Temple FEBRUARY 2003 SHEVAT / ADAR 5763 TOPICS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE NER TAMID

STEVEN KUSHNER Rabbi

ast month's Confirmation Class trip to Amsterdam coincided with the Peace/Anti-War marches that swept the world. Although our schedule did not allow for the group to participate or observe the demonstrations, it was hard to avoid their presence. Amsterdam is a small city. What with the abnormally high numbers of people on the streets, the police in riot gear and the hovering helicopters, you knew this was not an ordinary Saturday. And de-

What's Wrong With This Picture?

spite the carnival-like atmosphere, the sounds of banging drums and the sights of waving banners, there was a foreboding in the air. Remember, it was *Orange-Alert* time—and we were Americans.

My first clue was seeing a sign stuck in a flowerbed. Red on white, it read: UK+USA+Israel=Democracy. "Okay," I think to myself. "Maybe we're not completely alone." Then I noticed that the sign had a proclamation on the reverse. Black background, white lettering. This side read: UK+USA+Israel=Staats terrorisme. "Wait a minute," I wonder. "What kind of double message is this?" So I walk back

around to the front side of the sign. This time I read it *slower*. Of course. "Democracy" was spelled *Democrazy*.

A few minutes later I ran into a small contingent of our

fellow travelers. As we're comparing notes on the demonstrations, we were joined in discussion by an elderly (but not quite old) woman. She's just old enough to remember. She tells us of a confrontation she had had with some face-covered Palestinian march-

ers, how they had told her not to take pictures of them, how she had dared them to expose their faces. "Not everyone who is here marches for peace," she says. "Beware." ... of wolves in sheep's clothing, I complete her sentence. "Yes," she says.

To be sure, there is hardly consensus about how best to deal with Saddam Hussein and his despotic regime. Even within the Jewish community, people of like minds and values often find themselves at odds about the proposed American-led invasion of Iraq. This suggests to me just how complex and laden is the current political climate. I've even surprised myself at how hawkish I've felt on this issue. After all, I am a product of the Vietnam-era. My world-view was decidedly shaped by anti-war marches and protests. But now, even with much of the chanting ringing true, I see the world through somewhat different eves.

No doubt my love for Israel is a factor. I would be disingenuous were I to admit otherwise. I cannot forget that Saddam Hussein is a man who, when attacked by Western nations over his invasion of neighboring Kuwait, sent missiles into the streets of Tel Aviv. This

Purim at Ner Tamid

Purim Carnival-Sunday, March 16 at 12:00 p.m.

The Temple Ner Tamid Youth Group will once again hold its Purim Carnival. See article on Page 5 for more details.

Megillah Readings

Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Those attending the Megillah Reading on this evening are encouraged to wear costumes and bring cans of food for the poor.

Tuesday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. Join us for the reading of the whole Megillah (in English).

Purimspiel—Saturday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. An Elvis Megillah—Join Elvis and all of his friends as they tell the story of how Queen Esther saved the Persian Jews. See article on page 10.

Shabbat Services at Ner Tamid

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.

March 7—7 pm Tot Shabbat

March 8—10 am Casual Minyan

March 21—8 pm Anniversary Shabbat

March 28—6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat: Early Friday Night Service

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Participatory Democracy at Ner Tamid...with Imminent Deadlines

We need your active participation between now and May 1 on a few very important directional matters. Whether and how you participate will affect the Ner Tamid community—next year and for a number of years to come. Here is a summary of the timesensitive participation I seek from you. Details follow.

Write to me by March 31 regarding priorities for our budget for the fiscal year that will begin June 1, 2003—which the Board must vote on by its May 13 meeting and then submit to you for a congregational meeting later in May.

Contact a Kehilla campaign volunteer by March 31 and decide on a voluntary pledge or contribution amount by May 1, so that the Board can make the best decision about the extent of the building expansion at its May 13 meeting.

A BRIEF RECAP OF THE POLITICAL DEBATE ABOUT PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

More than 40 years ago, the "Port Huron statement" became the foundational document of Students for a Democratic Society. At the core of SDS, according to founders like Tom Hayden (later to become a Congressman and the husband of Jane Fonda), was the concept of "participatory democracy."

Last summer, Hayden reviewed his 1962 effort in *The Nation* and wrote with coauthor Richard Flacks that, ""Participatory democracy sought to expand the sphere of public decisions from the mere election of representatives to the deeper role of 'bringing people out of isolation and into community' in decentralized forms of decision-making. The same democratic humanism was applied to the economy in calls for 'incentives worthier than money,' and for work to be 'self-directed, not manipulated."

For critics, this concept was then and still is a "quintessential communist" doctrine. David Horowitz wrote that "participatory democracy" is "the political enforcement of equality of condition, the destruction of due process and all hierarchies—professional, scientific, meritocratic, traditional in the name of 'social justice,' which is itself another name for totalitarian rule."

These intellectual adversaries would have us believe that participatory democracy is either empowering or totalitarian. But what they seem to share is the premise that disenfranchisement is the core issue. In fact, Hayden, looking back after four decades, described the roots of his participatory democracy: "Participation is what we were denied, and what we hungered for. Without it, there was no dignity. Parents and professors lectured us, administrators ordered us, draft boards conscripted us, the whole system channeled us, all to please authority and take our place in line."

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY—FOR NER TAMID

I propose that we at Ner Tamid are called on to engage in "participatory democracy" because a synagogue community is one of enfranchisement. We are all responsible to choose covenantal *mitzvot* with God and with each other.

