

Temple Topics

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T H E M O N T H L Y N E W S L E T T E R O F T E M P L E N E R T A M I D

STEVEN KUSHNER Rabbi

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME to say *Shema Yisrael*? This is the primal religious question of our people. It is the opening line of Judaism's first formal code of religious law: the Mishnah: **מאימתי קוראין את שמע בערבית?** What is the proper time to recite the *Shema* in the evening? What is even more interesting, however, is that no such question ever appears in the Torah. In fact, there are no questions in the Torah. All *mitzvot*, all religious duties are decreed. There is no room for discussion. But the Mishnah is different. The Mishnah is the beginning of our attempt to understand what it means to be a Jew.

Judaism is more a tradition of questions than it is of answers. While Torah might speak in an unequivocal, authoritarian Voice, the rest—as Hillel has taught us—is commentary. And the doorway to that commentary, the entranceway to discovery is the admission that we're still not quite sure what it is "the Lord doth require" of us. This, indeed, is the question all serious Jews ask. In every generation, from the moment our ancestors walked away from Sinai until now, we struggle with what it is God expects of us. Even matters seemingly as trivial as what time we should recite the *Shema*.

On the last Shabbat of every month, beginning this November, Temple Ner Tamid will welcome Shabbat one and one-half hours earlier than usual. Hoping that an earlier time for our *Erev Shabbat* worship might find a positive response within our community, our Trustees—on the recommendation of the Religious Affairs Committee—will experiment for the remainder of this programmatic year with an early Shabbat service once a month. This is not intended to supplant our regular 8:00 p.m. service (although the earlier 6:30 p.m. service will be our only service that evening). Nor should it be confused with our monthly *Tot Shabbat* (which is held on the first Shabbat of each month at 7:00 p.m. prior to our regular 8:00 p.m. service). We're just looking to see if saying *Shema Yisrael* a little earlier on Friday night might open a few more doorways.

Well I remember my first High Holy Days here. Temples *B'nai Zion* and *Menorah* had just gotten married. The sanctuary was filled with joy and hope. It was a good feeling. At the close of our *Yom Kippur* morning service, Emil Weiss—our first president—stood up to give announcements. Among those announcements were the times for the afternoon services. Now the folks at *B'nai Zion* had been accustomed to saying *Yizkor* (memorial prayers) during the *Musaf* service in the late morning, but the *Menorah* people used to do *Yizkor*

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Havdalah Café: *The Afro-Semitic Experience*
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Interfaith Families Program: *Creating a Jewish Family—Nurturing Judaism in the Home*

November 26—8 pm

Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Episcopal Church, Montclair (Page 10)

November 29—6:30 pm

Erev Shabbat Services—Erev Hanukkah (1st candle)

Shabbat Services

Erev Shabbat services every Friday at 8 p.m. except the last Friday of the month when services will be at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat services every Saturday at 10 a.m.

November 2—10 am

Casual Minyan

November 22—8 pm

Anniversary Shabbat

November 29—6:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: Early Friday Night Service

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazal Tov to the happy families

November 9	Jennifer Grayson Margaret Herman
November 16	Benjamin Rosen
November 23	Benjamin Goldberg Eric Handler

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I AM DELIGHTED TO INFORM YOU that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Bloomfield unanimously approved a Use Variance for Temple Ner Tamid at their meeting last night, October 23, 2002. Specifically, the Zoning Board voted unanimously on our proposed new addition for classrooms and meeting rooms. That approval will be memorialized at the next Zoning Board meeting on November 7, 2002.

What was remarkable to me last night was the way Ner Tamid was described by

So, nu? What do we do now?

people other than ourselves as being "part and parcel of the community" and their descriptions of this proposed addition of "inherently beneficial use" as "contributing to the general welfare and the public good."

Lofty words. And a real challenge to us. What do we do now?

Step 1. Imminently, you will receive a letter from me asking you to attend a special congregational meeting. That meeting will take place at noon on November 10. At that meeting, we will formally seek congregational approval to proceed with construction. I ask you all to attend, so that we do not just have a quorum but can discuss and decide on this commitment as a community.

By then, our design committee, headed up by Rochelle Sandler, will have cost estimates based on our construction plans. We will also have financing cost projections. Kehilla campaign co-chair David Abramson will update us on fundraising commitments to date—both contributions received and 5-year pledges. It appears that our fundraising to date just about covers the likely costs of our proposed addition.

Step 2. Frankly, any discussions of Steps 2, 3 and so forth are dependent on Step 1. So, please plan to be at Ner Tamid on Sunday, November 10 for this special meeting.

Yes, we are talking about breaking ground as soon as possible this year, so that we can be ready for the next High Holy Days. Yes, we are talking about being able to teach adults and students at the same time. We are talking about a lot of things. But the Rabbis teach us that *Im Ein Kemah—Ein Torah* (Without bread, there is no Torah).

Already having cash-on-hand and 5-year pledges to cover much of the likely construction costs is only part of the original Kehilla campaign's mission. Our mission included creation of an endowment fund that would focus less on the building itself and more on what we choose to do in that building.

If you have not yet made a pledge, I encourage you to do so. We are providing a variety of ways to make pledges—so that any member concerned about current cash flow can commit in other long-term ways.

