

Temple Topics

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STEVEN KUSHNER Rabbi

I HAVE OFTEN ENDEAVORED TO TEACH THAT THE underlying principle implicit in the Jewish 'New Year' is one of "cycles". Literally *Rosh Hashanah* means "Head of the cycle". *Shanah* does not really mean "year" but something that goes around, as in the phrase "*v'shinantam l'vanekha*—you shall teach them 'diligently' (i.e., over and over again) to your children". This has been dramatically apparent for me this past year. On June 1 my mother died. On June 21 our daughter Stephanie gave birth to our 2nd grandchild, Jaime Leigh Salmonson. So goes the revolving door of life.

Each *Rosh Hashanah* we enter the synagogue hoping to affirm this truth. With the blast of the *shofar* the cycle will turn over and start again. Yet implicit in this reality is more than just another turning of the wheel. *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* are more than exercises in spiritual rebooting. I believe that for these Days of Awe to have any lasting meaning, we need to see them as an opportunity to *break* cycles as well. Indeed, just as everything seems to just go on and on, over and over, the key to transcending nature's rhythmic flow is to occasionally break from that flow, especially when nature's destructive side seems to be controlling the pulse.

Well we know how our bad habits prevent us from moving on. Each year, during that long meditation leading up to the *U'netaneh Tokef* prayer on *Rosh Hashanah* morning, I have no doubt that for many its time is filled with personal admission of regret, of hoping that this will be the year when we stop doing this and start doing that. And despite the unnerving and disturbing fatalistic theology of that *U'netaneh Tokef* text (with the "who will be born and who will die" stuff), it nevertheless concludes with the hope that "repentance, prayer and charity" can change the course. In other words, with the best of intentions and the follow-through of righteous conduct, we *can* bring about change.

I cannot remember when I have yearned for such a transformation as I do this year.

From Baghdad to Washington, from Jerusalem to Gaza, from Ground Zero to Madrid, from Sudan to Somalia—our world screams for someone to break the cycle. Forget who's right and who's wrong. It just doesn't matter. Moral high-ground can be despairingly lonely if it does not overlook valleys of peace. We need leaders to be statesmen, not politicians. Men and women who are willing to break cycles, not perpetuate them. We need visionaries who are willing to cross

"Seek Peace and Pursue It"

(Rabbi Kushner continued on page 9)

Mark Your Calendars

September 11—8:00 p.m.

Selichot Program & Service

Wednesday, September 15—8:00 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 16

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service / 10:00 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah B'yachad Service / 10:00 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah Tot Service / 2:00 p.m.

Tashlich / 3:00 p.m.

Rabbi's Reception / 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17—10:00 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service

Friday, September 24—7:00 p.m.

Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 25

Yom Kippur Services / 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur B'yachad Service / 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Torah Discussion / 1:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Tot Service / 2:00 p.m.

Yizkor Service / 3:00 p.m.

Mincha & Ne'ilah Service / 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26—9:00 a.m.

Lower East Side Trip

Wednesday, September 29—7:00 p.m.

Erev Sukkot Family Service

Thursday, September 30—10:00 a.m.

Sukkot Service

Sunday, October 3—1:00 p.m.

Progressive Sukkah Stroll

Thursday, October 7—10:00 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor Service

Thursday, October 7—7:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah Celebration / Consecration

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 morning at 10 a.m.

September 3 / October 1—7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

September 10 / October 15—8 p.m.

Anniversary Shabbat

October 2—9:00 a.m.

Torah Study

October 16—10:00 a.m.

Casual Minyan

October 29—6:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Early Friday Night Service

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In a remarkable essay titled "Baseball's Reliquary: The Oddly Possible Hybrid of Shrine and University," the late Stephen Jay Gould wrote about a "common, yet paradoxical, problem" for any museum attempting to convey "the essence and vitality of the enterprise." He struggles with the primary responsibilities of museums, even though he believes them to be different and contradictory:

"How can a museum [serve] the role of the reliquary (reverent displays of sacred objects, whose importance lies in their very being) and the role of the teacher (instructive display of informative objects, whose importance lies in their ability to inspire questions)? How can the awe of reverence mix with the skepticism of learning?"

