

# Temple Topics

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE NER TAMID

**STEVEN KUSHNER** Rabbi

**W**e were nearing the end of our Monday morning service. I knew that in a couple of minutes the worship leader at this rabbinic study retreat would be asking if anyone in the room was a mourner and would be saying *Kaddish*. My Dad died fifteen years ago in December and this was November, but I just got a note from the Temple that his Hebrew *yahrzeit* was right about now. So I discreetly pulled out my state-of-the-art

## Saying Kaddish For My Father

electronic organizer, opened my calendar to December 4, 1987, noted that the corresponding Hebrew date was Kislev 13, quickly looked to see when Kislev 13 fell this year only to discover that it was that very day. No sooner had I come to this awareness than the worship leader asked his question and I proudly blurted out, "Today is my father's *yahrzeit*."

At first it was normal. That is, we were all reciting the prayer. Except for a couple of my colleagues, who were reciting *Kaddish* in the traditional manner. (When you are not a mourner tradition dictates you recite only the responses—namely, "*Amein*" after the *Kaddish*'s opening phrase and at the end of the first, third, fourth and fifth paragraphs, the "*Y'hei sh'mei rabba...*" or the entirety of the second paragraph, and the "*B'rikh Hu*" response in the middle of the third paragraph.) But by the time we got mid-way through the prayer, everyone had stopped saying the text in its entirety. They had independently come to an intuitive awareness that I was the only one privileged to recite *Kaddish*. They were responding to me. In a matter of moments we had been transformed from a group into a community.

On the one hand, I felt alone. Mine was the only voice in the room. The occasional "*Amein*" to my "*v'imru*" made me even more self-conscious. The fact that I had closed my prayerbook and was working entirely from memory didn't help either. For all the times I have uttered this ancient prayer, to say it alone with my colleagues listening—and in the context of memorializing my father—became a most daunting experience. By the time I got to "*Oseh Shalom*" my voice was shaking.

Yet on the other hand, I felt embraced. These women and men were not judging me. Rather, they were echoing my statements of faith with affirmations of their own. Were we in an African-American church, their words would have translated as "Right on, brother" (*Amein*) and "Praise the Lord" (*B'rikh Hu*). They were not simply mirroring me. They were acknowledging the sacredness of that day—for me. It was the fifteenth anniversary of

## Mark Your Calendars

**December 6—8 pm**

Erev Shabbat Service/Choir Shabbat

**December 8—3 pm**

Julie Silver Concert

**December 13—8 pm**

Erev Shabbat Service/New Member Shabbat

## 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.

**December 6—7 pm**

Tot Shabbat

**December 14—10 am**

Casual Minyan

**December 20—8 pm**

Anniversary Shabbat

**December 27—6:30 pm**

*Kabbalat* Shabbat: Early Friday Night Service

## B'nai Mitzvah

**Mazal Tov to the happy families**

December 7

Sarah Opatut  
Pamela Nagourney

December 14

Rachel Moseson  
Eliza Straim

December 21

Sidney San Martin



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ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF programming for interfaith families at Reform synagogues has been a program conducted at this time of year that is often titled, "The December Dilemma." As someone whose family has been active in Outreach and Interfaith Family programs for quite a while, I can tell you that these sessions have often been remarkable explorations of how Judaism in general and Hanukkah in particular can thrive in a month that is so dominated by Christmas.

What has been particularly remarkable at a number of the Ner Tamid sessions has been the concern of both Christian and Jewish spouses that the *secular* celebration of Christmas has taken on a life of its own—quite separate from its religious roots. Christmas as a shopping season—one that now seems to begin immediately after Halloween—is a huge challenge to the values we want to pass along to our children.

So, how do we respond to the season of acquisition—a season of buying, getting, wrapping and—yes—giving stuff? This question is obviously no huge revelation to those of us reminded repeatedly each day of the number of shopping days left until... and whose kids have likely succumbed to transforming "I want..." into "I need..."

This year seems to offer a glimmer of hope. So, why is this year different from other years? Because, this year, Hanukkah is much earlier in the secular calendar. By the time you read this, we will have lit candles—beginning on the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend.

Frankly, this "new" connection to a truly secular U.S. holiday points to remarkable parallels and some wonderful challenges posed by this short-term scheduling occurrence.

Our tradition teaches us that the Maccabees certainly were thankful for the miracle of reclaiming the temple and the related miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. American tradition tells us how thankful the Pilgrims were for their survival on soil new to them and for the bountiful meal they shared with generous Native Americans.