Yes, there has been a lot of communication about the campaign. If you still have questions about what we are proposing and why, please contact Rabbi Kushner, Marge Grayson, David Abramson, Rochelle Sandler or me.

If you have not yet been asked to make a pledge, expect a call from a fellow Ner Tamid member soon. If you don't want to wait for such a call, call Marge, David or me. We'd love to hear from you—whether your pledge is large or small. For me, the key measure of success is community-wide commitment—and assuring that we collectively pledge enough "bread" to be able to do more Torah learning for years to come at Ner Tamid.

THIS MONTH WILL BE A BUSY MONTH for the musical life of Temple Ner Tamid. Within the space of a few weeks, we will be hosting two unique musical events.

The first, *The Afro-Semitic Experience*, will be on November 23rd at 8:00 pm and will be our first Havdalah Café of the year. A duo that the New Haven Advocate called, "mind-blowing," *The Afro-Semitic Experience* is dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding the rich cultural and musical heritage of the Jewish and African diaspora. Imagine a band that understands and can present interpretations of music from traditions as rich as Gospel, Klezmer, *Niggunim*, Spirituals, and Swing and you have the *Afro-Semitic Experience*. This is a group that is as comfortable playing a *freylakh* as they are swinging a *blues*, that knows how to play either a *bulgar* or some funk. Multi-cultural soul. The band began performing in late 1999 as an offshoot of the creative work of African-American pianist Warren Byrd and Jewish-American bassist David Chevan.

The band will be featuring music from their new CD, *This Is The Afro-Semitic Experience*, along with music from their previous two albums, "Let Us Break Bread Together" (2000) and "Avadim Hayinu: Once We Were Slaves". Ari Davidow from <Klezmershack.com> calls the new CD "compelling", and states that Chevan and Byrd are "using jazz to bring out the commonality of spirituality in music from two traditions, and then some. The result is excellent, sometimes danceable, always listenable and warming music." Mark Corroto writes, "Chevan and Byrd's music is more Mingus than Masada, more Rahsaan Roland Kirk than Klezmer. Like the aforementioned Mingus and Kirk, their music (certainly "jazz," if anyone will allow me to use that word) is more than the sum of its parts." His complete review can be found at <www.allaboutjazz.com>.

Afro-Semitic Funk and Family Folk

I'll be singing several pieces with David and Warren, and I am looking forward to making music with this incredible ensemble! Tickets are \$15 for students and seniors (with ID), \$18 in advance through the Temple office, and \$20 at the door.

This is going to be one of those amazing nights everyone will be talking about for months. Bring your own wine, some friends, and enjoy a fantastic musical and cultural ride.

Our second musical event is a family concert on December 8, at 3 pm by nationally-known Jewish recording artist, Julie Silver. This will be our celebration of Hanukkah's conclusion! Julie has joy, a sweet *neshama*, a beautiful voice, and important lessons to share through her music. Our own TNT Youth Choir will be joining her on stage!

Few performers engage audiences as quickly or with as much warmth and soul as Julie Silver. Simply put, Julie's ability to read her audiences combined with her remarkable comic timing makes for an event audiences talk about for weeks—they always want her to come back! The lingering positive feelings after a Julie Silver concert come not only from her pure and expressive voice, but also from her extraordinary professionalism. Her mega-watt smile is infectious, her songs are insightful and memorable, and her stage presence is stimulating.

Julie writes both liturgical-based music as well as new American Jewish ballads that come from the traditions of Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, and Joan Baez, among others. Her style is diverse: introspective and engaging, uplifting and charming, or sweet, fun and endearing. Her music touches people with its beauty and simplicity. An accomplished and lyrical guitar player, Julie leads her listeners on spiritual and emotional journeys. Julie's newest CD, *Notes From Montana*, reflects her passion for social justice and integrates her life-

long love of folk and country music with a contemporary pop sound.

Tickets will be \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Please look for ticket sales soon!

The Hassidic tradition tells us, "There are gates of heaven which open only to song." If this is true, than this month will blast those gates right off their hinges.

Temple Ner Tamid's
Havdalah Café Presents:

The Afro-Semitic Experience

November 23, 2002 / 8 pm

The Afro-Semitic experience features Warren Byrd on piano and David Chevan on bass. They merge Hebraic melodies and Black Gospel in a celebration and exploration of the ties that bind these two communities together. Last February they were featured in the New York Times which wrote, "The music is spiritual but the musicians can be irreverent." They have produced three albums, "Avadim Hayinu: Once We Were Slaves", "Let Us Break Bread Together", and their recent release, "This Is The Afro-Semitic Experience." They have played at the Bottom Line, Tonic and *Makor* in New York City. Our evening concert will begin with a *Havdalah* service. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$15 for students and seniors (with ID), \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. For tickets and information call the Temple office at 973-338-1501.

Why is it that I constantly look for connections to other Jews no matter where I am or what I'm doing? Be it visiting the Marais, the Jewish quarter, when I was in Paris, or searching movie screen credits for familiar sounding surnames, or checking out the wedding announcements in the paper for the "Schwartz index" (as Herb calls it) to see who's marrying whom, I am always mindful of that bond, of being a member of the Jewish community. I am always conscious of "belonging."