I was struck by his use of the word "awe." A common name for the High Holidays is "Days of Awe" *Ya-mim' Noh-rah'-yim* in Hebrew. Yet, Judaism has little in common with Gould's "awe" as something

separate from and contradictory to skeptical learning. In fact, Jewish awe goes hand in hand with Jewish skepticism. One cannot exist without the other—and both are core to Jewish practice.

Maybe what separates a synagogue from a museum is that objects are not displayed at synagogues for reverence or for information. Objects are not even at the core of the Jewish "enterprise." We do not encase the Torah in protective Plexiglas and surround it with alarms and uniformed guards. We can see the Torah and we can touch it.

Most importantly, we interact with the Torah by reading it and learning with it—and with other people. When we are interacting with the text and with each other, we can be so engaged in the story and in skeptically debating its meaning that we become part of the Torah. We lose ourselves and find ourselves at the same time.

In fact, I was taught that a Jew cannot be a fundamentalist. The very process of being a Jew makes literalism impossible. If you need an example, look at a page of the Talmud. On a single page, you see that discussions—and arguments—about one line of Torah extend over centuries. For Jews, display is not the point. Active and purposeful engagement is the point.

What is that purpose, particularly during the Days of Awe? The skepticism required for learning cannot be directed only at the Torah or at the traditions. Since we bring Judaism to life, these Days of Awe demand that we turn skepticism towards ourselves. Tradition has it that the core of our role during the Days of Awe is to learn via honest introspection and to act based on what we learn. Action is the necessary result of our Jewish awe.

Our tradition uses the metaphor of the Book of Life, and redemption can alter God's potentially negative decrees in that Book. The three types of actions that may change these adverse decrees are: *teshuvah*—true, heartfelt repentance and a commitment to turn oneself with awe towards a better path; *tefilah*—solemn prayer and a commitment to look for guidance and learning to find that awesome path; and *tzedakah*—righteous acts or good deeds, which is the commitment to traveling that path. That path is paved with purposeful and selfless acts that are, paradoxically, rewarding to the person taking those actions.

Here are some suggestions from Judaism's selfless actions whose reward is

Awe and Skepticism Reverence and Learning

(President continued on page 12)

It's not the sunshine that hits you like a ton of bricks when you land at Ben Gurion Airport, it's the jostling and scrambling which ensues from the moment the plane doors open.

Boarding a Continental flight in Newark is a relatively civilized process: people wait for their row, they stand in line, they shuffle down the ramp to their seats without too much fuss. Once those wheels touch down on holy land however, it's "I'm not for myself, who am I? And if I'm not first in line, who will be?" Grab that cart, grab that cab, and full speed ahead into anyone who doesn't get out of the way.

Disembarking at Ben Gurion is the best and worst of Israel. Heat and pushy people, yes. But also families with flowers reuniting in tears, soldiers and security personnel manning their posts with pride, delicious Yotvata fruity drinks, and a strange sense that you yourself are returning to a family that loves you, even though they don't know you from Adam.

Steven and I had an amazing sixteen-day delayed honeymoon in Israel this summer. When people ask me how it was, I can only say, "It was Israel." Israel isn't Disneyworld, and it isn't CNN. It is a real place, with real people struggling to keep the dream of Jewish homeland alive while trying to find and keep jobs, raise kids, defend themselves, solve modern social problems and find joy in life.

The mood in Israel in 2004 is completely different from when I attended the World Zionist Congress in June 2002. At that time there were regular bus and café bombings in Jerusalem and around the country. The mood was grim and shops and cafés were closed. The famous Ben

Yehuda Pedestrian Mall was all but abandoned. Two years later, the shops and cafés are packed, student groups abound, Ben Yehuda was hosting concerts and crafts fairs every night, and the feeling was one of guarded optimism. Maybe, some Israelis said, just maybe we have turned a corner. The security fence, although it angers about half of Israelis who feel it is unjust, does seem to be working to stop terrorists from getting through and into the north of the country. It is, for now, perhaps a necessary step in a long battle for peace.

On our trip, planned almost entirely on-line, we drove from Kibbutz Nachsholim on the Mediterranean a half-hour south of Haifa to the beautiful Upper Galilee at a little bed and breakfast ten minutes north of Sfat. We then drove all the way down to Eilat, and back north past the Dead Sea to Jerusalem. Outside the major cities, the peace and beauty of Israel seemed immune to fear and tension. Eilat swarmed with tourists, domestic and European. French Jews baked themselves with *ennui*. Israelis walked the cobblestones of Zichron Yaakov and ate at trendy restaurants without a care in the world – oh, except for the bag searches and metal detectors used at every mall, restaurant and café entrance.

