / Jan 14 / Feb 11 / Mar 11 / Apr 15 / May 13 / Jun 10

Fee: \$25 for the entire series + cost of book (does not include lunch)

*Location arrangements will be announced*

### SISTERHOOD BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RABBI

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. • Fee: none

## HEBREW LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

### ALEPH ISN'T TOUGH — Beginning Hebrew

Sun.: 9—9:45 a.m. • Fee: \$60 • Beginning October 6 • Teacher: TBA

You CAN learn Hebrew! It's never too late! The goal of this weekly class is to introduce the letters and vowels of the Hebrew aleph-bet, but more important, to use that knowledge to decode our ancient words and their deeper meanings. No previous experience with Hebrew required.

### HEBREW AIN'T THAT HARD — Prayerbook Hebrew

Sun.: Noon—12:45 p.m. • Fee: \$60 • Beginning October 6 • Cantor Jessica Levitt

If you are a beginning or even an intermediate reader, this class will strengthen your reading skills and help you understand the basic prayer vocabulary of our people. Each week will focus on improving reading and learning how to understand basic Hebrew grammar. There will be homework assignments and students should expect to devote a little time each week to reading and review before class.

### WHEN ALEPH JUST ISN'T ENOUGH — Advanced Hebrew

Sun.: Noon—12:45 p.m. • Fee: \$60 • Beginning October 6 • Rabbi Steven Kushner

This is a continuation of last year's class which focused on grammar and elementary translation. Anyone wishing to begin study at this level should speak with Rabbi Kushner first.

## Sunday Lecture Series

Temple Ner Tamid is continuing with its successful lecture series. This year's speakers are organized around the theme "The People of Israel Live—Am Yisrael Chai. While final dates and times will soon be announced, we will be addressing events in Israel, Jews in Endangered Communities and other related topics. We will be scheduling more events for Sunday mornings this year in response to congregants' requests.

## Elsie Form Memorial Library

The Temple has an extensive reference library which covers all aspects of Judaica. It is open to all members during temple hours, except when classes are in session. Books designated with an "A" are reference books and do not circulate. Other books can be borrowed on the honor system by filling out the card in the back of the book and giving the card to office staff. Return books to the Temple office.



## A TIME TO HEAL

# 9/11

## A Time to Remember, A time to Heal

**November 16, 2002  
4:30 p.m.**

Ecclesiastes teaches, "To every thing there is a season, a time to every purpose under heaven." In the spirit of the teaching, we invite the TNT community to be part of a sacred afternoon of shared stories, memories, prayers and hopes. Many of us have been hurt directly and indirectly by the events of September 11, 2001. After a year's time, we feel it is important to continue the process of healing and sharing that so many of us took part in right after last year's horrific events. Where are we a year later? What have we learned and with what do we still struggle?

Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Levitt will lead a brief service of songs and prayers, followed by an unstructured time to share your experiences with others in a safe, compassionate space. Our service will end with Havdalah, the ceremony which separates Shabbat and the day of holiness from the profane days of the week. A light refreshment will also be served.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

please indicate how many persons are registering for each class

### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

all four semesters \$75

### Hebrew

Beginning Hebrew / year-long \$60 (+ book)

Prayerbook Hebrew / year-long \$60 (+ book)

Advanced Hebrew / year-long \$60 (+ book)

### Lunch With the Rabbi

First / Second Tuesday / year-long \$25 (+ book)

### Exploring Exodus

six sessions \$20

### Israeli Folk Song

three sessions \$10

### Dreaming of Zion

six sessions \$20

### Total Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this Registration Form along with a check payable to:

Temple Ner Tamid,  
936 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ 07003  
attention: Adult Education

long been silent. We live in a time where irony, detachment and a fervent desire to be “hip” have cleansed American Jews of our religious self-esteem.

There’s a sign between exits 8 and 9 of the NJ Turnpike advertising the fact you can, “Learn Hebrew in 5 hours.” One, it’s impossible. Two, it’s pedantic and uninspiring. Is that the best we Jews can do? We have a sign on the front lawn on Broad Street. I want it to say something catchy like, “No date Friday night? Come here!” “Got Schav?” or “Shake Your Lulav, Baby!” There are plans to take the sign down—and we might as well. It’s sort of sad the way it sits there empty, with nothing to say to the world. I guess we’d rather be silent than look like our church neighbors who at the very least advertise the time of their services. Our sign also has several bullet holes in it. One night some kids drove by and shot it up. That’s another good reason to keep it. There was a time Jews weren’t so welcome here. But I think we can move past our fears and post our own proclamations of faith, with a little Jewish humor, of course.