Belonging. Just saying this word is comforting to me. There are not many certainties in life. But belonging to the Jewish community is not only a certainty in my life, it's an anchor in the sea of an uncertain world.

IRIS SCHWARTZ Director of Education

I can remember being involved in a youth group activity about identity that went like this: using the adjectives American, woman, Jew, what order would you put them in to describe you? Growing up when the women's movement was finding its voice, and generally sharing that point of view, I gave much thought to describing myself first and foremost as a woman. After all, my x chromosomes will always outnumber my ys. And there was no doubt in my mind that I would always be a strong, confident, capable woman.

Next I considered using the word American as the primary adjective. If not for America there would be no me. Like most immigrants, my ancestors found freedom in America. And both my grandfather and father fought for this country in world wars to ensure that very freedom.

Last, I considered if Jewish should be my distinguishing characteristic. The internal struggle was so intense that I still remember it now, 35 years later. It was, however, short lived. Looking back I know why. I grew up in a household where everything was seen through a Jewish lens. Everything. The temple was at the center of our world. I learned, by example, not only to take pride in every-

thing Jewish but to feel some embarrassment and responsibility for Jews, whoever they were, who did the wrong thing. Being a Jew was so ingrained that there was no other future for me except a collective one. I felt literally and figuratively surrounded by my community.

After our faculty decided on *Am Yisrael Chai* (The People Israel Live), as this year's school theme, many such memories came flooding back. Another recollection is of being at a rally to help free Soviet Jews. Guitar in hand, the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlbach of blessed memory proudly taught us his tune for the words *Am Yisrael Chai* which was sung over and over that afternoon by thousands of rally attendees. We sang with pride. We sang with defiance. We sang with strength. We sang as a community.

While there were so many things that could have served to separate all of the Jews at the demonstration, that afternoon, we were one. One in voice. One in spirit. One in determination.

It is true that there are many ideas and beliefs that continue to divide our Jewish community. We have much more that holds us together. Being a Jew is about belonging. Being part of a community is about the things that we have in common. Our *Ten Minutes of Torah* curriculum this year, with the theme *Am Yisrael Chai*—The People Israel Live, will focus on the fundamentals that unite us as a people. From the promise made at Sinai, to the belief in One God, to the study of Torah, to love of the land of Israel, we Jews share a common history and a common destiny.

I'm glad the school year has finally begun as we will have an opportunity to teach Rabbi Carlbach's tune for *Am Yisrael Chai* to our students. Once again there will be other Jews with whom I can sing this song. And, God willing, in the years to come, *Am Yisrael Chai* will continue to be sung with pride, with spirit, with determination, and with one voice. We will teach it to our children this year. We will plant the seed. It will be up to all of us, family, school, friends, community, to make sure there is a garden in which these precious seeds can grow.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday October 27 to Sunday, November 3
Book Fair

Sunday, November 3
Grade 2 Yom Tikkun Olam

Wednesday, November 6
Grade 7 Family Education Program

Sunday, November 10
Ten Minutes of Torah Begins

Sunday, November 17
Teen Care Link

Sunday, November 17
Grade 2 Tikkun Olam Bake Sale

Sunday, November 24
Hanukkah Program: Grades K – 5

Wednesday, November 27
No School, Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, December 1
No School, Thanksgiving Break

WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome Maribel Leon to our staff as our new religious school administrative assistant. Maribel will be providing many of the administrative and programmatic support services our school community needs. Please stop by the office and say hello and welcome to Maribel!



The first night of Hanukkah is Friday, November 29. Join us at the Temple for an early Shabbat/Hanukkah service at 6:30 p.m. See page 12 and the insert in this issue for more details.

SHORESH / PRESCHOOL

With the holidays behind us, and the harvest moon full, the classes have settled into their routines and lots of autumn topics and activities abound.

The 3's and Pre-K classes studied seeds, planting and growing, culminating in a trip to a pumpkin farm.

When the letter D was the featured letter of the week, a visit was made by Sherlock Holmes, a Golden Retriever therapy dog (D is for Dog!). Sherlock, who also happens to know a little bit of Hebrew, is owned and has been trained by congregant, Michael Frank.

Many thanks of appreciation to congregant and Pre-K teacher, Amy Levinsohn, in taking on additional Shoresh responsibilities during Joan Goodman's medical leave. Joan is recuperating well and eagerly planning to return in mid-November. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Morah Maren Sugarman, has been leading weekly music and movement classes and will be helping the children prepare for our Thanksgiving and Hanukkah celebrations.

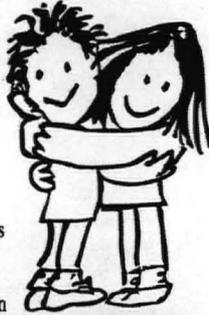
Please join us anytime. Come read the children a story, share a special talent or interest you many have, or taste our delicious Shabbat *challah* and have your spirits raised by the wonder of our children.

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Few performers engage audiences as quickly or with as much warmth and soul as Julie Silver. Her megawatt smile is infectious, her songs are insightful and memorable, and her stage presence is stimulating. She will be joined on stage by Ner Tamid's fantastic children's choir, as well as Cantor Jessica Levitt who will sing with Julie. This event is truly for all ages!