We got used to opening up our bags for inspection, and for holding up our arms for a quick "wandering" especially in Jerusalem. While these acts can be seen as intrusive, they gave me a feeling of security and safety. Frankly, I think that in major cities like New York and Washington, such intense scrutiny at high-risk areas is warranted. Israel's security isn't leaving things to chance. Israelis have implemented commonsense but thorough security precau-

tions that take mere seconds, but could be enough to dissuade an attacker. On our trip we observed armed guards riding buses and monitoring bus stops. In Israel they check all cars and buses entering the grounds of the airport, which has rings of security. No one without a ticket is even allowed into the terminal. Once inside, you are grilled and they x-ray every bag before hand inspecting them with chemical-detecting wands. These precautions are only some of the many invisible actions being taken by intelligence agencies, the army and the police every day to keep citizens (and tourists) safe.

Our trip, however, was not defined by the security we encountered, but by the enjoyment of a land so rich in tradition, delicious food, and wonderful people. Both of us saw relatives in Israel. I met my long-lost Russian cousins for the first time, which was a wonderful taste of what the country is really about.

Israel is really the place where all Jews can find a home, and can feel at home. The home, like the ones we all live in, isn't perfect. There are windows to repair and leaks to fix. Sometimes it seems the roof will cave in. Then there are those family members who shout and scream at one another. There are days when you can't believe that you are actually related to these people with whom you share a roof. But, deep down, you know you are. And hopefully, with all the problems in *beit ya'akov*, the house of Israel, there is love.

There is no place on this planet like Israel. It is our inheritance, and we are blessed to live in a time when it is restored. It is imperfect, but it is ours.

May we all be inscribed for a year of joy, love and blessing in the Book of Life.

Special Two-part Seminar

Chesed in Action: Resources & Guidance for Seniors & the Loving Caregiver

October 31 & November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Bagels & Coffee provided

This two-part program will feature speakers in the areas of:

- *Elderlaw & Care Management (Brenda McElnea, Esq.)*
- *The Role of the Family Physician (Dr. Shrenik Shah)*
- *Resources in Your Local Community (Bebe Landis, Director of Human Services, Montclair)*
- *Insurance Guidance for Seniors & Caregivers (Herman Glucoft)*

Please plan to attend this informative session with plenty of time for your questions to be answered

Learning and Jewish Growth תלמוד תורה

IRIS SCHWARTZ Director of Education

For a few weeks it was actually possible to see the floor in my office. Ask anyone who dropped by the Temple over the summer. The carpeting is really quite nice. Well, those days are over. Today the floor started to fill up again—a sure sign that Religious School can't be far behind. What is it like to be able to see the carpet on your office floor twelve months a year? I don't think I'll ever know. A crowded office floor in my life means that children, teachers and programs can't be far behind.

Since this year we celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Jewish community in America, our synagogue wide theme will be *L'Dor Va Dor, From Generation to Generation*. For the last 350 years Jews have enriched the quality of life in America in so many ways. From September through June Religious School, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, the Adult Education committee and other Temple groups will be sponsoring a variety of events related to the history of the American Jewish community.

I encourage everyone in our congregation to help me clutter my office floor even further and get a glimpse of the joy (and work) involved in helping to create a most special program: a replication of the Ellis Island, Lower East Side immigration experience. I envision costumes, immigration officers rejecting or accepting some of our Temple Ner Tamid immigrants coming to the new land, tearful separations and joyful reunions, pickles in barrels and penny candies, sweatshops and union rallies.

This simulation is for our entire congregation. It will not only introduce our children to an important part of American Jewish history, but will provide all of us with a connection to many of the important lessons and experiences of our past. We will come together to learn what life was like for those on whose shoulders we now stand. We will come together to gain

understanding of the price our relatives were willing to pay for the freedom we have come to expect as our right. We will come together to celebrate the achievements and contributions Jews have made to the American experience. Most important, our community will come together as the next generation of Jews who will make our mark on this great land.

I invite every member of our congregation to help plan for the future while we recreate the past. Together we will create an experience that will only be as limited as our imaginations. No talent is needed. No previous knowledge is required. No time that you can give to this project is too great or too small.