But we are not called upon to *be* thankful. We are called upon to *give* thanks. What does it mean to "give" thanks? Neither Hanukkah nor Thanksgiving is a thanks-being holiday or a thanksfeeling holiday or a thanksreflecting holiday.

How do we actually give thanks—since we no longer live in a time of animal sacrifices brought to the temple as a burnt offering? One key way to counter the "shopping days" season and to teach ourselves and our children about Jewish values is to give...and give...and give.

We should recognize that giving *tzedakah* is actually a gift to ourselves—since we are given a chance to see that helping is a chance to perform *mitzvot*, to give ourselves the chance to have a meaningful life. What kind of thanks can you give?

Volunteer your time to organizations where "*tikkun olam*" and the performance of *mitzvot* that give our lives purpose are at the core of the organizations' very existence.

Contribute to *mitzvah*—performing organizations that have particular resonance in your life (particularly since the U.S. tax laws remind us to do such financial contributions each year—before December 31).

As the end of the year approaches, I hope that you will consider giving thanks to Ner Tamid for being such an organization. And while contributions made before December 31, 2002, are more than welcome, I would appreciate it if you will choose to make a longer-term commitment this December.

We are at a point in our *Kehilla* campaign fundraising where we need to have a strong push of financial support so that there is no question about the fiscal prudence of proceeding with construction of our proposed addition. "Fiscal prudence" is a fancy way of saying that we do not want to leave an unwanted debt in the future based on decisions we make today. Our goal was—and is—to fund the *Kehilla* program with voluntary contributions.

Therefore, I strongly urge each of you to decide *this month* to make a long-term financial commitment to the *Kehilla* campaign—so that the Ner Tamid board of trustees can approve breaking ground for our center of lifelong Jewish learning ASAP. If you have any questions about how such a long-term financial commitment can be made, please contact our hard-working *Kehilla* campaign co-chairs—Marge Grayson and David Abramson. Most common have been immediate cash contributions and longer-term five-year pledges that allow many of us to be more generous than we could be with an immediate cash contribution.

Is making such a financial commitment a December dilemma? I prefer to think of it as a choice—a choice to give thanks...literally.

## What December Dilemma?

Israel is a land of blazing sun, bright fields filled with juicy oranges, colorful markets, pushy people and tuneful accordions.

Accordions? Yup. Since before the founding of the State in 1948, the lowly accordion has been both the transmitter of music and culture and the builder of communities. During the pre-State period, in kibbutzim from the Kinneret to the Negev, groups of pioneers would spend the night playing the accordion and singing songs of the land, the people and the Bible.

Through its humble chords, they gathered strength for another day of back-breaking labor. Pianos cost too much money for most Israelis and guitars needed too much maintenance—but the humble accordion provided the right sense of joy and life to those struggling to build a new State and a new Israeli culture.

In fact, one of my favorite experiences from my year in Israel were our school-wide assemblies with Shoshi, the dean's wife. Shoshi played the accordion, and her job was to teach us the folk songs and holiday songs of Israel. She was a plump, round woman with henna-red hair and a bright smile. She cajoled us into singing songs of the Golan, the Kinneret, and the fun holiday songs that all Israeli children learn in pre-school.

In the early waves of immigration to Palestine and the State of Israel, it was believed that there should be one kind of music that would unify the various groups belonging to the new region. To fill this gap, amateur and professional composers invented a "new" folk tradition, writing songs that spoke to the emotions and ideals of the new settlements. The lyrics of these songs are in Hebrew, and the melodies are primarily derived from Eastern European folk and pop sources. Often they are in minor keys, in duple meter, and simple in structure. It was widely held that the use of familiar melodies would help immigrant groups assimilate more quickly into the developing Israeli

culture. Song texts emphasize pride in the new nation and hope for its development. Accordion, guitar, and an Arabic clay drum (*dumbek*) typically provided accompaniment. Lyrics might be composed specifically for the new songs, but frequently either existing texts or the beautiful poetry of Bialik and Rahel have been set to music.

Israeli folk music is the way to glimpse the soul of Israel: songs of battle, songs of war from the Sinai to the streets of Jerusalem, songs of harvest and agriculture, songs about letting your children fly away to join the IDF, love songs set against the struggle of a new State, songs of the hope for peace sung now to remember a slain Prime Minister.