Julie writes both liturgical-based music as well as new American Jewish ballads that come from the traditions of Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, and Joan Baez, among others. Her style is diverse: introspective and engaging, uplifting and charming, or sweet, fun and endearing. Her music touches people with its beauty and simplicity. An accomplished and lyrical guitar player, Julie leads her listeners on spiritual and emotional journeys. Temple Ner Tamid is pleased to present this concert for the entire family.

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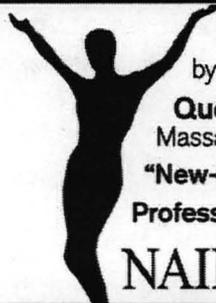
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Shabbat—November 1

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Della M. Goldsmith
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Samuel Kimmel
Albert Koppel
Hannah M. Lessure
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Frances Singman
Sidney Singman
Mischa Slatkin
Ella Sondok
Harry Spirt
Arnold Waldon
Esther Waton
Jack Weinstock
Gerald F. Zeff

Shabbat—November 8

Rose Alexander
Irving Aronson
Arthur Asher
Hyman Beckerman
Stephen Bouwman
Yolanda F. Cramer
Josephine Dubrowin
David Gash
Charles Glantz
Benjamin Glucoft
Samuel L. Goodman
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Isadore Meinhard
Irma L. Meyer
Meyer Rosansky
William Russ
Elizabeth Sconzo
Alex Shafer
Basha Snyder
Joseph Stromfeld
Sidney Waldman

Shabbat—November 15

Arnold M. Bloom
Benjamin Bussin
David Deitch
Sam Forim
Mildred K. Frank
Helen Goldstein
Juanita Goldstein
Bertha Gordon
Sam Goss
Rose Gould
Ceila Greenberg
Mary Gruber
Elsa Haller
Oscar Hilfman
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Dorothy November
Sidney Protas
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Florence Rosansky
Philip Sapir
George Schutzman
Samuel A. Siegel
Ben Spitz
Emil Ungerleider
Abraham Weintraub
Helen T. Wolkoff

Shabbat—November 22

Morris Appel
Solomon M. Beck
Anne Bernstein
Charles R. Colie
Abraham Ehrlich
Celia Fish
Fay Friedman
Fannie Goldsticker
Tillie Goodwillig
Elsa Haller
Clemens I. Henly
Blanche Hochberg
Ruby Kahn
Frances E. Katz
Anna Kerdman
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Elsa Schmeyer
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Rose Small
Sophie Zubatkin
Norman S. Zukoff

Shabbat—November 29

Joseph Alexander
Patricia Bass
Rebecca Bloom
Herbert B. Brodsky
Meyer Chordock
Irving Finger
Frances Garber
Archie Garfinkel
Jerry Goldberg
Marion Halpern
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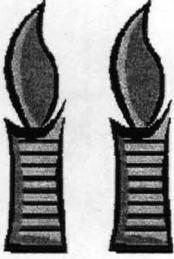
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TNT is pleased to announce The new Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Are you looking for an alternative to 8:00 services on Friday nights?

If you'd like to enjoy a leisurely Shabbat dinner at home *after* services,
or if you're the kind of person who welcomes a little variety in your life,
or if you have young children and want to get them home at a decent hour . . .

Then the new Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM
Friday night service is for you!

Beginning in November, TNT will celebrate
the last Friday night Shabbat of the month at 6:30 PM.

- **A complete service:** Not to be confused with Tot Shabbat, which will take place on a different Friday night, this will be a complete service in the sanctuary, conducted by Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Levitt, with guitar accompaniment.
- **"Nosh and Schmooze":** From 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, crudite, fruit, cheese and crackers, juice and seltzer will be served in the lobby. Come early to eat and meet!
- **Babysitting will be provided.**
- **Help us launch the first Kabbalat Shabbat with light:** The first Kabbalat Shabbat service will be on **Friday, November 29th** — also the first night of Hannukah. We'll light the first candle on the menorah and sing holiday songs with Cantor Levitt.

Please note that there will be NO 8:00 service or Oneg on these nights.

We hope both newcomers and regulars will give it a try!

SISTERHOOD

Thinking of Joining Sisterhood?

Can you spare even a ½ hour of free time? On Thursday November 14th at 8 p.m., please join a few of the Sisterhood Board members for a cup of coffee and the chance to schmooze and learn what Sisterhood is all about. The Sisterhood will be hosting a new member tea for any and all prospective Sisterhood members at the home of Debbie Ostheimer. Please give Debbie a call at (973) 746-4315 if you have any questions or you plan to stop by.

Paid-Up Membership

Attention Paid-Up Sisterhood Members! You won't want to miss the Sisterhood Paid-up Membership Dinner on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Temple. Please join us for a scrumptious dinner and lovely entertainment along with the company of your fellow members and a chance to meet our newest members. Please watch for your invitation in the mail.

Important Sisterhood Date

December 16, 2003 – Joint Meeting with Hadassah. Details to follow.