I am looking forward to a year with my office floor filled with lots of stuff related the Jewish experience in America. Not to worry though as I will make sure that there is a clear path to the phone so I can answer it when you call to volunteer!

Our ancestors risked so much to come to America. That we live in this great land is a gift of their courage. We have much to be proud of. We have much to celebrate. Let's teach our children and remind ourselves what remarkable people they were.

New This Year

- We are pleased to announce the beginning of a high school program for children with learning challenges due to cognitive delays. This once-a-week class will focus on developing abilities and life skills for full participation in both the Jewish and secular communities. Curriculum areas will include Israel, understanding prayer, participation in the synagogue, holidays, Jewish values and Torah study.

Students will be involved in specific aspects of our high school program such as weekly group meetings, trips and special events. Requirements for

admission include a minimum of a 4th grade academic and reading level and a personal interview. Enrollment is limited.

- In order to make sure that our students are on track we are instituting mid-year *Hebrew Reading Proficiency Evaluations* for all fifth and sixth grade students. In this way we can work together with families to make sure all of our students attain the highest level of Hebrew proficiency that they can.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Important Notes & Dates

Religious School registration materials are due now. Help us make the first day of school run smoothly by getting your forms in now.

Sunday, September 12

First day of Religious School K - 5

Monday, September 13

First day of Religious School for grades 6 & 7

Wednesday, September 15

No School, Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 19

Parent Orientation, Grades K - 5

Wednesday, September 22

Parent Orientation, Grades 6 - 9

Wednesday, September 29

No School, Erev Sukkot

The first Ellis Island planning meeting will take place on Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Temple office if you can attend. Let us know if you are interested in helping with the simulation but are unable to attend the first meeting.

Summer is coming to a close and our school year is just about here. The weather this summer went from sunny and hot to rainy and hot, but with this the campers still managed to have an awesome experience. One highlight of our summer program was week #7 "Safety Week." The Bloomfield Police and Fire Department came to us to explain safety issues. What fun it was to have our finger prints taken by the Bloomfield Police followed by the Fire Department's "Big Red" which hosed us down with their giant water spray.

Before I begin to tell you all the exciting new programs that are happening in Shores, several individuals need to be thanked: the office staff and custodians for their help this summer, the volunteers who have painted and cleaned the classrooms and Harvey Morginstin for the fabulous sandbox cover, and of course, the Shores Committee.

This year we have added to our list of classes several new and exciting programs. Starting in September and new to our class schedule is our 3 and 4 year old Enrichment Classes. These morning or afternoon classes are for children that want to explore the world of music, science, literature, cooking and art. Classes will meet any 3 mornings or afternoons per week.

A new "Mommy and Me" program which will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00—11:30 a.m. This hour and a half program for children ages 15 months to 23 months will explore age appropriate learning experiences with

the assistance of their mothers. In January the moms will slowly leave children for their first preschool experience. There is no charge for this program from September thru December, but starting in January thru May the cost will be \$100 monthly. Spots are limited—call if you want to be a part of this new program.

Starting mid-October our "Bimah Time" with Rabbi Kushner and/or Cantor Epstein will have a new look. Each month we will hear and discuss a story relating to a specific theme. For example a story on respect, friendship, honesty and so on. This monthly program will meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Our first Bimah Time is scheduled for October 15. Cookies and juice will follow. All families with preschool age children are invited.

Also in mid-October we have scheduled our first "Mother's Morning Meeting." Over the year we will meet 5 times to discuss and share parenting issues. An experienced early child expert will run these hour long sessions. Cost is free. Our first session will meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. on October 20.

As you can see we are growing in student numbers and in programs. With the Shores Committee's desire to serve our community, we are looking to the future.

Our hope is that with all these new programs, Shores will be the place that everyone wants their preschooler to attend. Please call if you need additional information on any of the above programs.