This January I will be teaching a three-part class on Israeli folk song. You'll learn beautiful melodies, enchanting poetry and most importantly—a sense of what it is like to live, work and sing in the complicated country that is our homeland.



#### SPECIAL THANKS

THANK YOU to all who helped make The Afro-Semitic Experience Havdalah Café a success!

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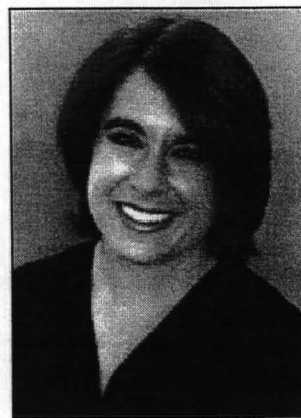
#### JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL HANUKKAH FAMILY CONCERT

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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.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 for a family. Tickets are available through the Temple office.



Julie Silver



**W**hy is Hanukkah one of the most important holidays for Jews? It is, after all, quite a minor holiday in the Jewish tradition, one which seemingly cannot compare in importance with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Passover.

We are taught to think of Hanukkah as an historic time when the Jews fought for religious freedom. In truth, Hanukkah commemorates more of a civil war within the Jewish community, a time when people struggled with what it meant to be a Jew.

Before the coming of the Greeks, Judea was made up of small farming villages. Greek culture brought with it the expansion of the city, the development of the middle class, and the expansion of international trade. Perhaps the greatest societal change brought by the Greeks was the introduction of leisure time, and they were masters at creating amusements

children were young. We would be overwhelmed with Christmas even before we set foot in the building. The sights and sounds of the holiday, tantalizing as they were, became disconcerting. "Why is only Christmas celebrated at the mall? We're Hanukkah people not Christmas people," one of my children said. "This isn't for us. This isn't fair." True, there was a small Hanukkah display, but it was clear to even my youngest that we were not part of the popular culture.

Pattie Goldin, author of a variety of Jewish publications, tells an insightful story. At Passover one year her daughter came home from college and shared with her parents some of the exchanges students had in the dorm. Trying to understand why she had not turned to drinking, drugs or sex as had friends, she came up with one answer, "Hanukkah." Her reasoning: "When we had to celebrate Hanukkah while everyone else celebrated Christmas I learned that it was

with which to fill it. Hanukkah is about how the different segments of the Jewish community responded to this new found opportunity for pleasure.

Many well-to-do Jews became urban craftsmen and began to assimilate into Greek culture, eating, talking and dressing just like their non-Jewish neighbors. They became known as "Hellenists." The "traditionalists" centered their lives on the synagogue and Jewish practice. Known as the "Hasidim," they were the forerunners of the Maccabees.

Antiochus, the Greek ruler in Judea, instituted a campaign to destroy the Hasidim by making many traditionally Jewish practices illegal: Shabbat observance, Torah study, and circumcision. Next, he tried to force Jews to violate Jewish law by publicly eating pork and participating in pagan rituals. The traditionalists had to defeat both the Hellenists and their Greek allies in order to win the civil war.

If not for the fact that it is generally celebrated around Christmas time, it is plausible that the "minor festival" of Hanukkah could have become totally insignificant. Hanukkah, however, is incredibly important for the lessons it teaches.

I can remember avoiding the mall every November and December when my

O.K. to be different. I didn't have to do everything that everyone else did."

As in the time of the Hellenists and the traditionalists, we are faced with making choices between Jewish observance and becoming absorbed into the surrounding society. Our lives are filled with competing values. Every time a child feels cut off from the surrounding culture by being a "Hanukkah person" and not a "Christmas person" the conflict between the traditionalists and the Hellenists becomes real once again.

To be clear, Hanukkah is really a celebration of being different. Being different doesn't mean being better than or less than. It means being different than. If the celebration of Hanukkah leaves us with the ability to make our own choices and the knowledge that being different than others is okay, then we benefit as individuals and as a people. Today, Hanukkah has become about giving gifts. The holiday's inherent meaning is being lost on many Jews. However, the best present we can give to our children this Hanukkah is to help them appreciate that being a "Hanukkah person" is really a good thing. And, it is a gift we can give to our children for not only eight nights a year but for a lifetime.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, November 27—Sunday, December 1**  
No School—Thanksgiving Recess