Viewing us as a "choosing" people may be a quintessentially Reform idea. More traditional movements in Judaism might describe us solely as the "chosen" people. But the "choosing" model of Judaism imposes on each of us a responsibility to participate. If you choose to join a synagogue like Ner Tamid, there is only one limitation placed on your freedom to choose. You cannot choose to abdicate your responsibilities. If you are *in* the community by choice, you need to choose how to be *of* the community.

Since becoming president last June, I have been on my soapbox about members choosing and acting upon your "Ner Tamid *mitzvot*." I have urged you to find ways to mesh your personal Jewish imperatives with synagogue mitzvah opportunities.

Generally, we get to engage in those struggles without a hard-and-fast deadline. In fact, Judaism's focus on cycles of sacred time reminds us that we can be affected again and again by Shabbat every seven days and by doing *teshuvah* every year. We get a

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JESSICA LEVITT Cantor

few weeks ago, I was explaining the cycle of the Jewish calendar to the Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class. One crucial aspect of the Jewish calendar is that it revolves around the agriculture seasons important to our biblical ancestors: lambing, planting time and harvest. Therefore, the main clumps of holidays occur in the fall (harvest) and the spring (planting/lambing). We are entering into the next wild season of celebration and activity here at Ner Tamid. After the cold, snowy and hibernation-inducing winter—this spring provides plenty of opportunities to get out and get going!

Purim is one of my favorite holidays and luckily it lasts as long as Sukkot does here at TNT. Purim's message (in a nutshell) is, "They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat some cookies and drink some Slivovitz." Our festivities here at TNT will include: a Purim Carnival on March 16th, a Purim Service with Megillah Reading and Costume Parade on March 17th at 7:00 pm, a reading of the ganze Megillah (oy!) on March 18th at 11:00 am, and a fantastic Purim Spiel on March 22nd at 7:00 pm. Don't miss these events!

"The flowers appear on the earth/The time of singing has come!" The Song of Songs reminds us that when the earth awakens after cold slumber, the soul and spirit must rejoice in song. The Choir of Temple Ner Tamid will be doing just that in a special Concert of Psalms, April 6th at 3:00 pm at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church on Ridgewood Avenue in Glen Ridge. The Choir will be performing Leonard Bernstein's exciting and beautiful *Chichester Psalms* with the Congregation Church Choir, organ and percussion. Our choir will also share some of their favorite composer Psalms: *Psalm 150 "Halleluyah"* by Louis Lewandowksi and "Samachti B'Omri Li" (Psalm 122) by Charles Osborne. Please come to this wonderful, community concert.

If you are not planning to attend our concert, there are other artistic possibilities. On a more serious note, on April 6th, the *Tarbut* (Culture) Committee, headed by the dauntless Miriam Chilton, is planning a bus trip to the Brooklyn Museum of Art to see the new exhibition, "Art and Auschwitz: The Last Expression." Marilyn Kushner, who helped organize the show, will be speaking in detail about it on April 4, 2003 at our Friday Night Services.

The Jewish calendar is always looking ahead! We start preparing for Sukkot at the end of Yom Kippur! So, even though we're in the midst of Purim, we need to prepare for Passover! "Positively Pesach" on March 30th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm will feature JEA Speaker Treasure Cohen who will share new, family-friendly ideas for your *seder*. I will be teaching *seder* songs at the conclusion of her workshop. Please come and get ready to sing songs old and new!

The robins are coming back. The crocuses are trying to grow up through the snow. So dust off those groggers, get out those crazy hats, start getting your *Pesadich* dishes out, stock up on *matzah*, and maybe even look ahead to Shavuot!

It's going to be a busy, wonderful, Jewish, New Jersey spring.

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Important Dates To Remember

- * April 6 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Trip to Brooklyn Museum sponsored by the *Tarbut* committee (see insert for details)
- * April 6 at 3:00 p.m.
 Concert of Psalms at Glen Ridge Congregational Church
- March 30 at 2:00 p.m.
 Positively Pesach featuring JEA speaker Treasure Cohen (see page 11 for details)

Run For Rachel

The 3rd annual "Run For Rachel" 5K run, 3K walk will take place on Sunday, April 13 at Memorial Park in Livingston at 10:00 a.m.

The Run is hosted by the Rachel Coalition and was created to raise awareness of domestic violence. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Coalition, which provides such services as a 24-hour crisis response line, an emergency safehouse with kosher provisions under the Va'ad of MetroWest, transitional housing and planning, individual and group counseling, groups for men, education, outreach and legal and medical support.

For additional information on the Run visit www.rachelcoalition.org or www.ACTIVE.com. Applications can also be obtained by contacting Sylvia Heller the Rachel Coalition, at (973)765-9050.

The Rachel Coalition is based in Florham Park and was established in 1997. If you or someone you know needs help, call the Coalition response line at (973)740-1233 and ask for "Rachel." All calls are strictly confidential.

TREE OF LIFE

Leaves on the Tree of Life in the Temple lobby can be purchased to celebrate any *simcha*.

Commemorate any lifeaffirming event such as Birth, B'nai Mitzvah, Confirmation, Marriage or Anniversary.