**WE ARE PLEASED AND EXCITED
TO WELCOME STEPHANIE KOLIN
AS NER TAMID'S
FIRST-EVER RABBINIC INTERN**

Student Rabbi Stephanie Kolin is a fourth year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Manhattan where she serves as the Coordinator of the HUC Soup Kitchen. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. from Brandeis University as a double major in Sociology and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

Throughout her years at HUC, Stephanie has worked for the Union for Reform Judaism as the Regional Advisor for the New York City region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY-NYC) and as the Coordinator of the National Heller Social Action Scholarship. She has served as the rabbinical intern of Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, CA; the Jewish Home for the Aged in San Francisco, CA; and Temple Beth Emeth V'Ohr Progressive Shaarei Zedek in Brooklyn, NY. She also served a High Holy Day pulpit in Laramie, WY. This past summer, Stephanie braved the tundra as the student rabbi of Congregation Or Hatzafon in Fairbanks, AK.

Among her many duties, Student Rabbi Kolin will conduct the High Holy Day *B'Yachad* family services, instruct adult Hebrew, lead monthly Torah study, teach in the confirmation program, and assist in b'nai mitzvah preparation. She will also be teaching on a monthly basis at *Erev Shabbat* Friday evening services.



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STEPHANIE KOLIN Student Rabbi

Shalom! My name is Stephanie Kolin and I am the new Temple Ner Tamid student rabbi. I'm a fourth year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in Manhattan. No doubt there will be plenty of opportunities for me to introduce myself to you in friendlier or more personal ways than this, so we'll call this the beginning. I learned a lot about "beginnings" this past summer as the student rabbi of Fairbanks, AK. I was reminded that there are significant rituals, both Jewish and secular, that mark beginnings of friendships, classes, prayer, and new phases of life. In the wilds of Alaska, whether it was the beginning of a soon-to-be dangerous hike at our Shabbaton in Denali National Park, an ATV trip with conversion students and bald eagles, or a journey through glaciers, whales, and sea otters, I was reminded that each new beginning is the start of a new adventure and each beginning-ritual, a moment of gratefulness for the opportunity. *Modah ani l'fanecha, I am incredibly grateful before God to begin this new adventure with you.* I look forward to meeting each of you soon and I look forward to at least some adventures that don't include Alaskan bears.



Student Rabbi Stephanie Kolin

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 11:00am -2:00pm. Current events discussions and/or video aerobics start at 11:15am, followed by lunch (bring your own dairy) and then our feature presentation. All are welcome.

September / October Meetings

Tuesday, September 7

No Meeting at Ner Tamid

Monday, September 13

Trip to Jewish Museum, NY; *Modigliani: Beyond the Myth*. Bus will depart Ner Tamid at 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$38 per person includes bus, museum admission and tour.

Wednesday, September 22

JCC Sponsored Life Long Learning Shirley C. Greene Symposium. *The U.S. Election and it's impact on Israel*. Presented by David Malick, Managing Director of the Commission on the Jewish People, UJA-Federation, NY. Cost: \$12 per person for the bus. Departs from Ner Tamid at 11:00 a.m. Free if you drive on your own. Program starts at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be "on your own" at local restaurant prior to the lecture, dessert reception following.

Tuesday, September 28

First meeting at Ner Tamid

Tuesday, October 5

Meeting—Program to be announced

Tuesday, October 12

Meeting—Program to be announced

Monday, October 18

Trip to Newark Museum, "Nikolas and Alessandra" exhibit

Tuesday, October 26

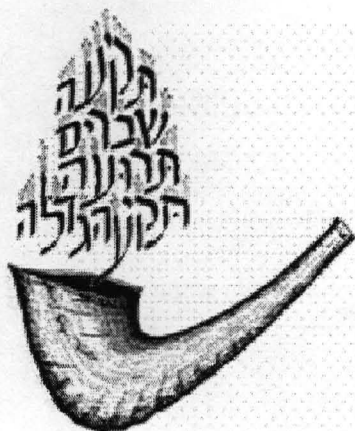
Meeting—Program to be announced

Temple Ner Tamid to show
Academy Award Nominee
"Ferry Tales" on September 11

This year Temple Ner Tamid will observe the memorial of 9/11 in conjunction with its annual *Selichot* service. *Selichot*—a late night penitential service prior to Rosh Hashanah—is a time for Jews to spiritually prepare themselves for the new year. The service, which is meditative in nature, focuses on personal introspection.