**Monday, December 2**  
Grades 6 and 7 Hanukkah Program

**Wednesday, December 4**  
Grades 6 & 7 Hanukkah Program Continued

**Saturday, December 7**  
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Family Havdallah Program

**Sunday, December 8**  
Grade 6 Museum of Jewish Heritage Trip

**Friday, December 13—Saturday, December 14**  
Grade 8 Feed The Hungry Program

**Sunday, December 15**  
Grade 5 Hey Happening Trip

**Sunday, December 22—Wednesday, January 1**  
No School, Winter Break

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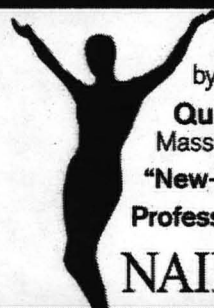
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## Ner Tamid Synagogue-Wide Book Discussion

Have you read in the newspapers about communities across the nation that have collectively read and discussed a book? In Chicago for example, thousands throughout the City read "To Kill a Mockingbird" and had discussions in churches and synagogues, libraries and bookstores. It was a great success and got lots of people thinking about a myriad of topics while getting to know other members of their community. At Ner Tamid, we are planning a synagogue wide version of this kind of event for the spring. In order for it to be a success, we need your help, advice and of course, participation. Our program will follow this course:

- December—Book selection and announcement before the end of the year
- January/February—Everyone does their reading
- March/April—Small Group Discussions within the Congregation
- April/May—"Key Note" Speaker (preferably the author, or if appropriate, someone especially familiar with the book and author)

A small committee is being established to coordinate the event. Given the difficulties of scheduling and the time of year, this will operate more like a *virtual committee* and you are invited to participate. Here's what you can do:

- Suggest a book. We need your suggestions by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The criteria are simple. A work of fiction, less than 300 pages, accessible to a wide range of readers, with an author who could be available to speak at the Temple or has an interpreter, follower, student, etc. who could speak at Ner Tamid. We al-

ready have a couple of nominees but want to circulate a small group of finalists for a consensus reaction. It would also be helpful (but not essential) if the book is available in paperback to keep down costs.

- Select the Book. Given logistics, time constraints, and other factors, the nominees will be circulated by email and regular mail for those without email. Strong positive and negative reactions will be taken into consideration. Ultimately, the decision will be made by the coordinators and announced in late December or early January. Part of the selection process will depend on the availability of the author.
- Talk up the Program. Help get others involved. Read the book and talk it up. We'll try to organize publicity but word of mouth is always the best tool for getting people involved.
- Help lead small discussions. For those of you who are experienced book group members, this is your chance to apply group discussion skills to a new audience. For others, here's your chance to lead.
- Help organize the Key Note Event. More on that later.

Given the time constraints, we need your help soon. To facilitate the process, we will be using email to the greatest extent possible. Richard Polton will serve as the Coordinator and can be reached at [repolton@aol.com](mailto:repolton@aol.com) or at 973-783-0137. We will try to keep meetings at a minimum, given the time of year. This is not an attempt from discouraging anyone from being on the committee. Please respond with your reactions ASAP.

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### Shabbat – December 6

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Jacob Ehrlich  
Benjamin Goss  
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Sophie Ogur  
Irving Price  
Philip Rubin  
George E. Schaefer  
Dora Soberman  
Benjamin Spiegel  
Nathan Stahl  
Frieda Strauss  
Nathan Strumph  
Gloria Taback  
Frances Weinstein

### Shabbat – December 13

Israel Alter  
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Lillian Best  
David Brownstein  
Lena Cohen  
Viola Cohen  
Patricia Dranoff  
Mamie Eison  
Hyman Glantz  
Rose Goldstein  
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Maurie Gurtman  
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Alonzo C. Lowenstein  
Annie Olman  
Charles Rapoport  
Charles Stein  
Eva Stromfeld  
Peter D. Taffet  
Florence Weisstein  
Rose Yam

### Shabbat – December 20

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David Convissor  
Shirley Dinsfriend  
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Shayna Goldstein  
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### Shabbat – December 27