> Leaves cost \$180 Stones cost \$1000

Contact Laurie in the Temple office at 973-338-1500

Learning and Jewish Growth תלמוד תורה

belief shared by Am Yisrael, the People Israel, is that we are responsible for Tikkun Olam, the Repair of the World. This is a pretty awesome responsibility considering the shape of the world today. What can we really do in Bloomfield New Jersey to help repair this very broken world in which we live? While we have some very nice, hard working, well meaning people in the congregation, I don't recall anyone named Bush, Cheney or even Lautenberg at Ner Tamid. There is a Powell family, but I'm not sure if they have a relationship to Colin. Without a direct link to the powers that be in our country, what can we really do?

Just hoping for things to get better

Seeing this as a challenge (or teaching moment) we added a Yom Tikkun Olam for grades K through 5 to our Religious School curriculum this year. Families first participated in a text study session and then helped "fix the world." Grade 5 families analyzed text material about tzedakah and then cooked for the soup kitchen. Kindergarten and grade 1 families learned about bikkur cholim, visiting the sick, and made "Giggles and Goodies" baskets for hospitalized children. We have all learned that in two hours we cannot feed every hungry person or solve every world problem. However, the seemingly small acts of tikkun olam that we did have already made a difference to those fifty

> hungry people we fed and those fifty bedridden children we made a little happier.

IRIS SCHWARTZ Director of Education

isn't enough. Jews are responsible to act. We are taught by Rabbi Tarfon: "You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to refrain from it."

With these words in mind each year our 9th graders participate in a four day social action seminar at the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. to learn the skills necessary to be engaged and active citizens. Certainly by being involved in letter writing, political demonstrations, lobbying, voting and the like we can try to affect change in either the local or national arena.

The truth is, however, though we are generally intellectually committed to making the world better, most of us just can't seem to fit another thing into our busy schedules. In most cases fixing the world will just have to get in line behind work responsibilities, dentist appointments, food shopping, soccer practice, and homework. Wanting to do the right thing and "taking care of business" are competing values. We all know what generally wins in the end.

A small boy was on the beach as the tide was going out. Little starfish were being stranded on the sand because they couldn't get back into the water. The boy ran up and down the beach throwing the little fish back in the water one by one.

A man witnessed this and went up to the boy. He asked "What are you doing?" The man said "Little boy, don't you realize that there are many miles of beach and hundreds of starfish. What possible difference can what you're doing make?"

The boy looked into his hand at a starfish and replied "It makes a difference to this one" as he threw it back in the water.

Remember the bumper sticker: "Think globally, act locally"? That, to me, is what *Tikkun Olam* is all about. Check your schedule. Surely you can find an hour or two each month in which you and your family can "act locally" to do some much needed repair work. A trip to Home Depot won't even be necessary.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 2

Grade 3 Family Education Program

Wednesday, March 5

Grade 7 trip to the Kosher Food Pantry

Sunday, March 9

Tikkun Olam Council Meeting- Grades 3, 4, 5

Wednesday, March 12

Tikkun Olam Council Meeting—Grades 6, 7

Sunday, March 16

Purim Carnival sponsored by the Youth Group

Monday, March 17

No Classes, Erev Purim

Friday, March 21

Grade 4 overnight trip to Philadelphia Zoo

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sunday, March 16 Religious School will follow this adjusted schedule:

SESSION 1

K-Grade 2 will meet from 8:30 - 10:00 am

SESSION 2

Grades 3-5 will meet from 10:15-11:45 am

Children should come to class in costume and bring one non-perishable treat to put in a basket of *shalach manot* to be given to those in need.

The Youth Group Purim Carnival will begin at noon.

JOAN GOODMAN Preschool Director

March is a busy time at Shoresh. The boys and girls are anxiously awaiting our Purim celebration. The preparation for Purim provides many learning experiences; preparing costumes for our parade, baking hammentashen and of course making noise makers or graggers.

Our Purim parade will begin at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19. The many Hamens, Queen Esthers and King Ahasversoshes will march around the Temple. Our music teacher, Morah Maren will lead us in holiday songs. Our program will end with our baking of hammentashen. All are welcome to attend.

- Picture day at Shoresh is March 17. These photos will be available just in time for Passover.
- * Just a reminder: Fall registration is still going on. Several places are still available in our program.
- * The brochure for Shoresh Summer Play Camp is now available.

SHORESH PRESCHOOL TEMPLE NERTANID why Shoresh? 2 year, 3 year and Pre-K Classes Mommy and Me Full and Half Day Programs Enriched Jewish Curriculum Class Trips Music Computers Holiday Celebrations Summer Play Camp Director Joan Goodman come in or call (973) 338-1500

SHARON RAPPAPORT Youth Director

March is truly the month that the Temple Ner Tamid Youth Groups make a statement. Both the Junior and Senior Youth Groups work together and the entire congregation is invited to play together. What am I talking about? Where can members, young and old, come together to have a great time and make a difference? The Temple Ner Tamid Purim Carnival. Do not miss this totally engaging and entertaining afternoon of food, fun and folly.

MARCH 16-12 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Maybe you will even see some newly ordained TNT clowns walking around...

Maybe you will see about 40 of our youth working booths that they created...

Maybe you will see Youth Group parents and members of the Youth Committee serving up hamentaschen and prizes...

Maybe you also want to be a part of the Carnival crew. If you are interested in helping out the day of the Carnival, please call Sharon Rappaport at 845-623-2990 or Nancy Franklin at 973-746-6704.