Hanukkah Shopping

Dreidel, Dreidel Dreidel... Can you believe that the first night of Hanukkah is November 29th? The Judaica Shop is ready and brimming with all your Hanukkah needs. We have various sorts of menorahs, dreidels, candles and chocolate gelt as well as other fun Hanukkah chatchkas. We always have a good stock of religious articles and would be happy to order specific items. We will be open during most Religious School hours on both Wednesdays and Sundays. Please stop by and browse.

Looking for that perfect gift that is both beautiful and one-of-a-kind? Want to do that shopping and avoid a trip to the mall? Please stop by to see the exquisite beaded jewelry of Amy Levinsohn during Religious School hours on Sunday November 17th. Amy has something for children and adults. You can find a unique gift that the recipient will love as well as support Sisterhood with your purchase. Please stop by and take a look at Amy's artwork or give her a call at (973) 744-3668 if you are looking for something specific.

Thinking of buying yourself a new set of towels or curtains for your kitchen? Need a new floor lamp? Then why not buy a book of chances to the annual Sisterhood raffle? This year we will be raffling off a \$200 and a \$300 Gift Certificate to Fortunoff's. The Raffle winners will be drawn at our December General Meeting on December 16th. If you have any questions of need additional raffle books, please give Stacey Rom-Jensen a call at (973) 744-0248. Remember—you have to be in it to win it!

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 donor credit for each hour worked. Please contact Amy Levinsohn at (973) 744-3668 if you are interested in helping us out.

B'nai Mitzvah families wanting to order *Yarmulkes* should contact Liz Peters at (973) 746-5271. The Sisterhood offers this service for a minimal amount above our cost. Please make sure that you leave at least one month for the order to be processed and delivered.

Sisterhood Tribute Fund

Condolences

Debbie Schwab—Father
Ernest Williams—Mother Avana

Recovery

Seymour Taffet
Joan Goodman
Joyce Smoger

B'nai Mitzvah

Tamara & David Abramson—Son Joshua
Carol & Dan Bernstein—Grandson

Marriages

Susan & Lanny Katz—Son Joshua & Jill Bortek
Evelyn & Manny Stier—Granddaughter Jill to
Joshua Katz

Thank You

Rose Kron—Good Wishes for Recovery

Sisterhood Bible Study

This is an open invitation to everyone, their spouses and their friends, to attend this informative study group. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Dates: November 6 and 20



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Good News הנה מה טוב

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Jacqueline Baillargeon & Kenneth Zimmerman (Jared, Brianna, Gabriel)
6 Glenwood Road, Montclair; 973-744-008

Amy & Jeffrey Plaut (Jacob, Abraham, Sophie)
228 Grove Street, Montclair; 973-233-1180

B'NAI MITZVAH

November 9 Jennifer Grayson
Margaret Herman

November 16 Benjamin Rosen

November 23 Benjamin Goldberg
Eric Handler

MARRIAGE

Mazal Tov to Joshua Katz, son of Susan and Lanny Katz, and Jill Borteck, granddaughter of Evelyn and Manny Stier, on their recent marriage.

November Anniversaries

Mazal Tov to the following couples who will celebrate their anniversaries in November and will be honored at Shabbat Service on November 22:

Joshua & Lori Aaronson
Robert & Beth Adleman
Jonathan Asher & Meryl Kramer-Asher
Robert Belfort & Cynthia Stagoff
David & Jeannette Bendeth
J. Daniel & Elise Blatt
Leonard & Janis Brownstein
Michael Curcio & Hedi Molnar
Lee Davidow & Helene Richman
Fred Duchin & Mindy Propper
Arthur Fagin & Sonia Rapaport
Debbie Frank & Jeanne Lessner
Stephen & Anne Geller
Henry & Sharon Hersch
Peter & Jean Janulis
Harry Kleinman & Deborah Ostheimer
Hank & Phyllis Lowenthal
Scott & Diane Marshall
David & Ilana Peknay
Irving & Norma Price
Robert & Judith Rich
Stephen Rooney & Cynthia Kaplan Rooney
Simon & Bonnie Segal
Bruce & Susan Shapiro
George Spiegel & Dorothy Ziman
Roy Suskin & Susan Weinstock

SENIORS

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 of Jewish Women, Essex County Division. Meetings are held at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ on Tuesdays, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Current events discussions and/or video aerobics start at 11:15 am, followed by lunch (bring your own dairy) and then our feature presentation.

November Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 5

No meeting

Thursday, November 7

Trip to Evergreen Dinner Theater, "Judy At The Palace". Cost: \$45 per person, includes bus, lunch and show. Bus will depart Ner Tamid approximately 10:15a.m. Please request fish lunch in advance

Tuesday, November 12

Paid up membership luncheon. Open to all members who have paid their 2002-2003 dues. Dues are \$35 to the JCC Metrowest and \$8 to the Louis Druian Fellowship Circle. If this is a hardship to anyone, please see Debbie Prince privately. Cost for luncheon is \$5 per person, to be collected by Frieda Berkowitz.