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			January 1, 03 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO SHORESH	2 9:00am PreSchool 8:00pm Rituals & Rubrics	3 9:00am PreSchool 7:00pm Tot Shabbat 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	4 10:00am Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Maddrey (Va'era/rosh Chodesh Shevat)
5 8:30am R.S. Grades K-2 8:45am Temple Tots Group 1 10:00am Youth Choir 10:00am Ten Minutes of Torah 10:45am R.S. Grade 3-5 10:45am Israeli Folk Melodies 12:00pm JYG: Blerman Home	6 9:00am PreSchool 4:15pm RS Grades 6-7 6:30pm RS Grades 8-9 8:00pm Sisterhood Bd. Mtg.	7 9:00am PreSchool 12:00pm Lunch With Rabbi-NY 7:45pm Intro to Judaism 8:00pm Executive Bd. Mtg.	8 9:00am PreSchool 10:00am Sisterhood Bible Study 4:00pm RS Grades 3-5 6:30pm RS Grades 6-7 7:00pm RS Grades 10-12 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00am PreSchool 8:00pm Rituals & Rubrics	10 9:00am PreSchool 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	11 10:00am Casual Minyan 10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Mark Smukler & Emily Spitzer (Bo)
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## SISTERHOOD

### Important Sisterhood Date

December 16, 2003—Joint Meeting with Hadassah. Watch the mail for the exciting news about this interesting program. Meeting will begin at 8 pm. Please contact Susan Fader at (973) 667-7373 or faderz13@aol.com if you are interested in having childcare available during the meeting. The winners of our annual raffle will be picked at the meeting.

### Potpourri

Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel...Need a few more special Hanukkah gifts? The Judaica Shop is still 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 pick up a few last minute items.

You Have To Be In It To Win It...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 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need additional raffle books, please call Stacey Rom-Jensen at (973) 744-0248.

Want To Help Make Someone's Holiday Extra Special? The Sisterhood is collecting any new unwrapped gifts for kids of all ages as well as their mothers. We are hoping to deliver a carload of gifts to the children that will be spending this holiday season at the local domestic violence safe house. Please drop off any new unwrapped gifts at the Judaica Shop. Our little elves will make sure they are delivered in time to make the holidays a little brighter.

Want 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.

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

On behalf of Sisterhood I would like to thank our team of walkers who participated with our Sisterhood Team on Sunday October 20 to fight breast cancer: Susan and Kyle Fader, Barbara and Ed Miller, Robin Sherman, Debbie Galant, Noah Levinson, Lisa Weistreich, Joanna Luks, Linda Gates and sister, Edith Novack, Bud and Bree Kraus. It was a beautiful autumn morning filled with good fellowship, musical interludes and supportive bystanders. Thank you to the Sisterhood and Temple Members who sent donations in support of the walk. We raised \$2600!

**Arlene Kraus**



## Sisterhood Tribute Fund

### Births

Charlotte & Mark Greenstein—Grandson Jeffrey Steven  
Dorothy Druian—Great Grandson Jeffrey Steven

### Recovery

Herman Borowsky  
Paula Gash  
Bernice Glucoft

### B'nai Mitzvah

Elizabeth Peters & Richard Segal—Daughter Amanda  
Cindy & Daniel Herman—Daughter Margaret  
Marge & Paul Grayson—Daughter Jennifer  
Elinor Neifeld—Granddaughter Jennifer

### Condolences

Lenny Brownstein—Mother Lillian  
Forim Family—Father Leo

### Thank You

Lenny Brownstein—Donations in memory of mother  
Forim Family—Donations in memory of father

### Sisterhood Bible Study

Rabbi Kushner's study group is here, we are here, where are you? Research proves that mental stimulation keeps you alert and well informed. The class will do the same and you will even enjoy it. Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the library.

Dates: December 4 and 18

### 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.

# הנה מה טוב Good News

## November Anniversaries

*Mazal Tov* to the following couples who will celebrate their anniversaries in November and will be honored at Shabbat Service on December 20:

Kurt & Wendy Barnard  
Klaus Borchert & Susan Borofsky-Borchert  
Robert & Stacey Fishman  
Bruce & Susan Goldstein  
Lawrence & Barbara Gottesman  
Michael & Anna Katznelson  
Lev & Roza Kuzmich  
Gregory & Bessy Lat  
Brian O'Reilly & Deborah Lasday  
Mark Pesner & Patricia Einbender  
Howard & Ann Solomon

Thank you to the following people who have made pledges to our High Holiday Appeal from October 8 through November 13, 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 and still need you! We are still working towards our goal.

Gideon & Catherine Asher  
Roger Cohen & Deborah Jerome-Cohen  
Norman & Bernice Colie  
Jerry & Rhonda Einhorn  
Laurence & Susan Jones  
Edward & Sari Kaplan  
Steven & Beryl Leffler  
Elinor Neifeld  
Edith Novack

Additional contributions will be acknowledged next month.