The Senior Youth Group (affectionately known as SNOTTY) will also be sponsoring their 3rd annual Goods and Services Silent Auction at the Carnival itself. Over the past few years, this event has proven to be quite a fundraiser for the Youth. These monies have helped to underwrite many social action programs and have helped to make events like Jewish Family Day at the Meadowlands (this past February 9th-Devils' Game) affordable for Youth Group families.

If you do not want to be left out of the extravaganza and would like to make a monetary donation or donate a good or service, please call Joanna Stein at 973-744-8473.

We thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you at the carnival on March 16th.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Sunday, March 2

Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Carnival Construction meeting at TNT

March 7 - 9

Sr. Youth Group *Hagigah* Arts Conclave in South Orange

March 16

Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Purim Carnival at TNT

March 21

Sr. Youth Group Friday Night Service—Overnight at TNT

March 30

NFTY-GER Regional Elections in Mahwah

Ner Tamid is About People

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Seymour Frank Leonard Friedman Tiber Klein Israel Kirzner Louis Marks Louis Silber Irving Weinberg Father of Mitchell Frank
Father of James Friedman
Brother of Yvette Quraishi
Grandfather of Lydia Brown
Brother-in-law of Marilyn and Rabbi Steven Kushner
Father of Debbie Friedman
Father of Lisa Rabinowitz

Shabbat—March 7

Morris Basch
Betty Deitch
Morris Gittelman
Bill Kaufman
Alexander Kohn
Lillian Krulewitz
Joseph Lang
Abraham Levine
Sy Schubert
Esther Shuster
Sarah Stein
Frederick Strauss
Lewis Tennen
Henry Weyser
Irving Yam

Shabbat-March 14

lack Abrahams Alfred Ascione Harold Brandman Belle Ehrlich Joseph Exstein Leonard Grotte Eva Halpern Abraham Hendler Meta Hirsch Henry Kalter Abraham Kaplan Julia Kline Irving Levine Ida Mandel Harriet Miller Mildred Murray Harry Nepo Benjamin Peretz Max Rochlin Alexander Schwartz Theodore Weber Louis L. Weiss

Shabbat—March 21

Gennifer Ames Ruth Arbeit Leon Axelrod Flovd Bellet Jacob Blaufarb Milton Book Laura Cooper Isidor Crastnopol George Dinnerstein Louis Druian Miriam Feldman Alexander Fisch Barnett Friedman Heidi Friedman Fred Friend Milton Goldstein Solomon Haas Celia Hammerman Louis Hott Benjamin Hurwood Sylvia Kimmel John Kowal Jerome Lawrence Bess Liepold Irving Mednick Anna Rosenow Herbert Schreiber Sara Seidel Alvin Shakin Sam Sherman Pearl Stahl Esther Weiser

Mae Weitz

Shabbat-March 28

Anne Abrams Roslynne Alpert Harry Cohen (Hersh) Alex Glasser Murray Gottesman Bernhardt Gottfried Joseph Gross Laurence Jones Abraham Levine Martin Lowenthal Fannie Malick Maurice Rich Alma Rose Gilda Savitt Bessie Solomon Sol Weber



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SISTERHOOD

Important Sisterhood Dates

Due to scheduling mishaps the March and April Sisterhood General Meetings will have to be re-scheduled. Please keep a look out in the mail for updates.

Potpourri

Tribute Cards: Looking to send a special message to someone dear in honor of a wedding, graduation, B'nai Mitzvah, or express your condolences? Please contact Berna Berger at (973) 743-7212 to send a Tribute Card for you with a lovely personal note. The cost is only \$2 and donor credit is \$1 per card.

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

Purim

Megillah Reading~ Merry Making ~ Treats = Shalach Manot

All Temple members – don't forget to get your *Shalach Manot* Goodie Baskets during Purim. **EVERY TEMPLE MEMBER AND STAFF RECEIVES ONE!** Please stop by the Sisterhood Table under the Big Banner on Sunday March 16 during Religious School and the Purim Carnival, Monday evening March 17 before the *Megillah* reading or on Saturday March 22 before and after the Purimspiel.

- *If you still haven't sent in your list for greetings you have a few days left for late entries. Call Arlene Kraus 973-661-3430
- ** Remember you can also have the option when sending these greetings to ask for "reciprocity" which means that if you choose, you can have greetings automatically sent to members that sent to you but you may not have initially sent to them. This is a great way to include all who may think of you. You will be sent a bill for these added names.

Sisterhood Tribute Fund

Recovery

Bill Goldstein Joyce Smoger Florence Heilbronner

New Home

Elsa & Lennie Lentz-New home in Florida

Sisterhood Bible Study

Rabbi Kushner satisfies your cultural religious curiosity in the library at 10:00 a.m. on the following Wednesdays:

March 5, 19

March Anniversaries

Mazal Tov to the following couples who will celebrate their anniversaries in March and will be honored at Erev Shabbat Services on March 21:

Rick Abrams & Lori Price Abrams
Timothy Carden & Amy Rosen
Mitch Dinnerstein & Julie Blackman
Mark & Pat Genser
Herman & Bernice Glucoft
Michael Goldstein & Lori Katz
Jim & Lynne Jacobs
Cliff & Kathy Kahn
Donald & Meryl McCusker
Antonio Mota & Rebecca Goldberg Mota
Arthur & Suzanne Portnoy
John Reichman & Zeva Oelbaum
Jay Schreiber & Linda Ormont
Michael & Wendy Stahl



Tora Dojo Martial Arts Jewish martial arts system Karate and Self-Defense Sundays 11am in Clifton jhymowitz@comcast.net

Or call Jeff Hymowitz at (973)655-1655

Candle Lighting Times

5:36
5:44
5:52
5:59



הנה מה טוב Good News

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to Cathy Charles and Steven Kaye on the birth of their sons Evan, Lucas and Maxwell.