As part of this year's observance, the synagogue will show the film "Ferry Tales," a film by Katja Esson. *Ferry Tales* is a sneak peek into a culture that only happens 30 minutes a day in the women's bathroom—the Staten Island Ferry Powder Room to be exact. It is here that these women are transformed from housewives to businesswomen, from mothers to lawyers, from sisters to socialites. This is a place where no men are allowed! This 40-minute documentary, nominated this year for an Academy Award, allows us inside this powder room where race, social status and net worth are left at the door, and where these women come together to share their problems, their fantasies and their gossip. Just as production was getting underway, September 11th happened. At first, Katja felt that she would have to scrap the project altogether. Instead, she kept filming. The resulting footage shows just how strong a sense of community exists between the many different women of the powder room.

The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. with *Havdalah*, a short service marking the end of the Sabbath. After the movie there will be a discussion followed by the *Selichot* around 10:00 p.m.



High Holy Day Offerings

CHILD CARE

Child-care and/or children's programming will be offered during all High Holy Day services. (Please note, this includes evening services.) For children ages 1 to 4, babysitting will be offered. For children ages 5-7, a High Holy Day activity program has been specially designed. NOTE: The fee for child care is \$15 per child per service (Erev RH, RH1, RH2, Kol Nidre, YK a.m., YK p.m.). **Children will not be admitted without prior registration.**

B'YACHAD

This year we will again be holding ***B'yachad: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience***. It will include prayer in English and Hebrew with transliteration, singing, and interactive family activities. This service, held in the new chapel and led by student Rabbi Stephanie Kolin, is for families with children ages 8-12. Older siblings of children ages 8-12 are invited to attend with their families. Younger children should go into babysitting/child care.

Children will not be admitted without a parent. Families will not be admitted to the *B'yachad* without prior registration. Children in Grade 7 and above are expected to attend services in the Main Sanctuary, unless they want to attend *B'yachad* with a younger sibling.

TOT SERVICES

Finally, for families of all ages, Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Epstein will conduct High Holy Day Tot services in the afternoons of the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON TASHLICH

One of the most moving customs of the High Holy Days is *Tashlich*. Meet in the Temple lobby at 3:00 p.m. and join with other members of our community as we walk across Broad Street to Clark's Pond (behind Bloomfield Middle School) and symbolically cast our sins into the sea by throwing crumbs upon the face of the water. This exercise in *Teshuvah* (repentance), accompanied by the recitation of Psalms and singing, begins on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah—at 3:00 p.m.—immediately following the High Holy Day Tot Service. Your children will remember this tradition for their entire lives.

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON DISCUSSION

For those who want to make Yom Kippur an all-day encounter, please join us in the library during the "gap" between the morning service and *Yizkor* for an in-depth Torah study and discussion group led by Student Rabbi Stephanie Kolin. This is a very informal discussion of some of the more enigmatic texts that are found in our liturgy and Torah readings during these Days of Awe. This is not a class but rather an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings about the themes that inspire and sometimes even overwhelm or alienate us on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

YOU'RE INVITED

ROSH HASHANAH RECEPTION

At the home of
Rabbi Steven & Marilyn Kushner

17 Glenridge Parkway
Montclair, New Jersey

Thursday, September 16 / 3:00–5:00 p.m.
(the first day of Rosh Hashanah)

Don't Covet Your Neighbor's Etrog! Get Your own Lulav and Etrog this Year!

Why do we shake them?

The Biblical origin is in the Book of *Vayikra*; specifically, in *Parashat Emor*, where the Torah commands, "And you shall take for yourselves on the First Day the fruit of a beautiful tree, the branches of date palms, branches of the myrtle tree, and branches of the willow tree, and you shall rejoice before Hashem, your G-d, for seven days." (*Vayikra* 23:40)

When do we use them?

The commandment is to take these four species together as a unit, and to shake them together in all directions (East, South, West, North, Up and Down) at various times on Sukkot.

What do they symbolize?

- ◇ The *etrog*, or the Citron, resembles in its shape, the heart, the driving force behind all our actions.
- ◇ The *lulav*, the Palm Branch, resembles the spine, which holds the body together and, without which, we would be unable to move.
- ◇ The *hadasim*, the myrtle branches, resemble, in their almond-shape, the eyes, with which we behold G-d's World.
- ◇ The *aravot*, the Willow Branches, resemble the lips, with which we give expression to our thoughts and feelings. By holding these four together, we show that a person should devote all of his-or- her strengths and capacities to the Service of God.

How can I get one?