## 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 Jewish Women, Essex County Division. Meetings are held at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ on Tuesdays, from 11:00 am – 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.

December Calendar of Events

### **Tuesday, December 3**

JCC Hanukkah Party held at Congregation Agudath Israel; Cost: \$4 per person (includes bus, lunch and entertainment)  
Bus will depart Ner Tamid 10:30 am

### **Tuesday, December 10**

Meeting – Hillside Players Performance

### **Tuesday, December 17**

Meeting – Program To Be Announced

### **Tuesday, December 24**

No Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 31**

No Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

Meeting

## 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. 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 *Mevasseret Zion*. We'll feel like being there has value. Because it will.

The 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.



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the day my cousin's husband called to tell me my Dad had died.

This is why we pray. Not just for ourselves but for others. For Jews, worship necessitates community. The *minyan*. The prerequisite quorum. And the essence of this dynamic is no where more operative than during the recitation of *Kaddish*. This is when Jews need other Jews the most.

As such, I have decided to alter the way in which I lead the congregation in *Kaddish*. Instead of asking the entire congregation to rise together, I will now offer mourners the choice to individually stand as the name of their loved one is called out. This way we can all know—should that person choose to identify her/himself—who is in mourning, who is remembering, who has come to say *Kaddish*. Then, at the end of the reading of the *Kaddish* list, I will invite the remainder of the congregation to stand. As we recite *Kaddish*, non-mourners will be welcome to say the prayer in its entirety (as many Reform Jews have elected to do as a gesture of respect for the millions of Jews who perished in the Holocaust leaving no one to say *Kaddish* for them). Or the non-mourner may choose to offer only the responses, in the traditional manner, as a demonstration of support for those who have come to fulfill their responsibility as a mourner. Either way, I believe this adjustment in our *minhag* or worship style will help us all to remember why we join together as a congregation to pray.

A final thought. Judaism distinguishes two categories of *mitzvot* when it comes to mourning. One is for the mourner. Sitting *shiva*. Saying *Kaddish*. But the other category of *mitzvot* is for us. We have responsibilities too. Visiting the mourner. Comforting the bereaved. Affirming their grief by saying "Amein". To blur such distinctions only confuses what should be clear. Those who mourn are not like everyone else. Anyone who has ever lost a loved one understands this truth.

## MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Furst

Why are you here? Too deep?

Ok, how's this?

Why are you a member of Temple Ner Tamid?

As I culled this year's membership applications, what struck me was the wide range of responses to the question, "What attracted you to TNT?"

To share a few:

Tot Shabbat...we loved it; The people...the Rabbi...the Cantor; Open to spiritual and practical needs of families; Friends of ours belong; It is very similar to my childhood experience; It is nothing like my childhood experience; A welcoming environment; Forward thinking; Yizkor service; Interfaith acceptance; The services; Adult education; Hebrew School; Family involvement; Center for Jewish community life.

As individuals, we are all such unique human beings, each of us with differing needs and priorities. It appears to me that it is that very breadth of diversity that truly makes TNT such a special place, a vital community that enhances the lives and answers the needs of so many.

Join us as we welcome our newest members into the Ner Tamid community at Shabbat services, Friday, December 13 at 8 pm. Anyone who would like to have a new member family join them for Shabbat dinner and services that evening please call me at (973) 509-7602 or email me at [barb.furst@verizon.net](mailto:barb.furst@verizon.net).



# Social Concerns גמילות חסדים

## TIKKUN OLAM repairing the world

The Tikkun Olam Committee still needs congregants interested in social action! Please fill out the suggestion form below and let us know what you think. Plans for the year include a Mitzvah Day in the spring, participating with the New Jersey Food Bank throughout the year, and delivering High Holiday services to homebound Ner Tamid members. By participating in the present activities of the committee and advocating for causes you identify, you can participate in "Repairing the World." For more information, contact the Tikkun Olam chairperson Larry Westreich at 509-1444 or Westlar@aol.com.

### WHAT ARE THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF NER TAMID AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY?

Please send ideas to: Larry Westreich, Tikkun Olam Committee Chairperson  
Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Temple membership is asked to serve as volunteers at Clara Maass Hospital in Belleville and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As in previous years, we need your help for about 2 hours to allow Hospital staff and other volunteers to have time off to enjoy their Holiday's. The tasks include activities at the front desk, telephone inquiries and whatever is else is requested such as operating the gift shop or errands for a staff member.