Tuesday, November 19th

Meeting—Lee Gladstein, Consumer Drug Education Manager, Speaker

Tuesday, November 26th

Meeting—Hirshhorn Scholar Bill Weiss Speaker

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, December 3

JCC Hanukkah party; Cost: \$4 per person

SPECIAL THANKS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT ME WELL WISHES ON A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

Dr. Seymour Taffet

Israeli Speaker

November 8 at 8 p.m., immediately following Erev Shabbat services, our congregation will be host to a special speaker and guest, David Ehrlich. He is currently a reserve officer in the Israeli Army, a member of the Israel Defense Force Speaker's Bureau, a journalist, owner of the *Tmol Shilshom* Café bookstore in Jerusalem, and a long-time activist of the Israeli Gay and Lesbian Movement. He will be speaking about the current *matzav* (situation) impacting the spirit of Jerusalemites.

Putting Our Bodies Where Our Hearts Are

For months now we have watched as Israel has been attacked, both literally and figuratively. But our frustration is nothing compared to the challenges that Israelis must face on a daily basis. More and more the Israeli Jew feels isolated. World opinion provides little in the way of support, and those who offer their love do so from a distance. But it need not be so.

Temple Ner Tamid—in cooperation with Temple Beth El of Somerville and Congregation Beth Israel of Northfield—is offering a unique opportunity to travel to Israel this winter and offer our support in person. While many details are yet to be finalized, the current plan is to leave on December 25 and return on January 2. This is not a typical sightseeing tour. We'll spend most of our time meeting with Israelis. We'll go to hear their stories as well as let them know how much we care. We'll welcome Shabbat with our sister-congregation in *Mevaseret Zion*. We'll feel like being there has value. Because it will.

The tentative travel rate is under \$2000 per person. That will include all travel expenses, both air and ground. Many meals are included.

Rest assured that our safety is of paramount concern. The Israeli authorities will not allow us to put ourselves in harm's way. By the same token, we must not forget that Israelis don't have that luxury. You have no idea how much our faces mean to them until you look into their eyes and see their tears. Join us for this solidarity mission to stand with our people in the land of our ancestors.

All those interested should speak with Rabbi Kushner.

after the afternoon service, which they did liberally sometime in the mid-afternoon. Since we were using the Reform liturgy (the sequence of services following the custom of *Temple Menorah*) but we were also committed (in a more traditional vein) to stretching *Yom Kippur* to its natural conclusion at or around sundown, Emil announced that the *Yizkor* service would be at 5:00 p.m. At once there was a massive wave of bad breath that rushed the *bimah*. It wasn't a recognizable word. Just an "Aaaugh" that was unmistakable in its meaning. The honeymoon was over. Immediately one of the former *Menorah* members filed his protest. I will never forget how he put it. "I am *orthodox* in my *Reform*." Meaning: he was not open to change. Well, in fact, we were. Change was and is a constant for Jews, especially *Reform* Jews (there is no "-ed" at the end of the word *Reform*). The next year we switched the order of the Afternoon and *Yizkor* services. Now *Yizkor* came first, and at 3:00 p.m. A compromise was found. The marriage was saved. And soon we will be celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary.

I have always believed that the strength of Temple Ner Tamid has been our willingness to try new things. Indeed, the unwritten law among the Temple's leaders in 1980 was that no one was permitted to say "But we never did it that way before." Because we all understood we were searching. We were making our way through a forest of possibilities. Who could know where the journey would lead us? So it was for our ancestors who opened their *magnum opus* with a simple question of what is the best time to say a prayer. Now, two millennia later, we are still asking that question. But of one thing I am sure we would all agree. What is most important is that we say it. Together. After all, it's directed to the whole Jewish community—*Shema Yisrael*, Hear O Israel.

Thank you to the following people who have made pledges to our High Holiday Appeal from September 8 through October 8, 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!

Rick & Lori Price Abrams
Martin & Anne Baum
Klaus Borchert & Susan Borofsky-Borchert
Muriel Chavkin
Maxwell & Shirley Cobert
Jerry & Rhonda Einhorn
Ron Epstein & Paula Kaufmann
John & Lisa Falcone
Victor & Linda Gates
Brian & Arlene Glasser
Mitchell Frank & Elizabeth Greenblatt
Richard & Laurie Goldberg
Robert & Pam Good
Lillian Goss
Larry & Barbara Gottesman
Florence Grossman
Lillian Grundfest
Robert & Stacey Hammerling
Gordon & Renee Handler
Henry & Sharon Hersch
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Ron Jacobs & Robin Sherman
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Arthur & Ruth Josephson
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Hank & Phyllis Lowenthal
Larry & Karen Mandelbaum
Donald & Meryl Mccusker
Ken Moore & Lee Guest-Moore
Mark & Laurie Perwien
Leonard & Ann Phillips
Belinda Plutz
Richard & Bobbie Polton
Yvette Quraishi
Steven & Cynthia Rooney
Steven & Sharon Rosen
Mario & Helane Russo
Fred Schnitzer & Joanne Lyn Zippel
Carl & Barbara Selinger
Daniel Shapiro & Cheryl Gotthelf
George Spiegel & Dorothy Ziman
Robert & Paula Stein
Inge Strauss
Florence Weinstock

Additional contributions will be acknowledged next month.