Mazal Tov to Diane and Scott Marshall on the birth of their daughter Stella.

Mazal Tov to Gerry and Jules Lavner on the birth of their grandchild Julianna.

B'NAI MITZVAH

March 1

Bennett Novack

March 8

Freddi Goldstein

Sarah Weiss

March 15

Luke Armour

March 22

Julia Shanin

Do you have a simcha in your family? Please call the Temple office and tell us so we can spread the word for you!

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 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Current events discussions and/or video aerobics start at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch (bring your own dairy) and then our feature presentation.

March Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 4

Senior Solutions—Skits & discussion

Tuesday, March 11

No Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

Megillah Reading

Tuesday, March 25

Humdingers Entertainment Program; Nurse Karen Frank

Upcoming Trips

Monday, March 10

JCC production of Hannah Senesch

Thursday, March 13

Purim concert featuring Cantor Mark Perman at JCC. Bus from Ner Tamid. Time to be announced

The Last Expression: Art and Auschwitz

The Last Expression: Art and Auschwitz is a groundbreaking exhibition that will surely draw much attention in the New York area. It examines the previously overlooked role of visual arts in the ghettos, transit camps and concentration camps, as well as art produced in Israel and America. The exhibit focuses on art from AUSCHWITZ/BIRKENAU, the most notorious camp. This site in Poland has come to be seen as the predominant symbol of Nazi atrocities—few people today realize that it had an active cultural life. It was one of the few camps to run an art studio with printing presses, a painting studio, and a museum; it even had a black market in which art was traded for the goods needed to survive.

The Last Expression: Art and Auschwitz is being coordinated at the BMA by Dr. Marilyn Kushner, Chair of the Department of Prints, Drawings and Photographs.

Reserve your space for this amazing opportunity, and most extraordinary exhibit. View over 200 works by artists who either perished in the camps or were among the few who survived. Retrieved from Polish archives, many works in this exhibition have never been seen by the American public.

COST: \$20

Cost includes round trip bus transportation from TNT to the Brooklyn Museum of Art, admission to the museum, presentation by David Mickenberg, Project Director of the exhibition, and a tour by Marilyn Kushner. If you would like a box lunch at the Museum, the cost is an additional \$8 (or bring your own).

TRAVEL OPTION: For those who would like to travel to the Museum on their own, the cost is \$15. We will meet there at noon. Box lunch additional \$8.

TIME: Leave TNT parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Return 4 to 5 p.m. QUESTIONS: Call Debbie Kravitz at 973.233.1294 or Arlene Linetzky at 973.783.5420.



Franciszek Jazwiecki (Polish, 1900-1946). Portrait of an Unknown Prisoner (detail), 1942-43. Pencil and crayon on cardboard. Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oswiecim, Poland.

HRNOY SCHIMMEL'S KNISHES LOWER EAST SIDE

The Last Expression Reservation Form

Please submit by March 28 with your check payable to Temple Ner Tamid. Send to: Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Name	N	umber in your pa	
PLEASE INDICATE QUANTITY:	QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Bus, admission, talk & tour		\$20	
Admission, talk & tour		\$15	
I would like a box lunch		\$8	

ADVENTURE ON THE RETURN TRIP FROM BROOKLYN BRING HOME SOME SPIRITUAL COMFORT

TREATS

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE NER TAMID RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CANDY SALE!

The TNT Education Committee sponsors the annual Barricini Passover Candy Sale to raise funds for religious school activities. The Religious School retains 45% of the Candy Sale proceeds.

To order Barricini candy for Passover, just follow these easy steps:

- 1. Complete the order form on the reverse side of this sheet.
- 2. Make check payable to "TEMPLE NER TAMID"
- 3. Consider purchasing an extra box of candy to donate to the Kosher Food Pantry. A box for donations will be available at the time that the candy is available for pickup.
- 4. Mail completed order form and check to:

Karen Straim 196 North Mountain Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042

You may also put your order form and check in a sealed envelope marked "Passover Candy Sale" and place it in the Candy Sale Box located in the Temple lobby.

Please do not mail your form and check to Temple Ner Tamid.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

Printed Candy Sale brochures are available in the Temple Lobby.

Candy that has been ordered will be delivered to the Temple during the week of April 8. You will be notified when your order has come in.

Questions? Call Karen Straim (509-8468)

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL THANKS YOU!

PASSOVER CANDY SALE ORDER FORM

Name	
Phone	
Address	

Item	Item#	Price	Qty.	Amount due
Dark Chocolate Covered Macaroons (8 oz. box)	2031	\$9.50		4.7
Assorted Fruit Slices (8 oz box) (Raspberry, lemon, orange and lime)	2032	\$9.00		
Milk Chocolate Almond Bark (8 oz. box)	2033	\$9.50		
Cashew Patties (8 oz. box) (Cashews covered with caramel and chocolate)	2034	\$9.50		
Lollicones (3 oz. box) (Solid milk chocolate on a stick)	2040	\$5.50		
Raspberry Jells (6 oz. box) (Raspberry flavored jells covered with dark chocolate)	2042	\$8.50		
Seder Mints (9.25 oz. box) (Dark chocolate shell with mint cream inside)	2157	\$10.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	10.2			

Please make check payable to "Temple Ner Tamid" (Details on reverse side of this sheet).