This is time well spent. You can go out for Chinese dinner and a movie anytime.

If you would like to participate, please contact Harvey Morginstin at 973-338-6408 or email at hayimm@excite.com. Kindly leave a message and your phone number.

## KEHILLA CAMPAIGN

David Abramson

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 mem-

ory 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 of ourselves of its professional staff. Now, by working together, we can create the future. We expect others in the years 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.

The *Kehilla* Campaign for Temple Ner Tamid's future is inching closer to \$1.5 million in pledges and cash on hand. As you learned at the congregational meeting, plans are being finalized, and we hope to start construction in the near future. We have received approval for expansion from the Bloomfield Board of Adjustment.

David Abramson and I have both been tied up with our respective children's b'nai mitzvah this fall. For both of us and for our families, celebrating a bar/bat mitzvah at TNT is an overwhelmingly wonderful experience, enhanced by being a part of this community. We thank all of you who joined with us and who helped us feel so connected to Ner Tamid. Nevertheless, our terrific family *simchas* distracted us from the campaign for the past few months.

We are now re-energized and ready for a major push for our campaign. While participation has been excellent, and we thank all of you who have contributed time and money thus far, we have more than 300 families who have either not yet been approached or who are in the process of considering contributions. We will be making a major push in the next several weeks to reach you and ask that you be as generous as you can when you hear from your fellow congregant/volunteers. The future of Ner Tamid is bright, and the funds that we are raising now and in the long term will secure our place well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

To recap what you all may know by now, the physical plans are in the Temple lobby. They 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. We are looking at ways to ensure that the plans are cost-effective and provide us what we need in a setting for our future. Plans for the endowment are still under way, but we greatly encourage our seniors to think about testamentary gifts so that the endowment will have an on-going life.

I hope you can help support the **Ner Tamid Center for Jewish Life and Learning**. A tremendous thanks to the many families (listed below) who have made pledges and/or contributions to date. Our goal is more and more reachable!

Lori Resnick & Josh Aaronson  
Lori Price-Abrams & Rick Abrams  
Tamara & David Abramson  
Raymond & Florence Aisner  
Anne-Marie Nolin & Bob Adler  
Florence & Raymond Aisner  
Judy & Dan Anderson  
Anonymous (1)  
Myra & Andrew Armour  
Cathy & Gideon Asher  
Anne & Martin Baum  
Lori & Jed Beitler  
Berna Berger  
Fern Bass & Mark Brown  
Marion & Leonard Buchner  
Rochelle Sandler & Joe Campeas  
Amy Rosen & Tim Carden  
Cornelia Sherman & Bob Carrigan  
Dianna & Steve Chipkin  
Amy & Scott Claman  
Shirley & Max Cobert  
Deborah & Roger Cohen  
Ruth K. Cohen  
Hedi Molnar & Michael Curcio  
Lois & George Davis  
Harriet Degenshein  
Jane & Larry Degenshein  
Harriet Degenshein  
Patty & Matthew DeSimone  
Mitchell Dinnerstein & Julie Blackman  
Miriam Chilton & Joel Dorow  
Dorothy Druian  
Mindy Propper & Fred Duchin

Ellen Silver & Woody Eisenberg  
Jean Ellis  
Sonia Rapaport & Arthur Fagin  
Lisa & John Falcone  
Felicia & Ron Festa  
Eve Robinson & Tom Fraioli  
Susan Weinberg & Bruce Frank  
Susan Helman & Michael Frank  
Nancy & Joel Franklin  
Dianna & Harry Friedland  
Janet Boltax & James Friedman  
Joanne & Mark Friedman  
Martha Fritz  
Barbara Shapiro Furst  
Betsy Lembeck & Don Garber  
Arlene & Brian Glasser  
Amy Lazarus & Eugene Goldberg  
Laurie & Richard Goldberg  
Steve Goldberg  
Laurie & Bruce Goodman  
Barbara & Larry Gottesman  
Marge & Paul Grayson  
Gladys Green  
Randy Simon & Lee Greenberger  
Joanna Greenwald  
Lennard & Michele Grodner  
Florence Grossman  
Lillian Grundfest  
Susan Hochbaum & Steve Guarnaccia  
Stacey & Rob Hammerling  
Eileen & Scott Harwood  
Susan & Albie Hecht  
Cindy & Dan Herman