Kits are approximately \$25. Please contact Laurie Schifano at the Temple office before **September 24** if you are interested in ordering one for this year.

Sukkot Schedule

Sunday, September 26—9:00 a.m.

Lower East Side trip leaving from TNT at 9:00 a.m. Come along to learn some Jewish history and buy your lulav & etrog.

Wednesday, September 29—7:00 p.m.

Erev Sukkot Family Service

Thursday, September 30—10:00 a.m.

Sukkot Service & Luncheon

Sunday, October 3—1:00 p.m.

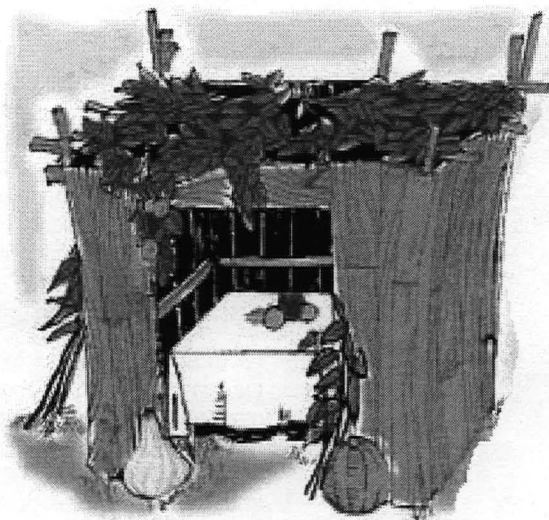
Progressive Sukkah Stroll, leaving from TNT at 1:00 p.m. Take the whole family on a Sukkot related scavenger hunt, which will culminate in dessert back at the Temple at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 7—10:00 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor Service

Thursday, October 7—7:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah celebration. The highlight of the evening is the unrolling of the entire Torah scroll around the room. In addition, Rabbi Kushner will bless and consecrate our newest Religious School students under the *chuppah*.



We're Looking For a Few Good Sukkahs

If you are thinking of building a sukkah at your house for the first time this year, please contact the Temple office at info@nertamid.org. We can supply you with what you need to know, from sukkah kit websites to the proper blessings. If you are a sukkah veteran, we'd like to hear from you too.

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boundaries, not be held captive to fear and influence. We need not merely peace 'seekers' but 'pursuers'.

Idealism, of course, is easy to dismiss, especially when all things are *not* equal. Would that the opposing forces of this world spoke the same language. Would that there was a common table at which we could all sit. Yet the politics of reality teach that the key to breaking cycles is to have the courage to sit at someone else's table and learn to speak their language, even if they are not willing to do the same. Nevertheless, idealism need not be motivated by altruism. I pray for such heroism because I want peace. I want my children to live without fear. I want to open the newspaper and go to the Sports section first. There is a difference between naiveté and courage. The former is when you expect your oppo-

nent will welcome you with open arms. The latter is when you open your arms because you realize that keeping them closed constrains your ability to breathe. Self-righteousness can be suffocating. And then all we are left with is that vicious cycle. *Hevel*—wind. Futility. As *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes) understood, such things are wearisome.

Yet *Rosh Hashanah* comes to remind us that cycles can spiral upwards as easily as just going round and round. All we need to do is make even the slightest break in the trajectory. And we can make it happen. As the popular Israeli song puts it, *Ani v'ata n'shaneh et ha-olam*—You and I can change the world. Perchance we have forgotten, the opposite of idealism is not pragmatism but apathy.

May God give us strength to do all that is necessary to "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalms 34:15).

Temple Ner Tamid Celebrates 25 Years

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Throughout this coming year we will affirm who we were, what we have become, and where we hope to go. Be on the lookout for historical displays, feature articles and special events celebrating the community of Ner Tamid.