Please mail order form and check to Karen Straim, 196 North Mountain Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042 or <u>place</u> in the Candy Sale Box in the Temple lobby.

Please **DO NOT** mail order check or form to the Temple.

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is a man who poses a very real and immediate threat to Israel. That troubles me. Nor can I dismiss the influence of September

11, 2001. I don't think I will ever be able to see the world the same way again. Those who hate America no longer are satisfied with rhetoric. Warfare has transcended the conventional boundaries of formal declarations and standing armies. And I am convinced that Hussein and Iraq are players in this unfolding drama.

Yet what concerns me the most is the resemblance I sense of these times to those immediately preceding World War II. I am not suggesting that Hussein is another Hitler or that we are looking at another Holocaust. What I do mean to say is that the world is afraid and quick to look for someone to blame. Why is it that the world is so eager to vilify America and not Iraq? And why does Israel always seem to get included as part of the problem? Does any of this seem familiar?

I am sure that there are many who oppose war with Iraq because they do not wish to see needless bloodshed, because they are fearful of what a protracted conflict and subsequent occupation could mean for America and its allies. It is good to disdain war, to seek peace. Indeed, we are commanded

to pursue it. But I wonder about those who march for peace with slogans of hate. I wonder if peace is truly their goal.

Last month Michael Lerner, editor of Tikkun magazine, as

liberal and left-wing as they come within the Jewish community, claimed that he had been disinvited to speak at a peace



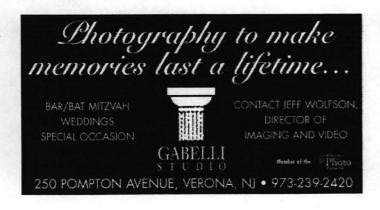


rally because of his support for the State of Israel [Wall Street Journal, February 12]. The sponsoring organization— A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism)has a rule that any constituent group can veto a speaker. hence the removal of Lerner from its program. Lerner noted the hypocrisy. "It is inconceivable that these anti-war coalitions would let A.N.S.W.E.R. ban a speaker if he accused that group of racism, sexism or homophobia. Why should anti-Semitism be treated differently, as the acceptable ism?" He is right. Not only is it hypocrisy, it is anti-Semitism.

How ironic that Lerner, who has often been branded as being self-hating for his views opposing Israeli policies, should now bear the brunt of those who truly hate Jews. It is also instructive. There is a difference between those who clamor for peace and those who are peacemakers.

The words of that woman on the streets of Amsterdam haunt me still: "Beware." After I interrupted her with my

wolves in sheep's clothing analysis, she agreed and continued, "They are not who they appear to be." Words to the wise. There is more to this war and its opposition than meets the eye.







Purim At Ner Tamid

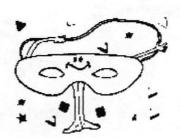


Purim Carnival

March 16 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Food... Fun... Folly

Dress in Costume and Earn 5 Prize Tickets!



Megillah Reading–Erev Purim March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Full Reading of the *Megillah* March 18, 11:00 a.m.

Get ready for a night of fun on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. as we re-tell the story of Purim. Children and all who are young at heart should wear funny hats and strange costumes. Those who wear strange hats and funny costumes are also welcome. Those who wear no hats or costumes will be asked to watch on closed circuit TV in the Library (just kidding). Purim is the holiday during which we celebrate the deeds of Mordechai and Esther, both of whom helped to save the Jewish people.

The following day, Tuesday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. is the full reading of the *Megillah*.



Purim Play Saturday Night, March 22

The latest TNT Purimspiel, *An Elvis Megillah*, will be performed at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2003. Join Elvis and all his friends as they tell the story of how Queen Esther saved the Persian Jews. Snap your fingers and tap your toes to the rock and roll music of the 1950's. Ask yourself how Lieber and Stoller, a couple of nice Jewish kids, were able to make Black music popular with White audiences through artists like Elvis Presley. And then let the music of *An Elvis Megillah* answer that question for you. For those of you who are old enough, enjoy a trip down that memory lane that extends back half a century. For those of you who are too young, find out what it was about that music that made your grandparents think your parents were acting crazy. Elvis, Buddy Holly, the Everley Brothers, Dion—they started a genre of music that's still going strong. Rock N' Roll and Queen Esther. What a combination!





POSITIVELY PESACH

SUPER SEDER IDEAS TO DELIGHT EVERY GENERATION

DATE: Sunday, March 30, 2003

TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM

- A Hands-On Passover Workshop for Adults Presented by Treasure Cohen of the Jewish Education Association of MetroWest
- Delightful ideas for involving your guests of all ages in your family seder. Bring home new songs, resources, and ideas to make your seder joyful and meaningful for the whole family
- Sing new and old seder songs for everyone with Cantor Levitt
- Simultaneous Passover activities for children over 4-years of age as a service of the Temple Youth Group



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lot of second chances.

But sometimes, we do face communal deadlines. I need your active and timely participation now as we approach a few such imminent communal deadlines. That participation is not rooted in the theory that total consensus is the optimum model for communal decision-making. Institutions that attempt to work this way find themselves mired in endless debates or institutionally-encouraged procrastination.

So, why am I writing about "participatory democracy" this month—in this forum?