After 9/11 signs rose up boldly over New Jersey’s labyrinthine highways. They said, “We will not forget,” “I love NY,” “United we Stand,” and “God Bless America” in bold red, white and blue letters against the gray winter sky. Knowing they were there gave me strength. I felt like I was part of a country where someone cared enough to spend tons of money to say something most of us were feeling, and put it somewhere where we could all see it. It gave me a little lift. These church signs, as I headed home, did the same.

Here are a few:

- God desires his children to prosper.” *(This one was next to a falling-down ramshackle church in a dirt poor town.)*
- RU Saved? If not, directions inside.”
- No husband has ever been shot doing the dishes.”
- Love is an action verb.”
- Those on top of the mountain did not fall there.”
- America Bless God.”
- Lovest thou me or ZZZZZs?”
- Turn from evil and do good.”

As I crossed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel and headed north, lightning and thunder loomed to the west. I could see the storm on the horizon moving fast. The wind was fierce. Things strapped to people’s minivans started to fly off in the cross-wind. Cars missed the debris by inches. The tattered flag attached to my back window flapped relentlessly and my bike rocked back and forth in the straps holding it down. Lightning flashed all around me, but I grit my teeth and turned up the country music. The smell of sand, sea and mosquito repellent lingered in the car. My skin was burned, my hair blond from the sun. I glanced at my scribbled words of faith. The summer was over, the storms were gathering. Pitch-black clouds loosed sheets of hard rain onto the bridge and the road. I silently vowed for the ten thousandth time to make sure my next car had four-wheel drive.

My mind was suddenly quiet and empty. I had an epiphany. What God had been trying to tell me was not on the signs near the road—but on the road itself. The words of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav came to me unbidden: All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be afraid.

## Youth Choir 5763

TNT Youth Choir will begin the first day of Religious School on October 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss and plan our Hanukkah Concert with Julie Silver. All Fourth and Fifth Graders are invited to attend and be part of our super fun and creative group. Don’t Forget!

Thank you to our Torah Readers for the High Holy Days! Please contact Cantor Levitt if you would like to read Torah next year. A special todah rabah to Robert Rich and Lanny Katz who served as Gabbaim. Yashar Koach to all who honored Torah and our people by continuing this sacred tradition!





NER TAMID IS ABOUT PEOPLE

# Welcome to our newest members

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## Their Memories Are A Blessing

Sally Hershkowitz	<i>Beloved mother of Paula Crane</i>
Robert Jackson	<i>Beloved father of Debbie Schwab</i>
David Kamen	<i>Beloved uncle of Robert Moreines</i>
Natalie Leeds	<i>Beloved mother of Steven Leeds</i>
Ida Logan	<i>Beloved mother of Arlene Linetzky</i>

## B'nai Mitzvah

October 5	Max Claman/Joshua Kleinman
October 12	Matthew Frank/Dylan Hyman
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A large selection of adult and children's books: fiction, non-fiction, crafts, and cookbook.

A large percentage of the proceeds will go towards Ner Tamid and other worthy causes.

Get your shopping done early!!

Hanukkah begins November 29th.

Questions?

Call Nancy Barbe at (973) 783-6032

## JUDAICA SHOP

Now that religious school is in full swing, please don't forget to browse the Judaica shop. We always have a good stock of religious articles for that special gift or for you. We would also be happy to order specific items. We're open during most religious school hours so please stop by and browse. If you need something from the shop outside religious school hours, please give Amy Levinsohn a call at 744-3668 or stop by the temple office.

## SENIORS

# upcoming events

*Louis 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 Jewish Women, Essex County Division.*

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

## October Meetings

- T** Oct. 1st Meeting—Program To Be Determined
- T** Oct. 8th Meeting—Program To Be Determined
- TH** Oct. 10th **Fall Foliage**—Trip to West Point. Includes private tour of West Point, viewing of fall foliage at Bear Mountain State Park and lunch at The Hotel Thayer. Bus will depart Ner Tamid at 9 a.m.. Cost: \$49 per person
- T** Oct. 15th Meeting—Allyson Cook, Elder Fraud Investigator, speaker
- T** Oct. 22nd Meeting—Cabaret performance of "One of a Kind"
- T** Oct. 29th No Meeting
- TH** Oct. 31st Trip to Morristown Museum for "Memories of the Holocaust" exhibit featuring keynote speaker, photographs and poetry readings, etc. Bus will depart Ner Tamid at 9 a.m.. Lunch at local restaurant (on your own) Cost: \$18 per person

## Mark your Calendars:

- TH** Nov. 7th Trip to Evergreen Dinner Theater—"Judy at the Palace" Cost: \$45 per person includes show, lunch and bus. Vegetarian and fish lunch available if requested in advance.
- T** Nov. 12th Paid up membership luncheon
- T** Dec. 3rd JCC Chanukah Party

## SISTERHOOD

# walk for the cure

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Breast cancer will strike more than 200,000 times this year and claim 40,000 lives.*

Join Sisterhood as we “Walk For A Cure” to help raise money towards the fight against Breast Cancer on Sunday, October 20, 2002. Walk with us or support one of our members. We will be walking as a group to raise money for breast cancer research and education. For further information, please contact Arlene Kraus at (973) 661-3430.