Howard & Dede Hirsch  
Fran & Julius Hirsch  
Ellen Sherman & Chris Hitchcock  
Diane & Richard Horowitz  
Alan & Jill Johnson  
Ruth & Art Josephson  
Barry Judelman  
Kathy & Cliff Kahn  
Linda Lendman & David Katowitz  
Susan & Lanny Katz  
Jane & Andrew Kessler  
Claire & Stan Keyles  
Nancy Barbe & Steve Klein  
Debbie Ostheimer & Harry Kleinman  
Lourdes & Jeffrey Kobernick  
Debbie & David Kravitz  
Marilyn & Rabbi Steven Kushner  
Audrey & Richard Lasday  
Mary & Steve Lee  
Rachel Hott & Steven Leeds  
Ronnie & Josh Levering  
Susan & Eric Levin  
Kay & Marc Levinson  
Cantor Jessica Levitt  
Stephanie & Mark Lurie  
Ellen & Wendell Maddrey  
Jodi & Art Meisler  
Lee Guest-Moore & Kenneth Moore  
Susan Levine & Robert Moreines  
Debby & Harvey Morginstin  
Jill & Scott Nadison  
Elinor Neifeld  
Gail Neldon

Susan Nucci  
Debbie Lasday & Brian O'Reilly  
Ilana & David Peknay  
Harriet Perlman  
Nisa & Michael Peroff  
Laurie & Mark Perwien  
Bobbi Brown & Steve Plofker  
Belinda Plutz  
Roberta & Richard Polton  
Jody & Mark Rakov  
Marisabel & Jerome Raymond  
Ellen Ziff-Resnick & Ira Resnick  
Judith & Robert Rich  
Lois Ring  
Sharon & Stephen Rosen  
Kathy & Robert Rosenberg  
Tamima Friedman & Dan Rosenblum  
Lois & Bernard Rosenkrantz  
Kent Roth  
Ruth & Don Sarlin  
Sarah & Roger Segal  
Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid  
Paula & Robert Stein  
Roselle & Eric Stern  
Inge Strauss  
Susan Weinstock & Roy Suskin  
Seymour Taffet  
Nina & Richard Tucker  
Deyna & David Vesey  
Denise & Ira Wagner  
Maddie & Larry Weinstein  
Tamar & Emil Weiss  
Judy & Josh Weston  
Lisa & Larry Westreich

## First Purimspiel Rehearsal

The initial get-together for members who would like to participate in Purimspiel 2003, the Elvis Megillah, is Sunday, December 15, 2002. The rehearsal/read-through/try-out will run from 1—4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Worried that your singing/dancing/acting abilities won't meet our high standards? Not to worry. We provide excellent on-the-job training. Interested in something other than performing? Come anyway, and we'll make you the stage manager or the costume designer or the key grip. Concerned that you might be the wrong age for this production? If you can remember 1957, you're not too old. If you've heard of 1957, you're not too young. Although we do ask that children who want to perform beg your parents, please, please, please, to come and perform with you, and that grownups accompany their children for rehearsals. So take this opportunity to get involved in a Temple activity that allows you to show off, or make a fool of yourself, whichever applies, in front of hundreds of your peers—all while you're performing the mitzvah of telling the story of Esther.



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Located in the foothills of the Poconos, Camp Harlam provides the finest in educational and recreational activities for Reform Jewish youth. Camp Harlam aims to achieve these goals through a mature, experienced and dedicated staff who are devoted to the well-being of the individual child.

Our camp is an Institute for Living Judaism. It includes Jewish education, learning Hebrew and experiencing spirituality that only enhances one's Jewish identity.

We also have instructional and recreational sports and swimming and an extensive arts and adventure program. Sports and adventure facilities include: lighted softball diamond, soccer fields, large indoor gymnasium, indoor and outdoor street hockey, basketball and beach volleyball courts, ga-ga pits, outdoor rolling blading path, mountain biking trails, three swimming pools, a lake, a tree house and climbing tower and walls. Art programs include: arts and crafts, drama, dance, guitar, nature and camp craft, photography, video and radio.

Drop by the office at Temple Ner Tamid to pick up your Camp Harlam 2003 application.

For more information, contact the winter office:

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## KABBALAT SHABBAT

December 27  
6:30 pm Service

A Nosh & Schmooze  
will precede the service  
at 6:00 pm

Babysitting will  
be provided

Please note that there  
will be no 8:00 pm  
service this evening

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