SHARON RAPPAPORT Youth Director

I was recently in a synagogue where the following was posted in the vestibule entryway, "This Ain't No Bus Stop." As you might guess, I was a bit taken back by the seemingly random statement and, of course, the grammar since I am a teacher. Then I took a few steps back and pondered the essence of why these words were chosen for such a high traffic location in a house of worship.

This Ain't No Bus Stop... Temple Ner Tamid ain't no bus stop. We are not just passing through to get to another place in life with complete disregard for the past, present, and future. We are members of a Jewish community, Temple community, Youth community where we can impact the lives of others by making a difference- interacting, caring, promoting, volunteering, etc. Today's youth will change tomorrow's world. We need your help.

Please sign your children up for

This Ain't No Bus Stop

the Temple New Tamid Junior Youth Group (grades 6-8) and the Senior Ner Tamid Temple Youth Group, affectionately known by the acronym SNoTTY (grades 9-12). Do not let them miss out on the life changing Tikkun Olam experiences, social bonding activities, and/or opportunities to reinforce their Jewish heritage, knowledge, and values.

I encourage you all to call me, Sharon Rappaport- Youth Director 845-623-2990/sharonrap2@aol, or Nancy Franklin- Youth Committee Chair 973-746-6704/joelnan9@aol, with ideas, support and enthusiasm. We welcome all of you as we make sure we ain't no bus stop. Temple Ner Tamid is a community center taking care of its own; we are not just passing through on our way. Make a difference.

Please join us at our youth services this month and feel part of our youth community.

TIKKUN OLAM repairing the world

The High Holy Days food drive, organized by Janet Boltax, produced 325 bags of groceries (3,500 pounds) which were gratefully received by the Montclair human needs food pantry. The food pantry remains in need of volunteers who can deliver groceries to homebound, disabled or elderly residents. Interested congregants can call the Bloomfield Division of Human Services at (973) 680-4017.

A September 11th healing service, combined with *Havdalah*, will take place at the synagogue on November 16 at 4 p.m. (Please see the notice on the back page of this issue of *Temple Topics* for details.)

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. For more information, contact the Tikkun Olam chairperson Larry Westreich at (973) 509-1444 or westlar@aol.com.

Youth Group Highlights for November

Details regarding specific events are in the youth group mailings. If you are not currently receiving the appropriate mailing, please call Sharon Rappaport.

November 8-9

SNoTTY Prayer in High Places
Friday Night Service and Overnight at TNT

November 15-16

Junior Youth Group
Friday Night Service and Overnight at TNT

November 16

SNoTTY: Medieval Times

November 24

SNoTTY and Junior Youth Group
Latkes and Chinese Auction

November 30

SNoTTY Regional Homecoming Dance

A Community Thanksgiving Sharing the Abundance

There will be a special ecumenical Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Montclair Clergy Association, on Tuesday, November 26 at 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 55 Montclair Avenue at the corner of Chestnut Street in Montclair. We invite you to come and we ask that you bring a food or dollar donation to benefit Toni's Kitchen.

Toni's Kitchen of St. Luke's Episcopal Church has existed as a ministry of hospitality for more than 17 years for the Montclair community. This open door luncheon program is available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays year-round, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each week, volunteers prepare more than 250 nutritious meals for seniors, families, underemployed persons and others in economic or emotional need. The Kitchen is supported by many Houses of Worship, businesses and individuals, along with a volunteer corps of nearly 100 persons.

The dollars offered at the Montclair Thanksgiving Service will go towards the purchase of such staples as fresh salad ingredients, coffee, milk, sugar and paper products. We invite you to call the Church Office at 973-744-6220 for volunteer or donation information.

Welcome To America

ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO Jewish Russian immigrants started to arrive in large numbers on the east coast. They were aided in their journey by HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and supplied with apartments and mattresses by Jewish federation. Local Temples including ours arranged for transportation from JFK to NJ for some. Thru the efforts of many Temple members the apartments were stocked with food. Furniture and appliances including several cars, sewing machines and pianos were donated and delivered by members. Cars and trucks were borrowed and physical labor of moving heavy couches and cabinets late at night sometimes took up every evening. Bad weather added to the challenge. This effort lasted for a hectic three-year

period and then suddenly sputtered out. We settled about 100 families in the Bloomfield area. The last families were settled about four years ago.

Recently, I was informed that there was a new Russian family in Bloomfield with two apartments in need of furniture and other items. A quick visit revealed that they had a minimal amount of furnishings. E-mail was sent to the Temple members and in less than two weeks the apartments were fully furnished including TVs and appliances. Response was just great for donations of items and help in transportation. Over 25 member families called or e-mailed their desire to help.

All that is still needed is an automobile for local transportation. If you want to donate one, please let me know.

Harvey Morginstin

Holiday Helpers

MANY YEARS AGO MY FATHER, of blessed memory, who served as Cantor to the congregation was also the designated Jewish Chaplain at Clara Maass Hospital, Belleville, among his many other activities. He persuaded me to help by organizing Temple members to fill in for hospital staff and the other volunteers, who worked all year, so that they could spend time with their families during the Christmas holidays. Since then, the task has grown to include St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson.