The education continues on Monday October 21st at 8:00 p.m. at our first general meeting of the year. Dr. Michelle O’Shea will be speaking about “What’s New in Breast Cancer” treatments, screening, genetics and more. Dr. O’Shea received her medical degree from UMDNJ, completed her residency at St. Barnabus Medical Center and now specializes in breast surgery with Summit Breast Care, a practice of female surgeons. She is also locally active in breast health awareness community programs. We are very fortunate to have this expert educate all of us. Please join us at these two events and help us defeat this disease!

## PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP

Sisterhood Paid-up Membership dinner will be Monday November 18, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the temple. A delicious dinner and lovely entertainment along with the company of your fellow members — who could ask for a better evening? Please watch for your invitation in the mail.

## POTPOURRI

**T**ribute Cards: Looking to send a special message to someone dear in honor of a wedding, graduation, B’nai Mitzvah, or express your condolences? Please contact Berna Berger at (973) 743-7212 to send a Tribute Card for you with a lovely personal note. The cost is only \$2.00 and donor credit is \$1.00 per card.

The Sisterhood is collecting cleaning supplies and household items for the local 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

Rose Kron—Recovery  
Shaw Family—Memory of Ira  
Pam & Jerry Siskin—Eve Alice Bat Mitzvah  
Marge & Paul Grayson—Jennifer’s Bat Mitzvah  
Rose Kron—Birth of Great-Grandson Sawyer

## RUMMAGE SALE

**T**his fundraiser is a lot of hard work, but we had a great group of volunteers and raised more funds than in previous years. We really believe in organizing the rummage sale as a way to recycle and as a community service. Thank you to all the members who made donations for the sale. You cleaned out your closets and gave others who cannot afford the cost of new merchandise a way to clothe their families and help furnish their homes. The “leftovers” were donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Our special thanks to our volunteers:

Elaine Borowsky  
Lynn Brenner  
Ruth Cohen  
Susan Fader  
Leo Forim  
Paul Forim  
Debbie Galant  
Dot Glazer  
Paula Kaufmann  
Bebe Landis  
Phyllis Lustgarten  
Elizabeth Peters  
Stacy Rom-Jensen  
Ashley Rom-Jensen  
Kathy Rosenberg  
Lois Rosenkrantz  
Shirley Sapir  
Fran Sax  
Robin Sherman

## THANK YOU

Arleane Stier—Donations in memory of Carl



BOB ADLER, continued from page 2

This isn't a bad goal to set for ourselves. I ask for your help. May 5763 be a sweet, peaceful, healthy... and mitzvah-filled year for each of us.

Finally, I would like to thank the many members of our community whose mitzvot make Ner Tamid so special—from High Holy Day ushers to Torah readers to choir members to every one of you who responded to my bimah requests for new volunteers. Thank you all so much!

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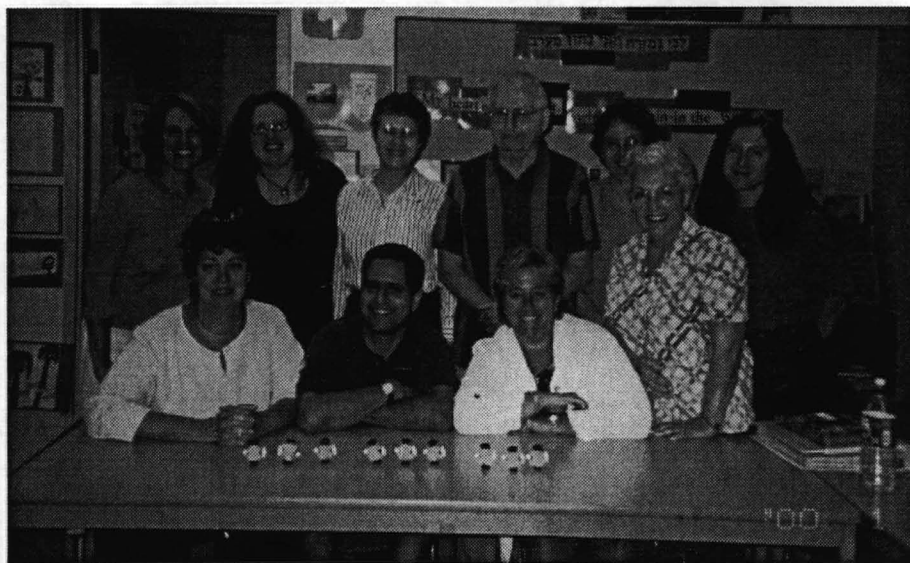
just a desire to transform yourself for an hour every month or two into a character that will make an extraordinary difference in someone else's world.