TWO SPECIFIC WAYS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE NOW

Those of us who were elected as Board members and officers at our annual congregational meeting last year (a manifestation of our representative democracy) face some imminent decisions that can only benefit from your participation.

1. We are putting together a proposed budget for the fiscal year that will begin on June 1, 2003. Please give me your input by March 31.

A budget should be less about money and more about planning. As officers and Board members, we want to make sure that the priorities that drive our budget reflect congregational needs. So please drop a note in my box in the Ner Tamid office or send me an e-mail (radleris@comcast.net) by March 31 that responds to any or all of these questions:

Is there something important that the Ner Tamid community is doing now that you believe requires more attention and/or resources to improve it? What is it? How would you describe the gap between what is and what could be?

Is there something that the Ner Tamid community is doing now that you do not believe we need to do? What is it? Why should it potentially be dropped?

Is there something that the Ner Tamid community is not doing now that you believe we should start doing? What is it? Why should it be a priority?

If you have any concerns about confidentiality, say so in your communication with me. But I need to hear from you by March 31. Doing so will give the Board and officers some time to review member input and attempt to incorporate that input into the plans and the budget that the Board will need to vote on by May 13.

 We have a May 13 deadline to decide how finished an expansion we can commit to building. Please make your financial commitment by May 1.

Having raised \$1.65 million in contributions and pledges, we recently ceremonially broke ground on the necessary facility expansion. The Board of Trustees will need to decide at our May 13 Board meeting whether we can commit to the building of a partial or a complete building expansion. To commit to the complete building expansion with finished useable classrooms on the lower level, we need to raise about \$275,000 more in 5-year pledges by May 1. If you pledge that much, the Board can vote to approve the complete building expansion without the likelihood of adding additional debt servicing to the synagogue's operating budget starting in 2008 (once 5-year pledges are all collected).

We have a core group of Ner Tamid members who have taken on the sometimes awkward tasks associated with soliciting their fellow members for contributions to the Kehilla campaign. But we cannot have members wait for a solicitor to call.

I urge each of you who has not yet pledged to contact any of the following members who volunteered to solicit for the Kehilla building and endowment fundraising-and to do so by March 31. Then, sign and send in a pledge card that reflects what you can give as a "free will offering" - by May 1. If you do so, the Board can make the best possible decision about the extent of the building expansion at its May meeting. These volunteers include Marge Grayson, David Abramson, Stephanie Lurie, Sarah Segal, Ronni Levering, Richie Horowitz, Dianna Chipkin, Jane Kessler, Ira Wagner, Richard Polton, Rochelle Sandler, Mark Perwein, Bob Rich, Jeff Kobernick, and me.

Any of us will happily talk to you, and I promise that we will not seek to extract pledges from you larger than you can afford. In fact, we chose to have members solicit other members despite the fact that it is sometimes difficult to get enough member volunteers willing to solicit actively. We had no interest in using "professional" solicitors who might swoop in and then disappear—leaving us all a bit stunned. We are a community that has chosen to live with each other, so we ask you to make your free will offering by May 1. Call any of us.

In summary, I call on you to make two kinds of commitments—and to do so promptly. Doing so will say a lot about you and about the kind of community in which you choose to participate—now and in days to come. Thanks!



Temple Ner Tamid and Temple Sholom of West Essex Confirmation Class Trip to Amsterdam this past February.



invites you to

JEWISH DISCOVERY ZONE

"Matzah Magic"

An afternoon of Jewish Joy--Songs, Stories, Crafts and much, much more
For children 3-5 and their families

12:45 -2:45 PM

- Make your own "4 Questions" book.
- © Create your own Passover heirlooms.
- © Learn stories and songs for your Seder.
- © Enjoy treats, sweets & take-homes for enriching your Passover holiday.
- © Connect with other families as you share precious moments with a special child.

Tuesday, April 1 Temple Ner Tamid 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield

Reservations required

Each session limited to 20 children with parents/grandparents

Cost \$15/child; \$25/2 children in one family.

(\$18/child at the door with pre-registration)

Includes a goody bag of craft projects and enrichment materials

For more information call Treasure Cohen (973) 929-2962.

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Program location:	
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Social Concerns גמילות חסדים

Carelink-People Connecting People

We invite you to join MetroWest volunteers for a day of community caring and extend a friendly visit to older adults and people with special needs on Sunday, April 6.

Please plan to arrive any time between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Training sessions will be offered every 20 minutes. Volunteers will assemble and deliver a Passover meal. Children will create special projects to include in the packages!

Your participation makes a difference in the success of this project. Preregistration is required. Cancellations require one-week advance notice so that clients are not left without a visit. Registration forms can be found in the Temple lobby or please call Anita Millman, JFS Director of Volunteers and Special Projects at 973-765-9050, ext. 231.

2003 Maccabi Games

The JCC Maccabi Games are a cultural as well as athletic event for Jewish teenagers. The Games highlight and strengthen one's personal connection to his or her own Judaism thus continuing the historic sports tradition passed on from generation to generation.

Please check out the list of various sporting activities on the bulletin board in the Temple lobby for tryout dates and times. For more information, please contact Sherri Feldscher at sfeldscher@jccmetrowest.org or check out www.jccmetrowest.org for the latest updates.

MetroWest Caregivers Resource Center

The Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, in collaboration with Daughters if Israel, is pleased to announce the opening of the MetroWest Caregivers Resource Center, located at Daughters of Israel in West Orange.