If you would like to join the other Temple members in this *mitzvah*, please call me at (973) 338-6408 or e-mail at hayimm@excite.com. You will only need to work about two hours at the hospital and may help out at a main reception desk and answer telephone inquiries. Sometimes we run the hospital gift shop or deliver cookies. Members have even spent time talking with patients. Please call me or send email. If I'm not home leave a message. I return all calls except for telemarketers.

Harvey Morginstin

Temple Blood Drive Results

The weather was fine. The drive was a success and Temple Ner Tamid's members have once again met the commitment to the Blood Bank. Even though the Bloodmobile had a late arrival, this resulted in only a minor disruption to the schedule and a brief wait. Of special note was the donors praise for the skilled phlebotomist employed by the North Jersey Blood Center. Special thanks to Cindy Rooney for her assistance.

The next blood collection will be early May 2003. If you did not receive a reminder postcard for this drive and want one sent to you just before the May 2003 drive, please call Harvey Morginstin at (973) 338-6408 or e-mail at hayimm@excite.com.

Hebrew Free Loan Society

The Hebrew Free Loan of MetroWest has received a donation through the Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest to help women in business. The \$18,000 gift from the Bilus family has led to the creation of the Harriet L. Bilus Memorial Fund of the Hebrew Free Loan of MetroWest, in memory of Harriet L. Bilus who passed away in May.

Interest-free loans, ranging from \$3,000 to \$5000 on average, will be available to women who want to start a business or to those already in business who need a loan, according to HFL board member Howard Kiesel. Although HFL has in the past made loans to women in business, this is the first fund that is available exclusively to women. HFL is now accepting applications for loans from the Bilus fund. As with all of its loans, there is a thorough screening process and a guarantor is required. All loans must be repaid within three to five years.

For information, call Sheila Muster at (973) 674-4210.

Grotta Foundation

A *chasid* came to Reb Avremele of Stretin, and begged, "Rebbe, please help me acquire *yiras shamayim* (fear of Heaven)." "I have no advice on how to acquire that," answered Reb Avremele, "but I can tell you how to acquire love of Heaven." "That's even better, Rebbe," the man said, "because love of Heaven is even greater than fear of Heaven." "The way to acquire love of heaven," Reb Avremele counseled him, "is by loving your fellow Jew."

And the way to love your fellow Jew is to look around you and see if you know any seniors who are lonesome, isolated, homebound, or someone who would like a new friend to call them. Maybe it is a relative, friend, or neighbor, but they are out there and we need you to bring them to our attention so we can get them a buddy. Even in assisted living facilities, there are those who would welcome a friendly voice on a regular basis.

Please call me at the Temple today and achieve, "Love of Heaven."

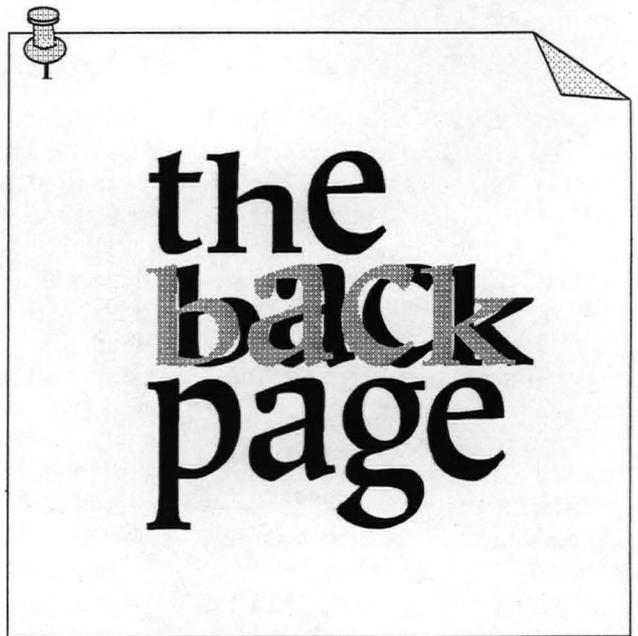
Sheila Eidelman

9/11: A Time to Remember, A Time to Heal

Shabbat Afternoon, November 16 at 4:00 pm

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 Ner Tamid 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 sacred time from the profane days of the week. A light refreshment will be served.



The Interfaith Families Committee Presents

Creating A Jewish Family: Nurturing Judaism In The Home

Sunday, November 24 at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Have you ever wondered about your own relationship with Judaism and how your home reflects your beliefs? Would you like to do more to raise your children Jewishly? Our guest speaker, Vicki Farhi, UAHC Regional Outreach Chairwoman will help us explore ways to comfortably make Judaism a part of our homes. Join us on Sunday morning, November 24 at either 8:30 am or 10:45 am. For your convenience, we are repeating this activity during each Hebrew school session so that you can hear Vicki speak (and also attend *Ten Minutes of Torah*). You might enjoy yourself so much that you may choose to attend both sessions! Even though the program is being sponsored by the Interfaith Family Committee, we welcome the entire congregation to join us. If you have any questions, please call Jean or Peter at (973) 429-9515 or send an e-mail to SuiteJean@comcast.net.

INTRODUCING

The New Kabbalat Shabbat Service

- An early Friday evening service at 6:30 p.m. on the last Friday of each month
- Starting this month, November 29
- Please note that there will be no 8:00 p.m. service on these evenings.

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