And so, my search is over. I can become a Mitzvah Clown and still keep my day job. As it turns out, the smell of the greasepaint is as far away from me as a classroom down the hall. Maybe the rabbis are right. We can truly find our treasure, whatever it is, close to home. All we need to do is search.



## JEWISH EDUCATION

# teacher training



**M**azel Tov! Don Bryan, Carol Cohn, Osnat Kalati, and Audrey Lasday have participated in Project MOREH, the Teacher Training Program of the Jewish Education Association of MetroWest, New Jersey. They have been exposed to what it takes to be a good teacher, how to write lesson plans, how to deal with different multiple intelligences, how to handle discipline and numerous other issues that they will face in their classrooms.

### Important Religious School Dates to Remember

<b>W</b>	Oct. 2.....Classes begin for grades 10—12
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 6.....Classes begin for grades K—2
<b>W</b>	Oct 9 .....Grade 7 Family Education Program
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 13 .....Grade 7 trip—Lower East Side
<b>M</b>	Oct. 14 .....No School, Columbus Day
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 20 .....Yom Tikkun Olam grade 3 families
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 20 .....Carelink, grade 6 & 7 families
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 27 .....Meet the Teacher, grades K—5
<b>M</b>	Oct. 28 .....Meet the Teacher, grades 8 & 9
<b>W</b>	Oct. 30 .....Meet the Teacher, grades 6 & 7
<b>SUN</b>	Oct. 27 .....Book Fair begins
<b>SUN</b>	Nov. 3 .....Book Fair ends

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES—YAHREZEIT

**October  
Anniversaries**

Mark Abrams & Beverly Deak  
Raymond & Florence Aisner  
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Shai & Carolyn Anbar  
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Michael & Lisa Berlin  
Stuart & Randy Bouwman  
Eric & Lydia Brown  
Mark & Stacy Cohen  
Christopher & Anita Czar  
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**Yahrzeits**

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Louis Miller  
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Nathan Silberlust  
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**Oct. 11, 2002**

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Samuel Berliss  
Rose Brenner  
Marvin Brody  
Tillie Chroborsky  
Meyer Cohen  
Rose Ebner  
Mollie Feiertag  
Molly Fink  
Joseph Forim  
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Felice Keene Jacobs  
Pete Kiernan  
Morris Kimberg  
Sylvia B. Lubawsky  
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**Oct. 18, 2002**

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Israel Brenner  
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Lena Silberman  
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**Oct. 25, 2002**

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Hyman R. Davis  
Mildred Deutsch  
Meyer Dunn  
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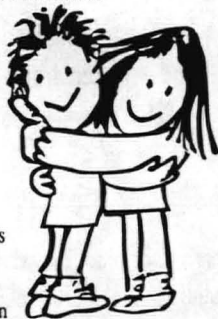
Are you an ordinary Ner Tamid temple member on the outside, but a struggling song-writer on the inside? Or a 1950's rock and roll enthusiast, looking for a way to bring back the days of your youth? Or even someone who secretly wishes that those Elvis sightings might prove to be real? If so, then join us in creating the next TNT Purimspiel, the Elvis Megillah. The first planning meeting will be held in the Library at the Temple on Sunday, October 20th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Help is needed in writing parodies of those great '50's songs by Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Everley Brothers, Buddy Holly and others. If you're too young to remember the songs, we'll teach you the music and lyrics and then send you home to create the Purim version, or what we call the "Pur-version." The play itself will be performed on Saturday, March 22, 2003, with rehearsals beginning in mid-December. So come on October 20th to be in on the beginning of the process. That's Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Be there, or be square!

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**W** Oct 16th & Oct 23rd  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Learn to create your own character, clowning techniques, costuming, make-up and balloon skills.

### Site Visit

**W** Oct 30th  
Marriot Brighton Gardens  
West Orange

Throughout the year we will schedule mitzvah clown visits to pediatric wards, nursing homes, and community social action activities.

*You must call the temple office by Wednesday, Oct. 8th if you want to join in the training sessions.*

The registration fee for all training sessions and supplies is:

- \$36 per student enrolled in the 11th/12th grade program.
- \$54 for adult temple members



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