Established with generous funding from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, the Grotta Foundation for Senior Care and the Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement, the center will provide a comprehensive range of direct services including information and referral, support groups, counseling and care management, as well as educational programming designed to address the growing needs of our community's caregivers, and their loved ones.

As a kickoff event, the Center will be sponsoring a conference entitled "Caring for Your Loved One: A Caregivers Educational Conference" on Sunday, March 30. Vivian Greenberg, author of *Children of a Certain Age* and *Should Mom Live With Us?* Will be the keynote speaker.

To register for the conference or to inquire about programs and services offered by the MetroWest Caregivers Resource Center, please call 973-325-7873, or visit online at www.caregiversnj.org.

A Note of Appreciation

Many thanks from our congregation to the non-profit Jewish Memorial Chapel in Clifton for their annual contribution of \$500 to our Religious School and also for the \$3,500 one-time gift from accumulated surplus funds. Their services to the community-at-large are the ultimate *mitzvot*.

Our Temple owns three parcels of land in the Menorah Section of the East Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clifton at the Passaic Avenue exit one mile north off Route 3. Temple members may purchase plots for themselves, their parents, and their children (up to age 23) at the current price of \$475 each plus a one-time maintenance and preservation fee of \$135 per grave. Interment is designated for members of the Jewish faith by the Board of New Jersey Cemetery regulations.

While members may avail themselves use of any funeral home of their choice, consideration of the Jewish Memorial Chapel is recommended for their professionalism, proximity and price.

You shouldn't need it for 100 years but advance planning, with no payment necessary, is a most appreciated legacy you can provide for your family (before the time of stress). For additional information, please call Herb Bilus at (973) 338-7103.

The UAHC presents:

A FREE PROGRAM to provide expert guidance on securing and retaining employment in these uncertain times.

Speaker: Richard Grossman Career Coaching Professional

Thursday, April 3, 2003 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL 756 East Broad Street Westfield, NJ

RSVP: Paul Kaufman 201-722-9090 ext. 201

KEHILLA CAMPAIGN

Marge Grayson

Yesterday, we ceremonially broke ground for our expanded facility. It was an enormously moving program that well over 100 of our members turned out for, despite horrendous weather. Rather than a very formal groundbreaking—one with elected officials and the gold-plated shovel, we had a brief service in the lobby. The rabbi led us in prayers; the cantor sang; the rabbi, Bob Adler, and I spoke briefly about what the moment meant for all of us—where we came from and where we see TNT going. Interestingly, both Bob and I, totally independently, talked about keeping our eternal flame (our "Ner Tamid") eternally and once again lit.

Then we all traipsed outside in the drizzle and each person present, including small children, picked up a brick from the patio beneath the old sukkah in front of the building. These bricks, in red and gray, formed a menorah. They will be re-laid in the new courtyard that our expanded building will surround on 3 sides. Beforehand, I had not realized what the impact of this would be, but I can tell you that every person present now is part of the actual construction of our new facility. So, much as we have grown to be such a thriving congregation that we need to expand, we have injected a *hamische* touch at the time, thus proving to me and I think everyone who was there that this is indeed a *Kehilla*, a community.

We still need everyone who can to participate in our *Kehilla* Campaign. We still need to raise more money so that the classrooms on the lower level can be fully finished and so that our endowment gets off to a healthy start. I really appreciate each and every one of your contributions. Even the smallest donations mount up towards our goal, although we ask that you be as generous as you can.

I remind you that the new rooms will bring all High Holiday services indoors, provide enough classrooms to allow a computer lab and tutoring space, give us back a library, provide space for adults to gather and learn at the same time as children, and give our teenagers a youth lounge. Our space for social activities will be larger and more flexible. We will be capable of hosting youth conclaves, spirituality *Kallahs* and scholars-in-residence. And we will be able to offer top-quality programming that might otherwise be outside of our reach. And all you need to do is to support this campaign!

Thanks once again to all of you (listed below) who have made pledges and/or contributions to date. You are wonderfully generous. Again, if you would like to help with this campaign or have any questions, please contact David Abramson or me.

Lori Resnick and Josh Aaronson Lori Price-Abrams and Rick Abrams Tamara and David Abramson Anne-Marie Nolin and Bob Adler Florence and Raymond Aisner Judy and Dan Anderson Anonymous (1) Myra and Andrew Armour Cathy and Gideon Asher Anne and Martin Baum Lori and Jed Beitler Berna Berger Herb Bilus Bloomfield Chapter of Hadassah Fern Bass and Mark Brown Marion and Leonard Buchner Rochelle Sandler and Joe Campeas Amy Rosen and Tim Carden Cornelia Sherman and Bob Carrigan Dianna and Steve Chipkin Barbara Friedman and Mark Citron Amy and Scott Claman Shirley and Max Cobert Stasha and Mark Cohen Deborah and Roger Cohen Ruth K. Cohen Hedi Molnar and Michael Curcio Barbara Flessas and Bob David Lois and George Davis Harriet Degenshein Jane and Larry Degenshein Harriet Degenshein Patty and Matthew DeSimone Mitchell Dinnerstein and Julie Blackman Miriam Chilton and Joel Dorow Dorothy Druian Mindy Propper and Fred Duchin William Dunnell and Rachel Shatz Ellen Silver and Woody Eisenberg lean Fllis Sonia Rapaport and Arthur Fagin Lisa and John Falcone

Felicia and Ron Festa

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