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Shabbat—September 3

Samuel M. Anisfield
 Blance Bergoffen
 Nathan Borofsky
 Murray Davidson
 Virginia Duboff
 Julius Eberiel
 David Feldstein
 Harold Glazer
 Adelyn C. Graydon
 Sarah Holland
 Sadie Horowitz
 Ilene Kaplan Corte
 Lilly Krischer
 Rhoda Lang
 Nathalie Leeds
 Sofya Leyzerova
 Alexander S. Magnus
 Lottie Marger
 Lois Menkes
 Paul A. Meyer
 Edward Miller
 Marian Roth
 Howard Sweetwood
 Ruth Van Raalte
 Sadie Weber

Shabbat—September 10

Albert Barber
 Blanche Bergoffen
 Edwin I. Einbender
 Selma Gerson
 Arthur P. Jacoby
 Marvin Kleinzahler
 Maria Landis
 Max Lief
 Bessie Margolius
 Harry Nalebuff
 Julia Newman
 Samuel Pfeffer
 Sarah Reiter
 Louis Schwartz
 Fannie Shlefstein
 Flora Solow
 Jennie I. Spitz
 Jeanette R. Tobias

Shabbat—September 17

Morris Bussin
 Morris Cohen
 Philip Eatroff
 Frances Feig

Sidney Finkel
 Rebecca Friedman
 Sarah Glantz
 Hermine Gluck
 Sam Gluck
 Benton Goldfarb
 Martin Harris
 Basha Hurwood
 Felix Kalmeyer
 David Kamen
 Anna Kaplan
 Frances Kesselman
 Samuel Klotz
 Abe Levinson
 Max Mandelbaum
 Max Mandelbaum
 Sadie Marion
 Bella Nepo
 Sarah Nepo
 Frances Newman
 Doris Phillips
 Henry Rosenow
 Rose Schlyen
 Henry K. Schnitzer
 Joseph Slifkin
 Sylvia Sokolow
 Bessie Spiro
 Edna Spiro

Shabbat—September 24

Anna Abramson
 Bessie Abramson
 Dorothy K. Balk
 Ethel Binder
 Ida S. Buchler
 Mae Chavkin
 Barbara Engelberg
 Lena Ginsberg
 Alfred Heilbronner
 Ludwig Heumann
 Ruth Howar
 Samuel Litman
 Ida Logan
 Sidney J. Margolis
 Mary Marshak
 Elias Newman
 Emanuel Raskin
 David Reiter
 Hanka Rosenblum
 Hemia Z. Rosenblum
 Hinda Rosenblum
 Lolek Rosenblum
 Nusek Rosenblum
 Tzurtel Rosenblum

Kolman Sax
 Ignatz Schubert
 Harry Silberman
 Helene Spiegel
 Howard Weber
 Claire Weiss

Shabbat—October 1

Sadie Bilus
 Lillian Bruntel
 Charles Druian
 Sidney Einhorn
 Jack Fine
 Samuel Fischer
 Anna Gash
 Pauline Goodman
 Joseph Greenberg
 Rose Grundfest Schneider
 Mary Hecht
 Hannah B. Held
 Louis Herman
 Pauline Hyman
 Samuel Kantor
 Miriam Kass
 Leon Katz
 David Levee
 Alfred A. Levinson
 Solomon Leyzerov
 Benjamin Liebling
 Mack Marshak
 Matvey G. Meiliker
 Hyman B. Penn
 Arlene M. Pfeffer
 Tillie Spirt
 Shirley Sterman
 Hilda R. Taffet
 Eudora L. Yasen
 Isosif Zaks

Shabbat—October 8

Michael Abramowitch
 Leonard Barker
 Tillie Chroborsky
 Lillian Exstein
 Molly Fink
 Bernard M. Fritz
 Kenneth M. Gaffin
 Samuel Green
 Minnie Gussoff
 Beatrice F. Hirsch
 Felice Keene Jacobs
 Neil Kettler
 Morris Kimberg

Dina Krames
 Anna Lief
 Joseph Loebelsohn
 Sylvia B. Lubawsky
 Mollie Mackler
 Louis Miller
 Robert E. Rubin
 Anna Sarason
 David Sherman
 Fannie Solomon
 Simon Strickler
 Laurence Wayne
 Henry Zwerling

Shabbat—October 15

Samuel Berliss
 Marvin Brody
 Meyer Cohen
 Marvin Davis
 Nathan I. Degenshein
 Bella Feygin
 Samuel L. Gaffin
 Morris Ginsberg
 Bertha Glucoft
 Solomon Goldstein
 Sol Grosbein
 Edward Gutterman
 Walter Haut
 Lillian Heimowitz
 Gordon F. Helman
 Ziona Kadis
 Charles S. Potters
 Benjamin Roth
 Nathan Silberlust
 Henry Stein
 Max Strauss

Shabbat—October 22

Miriam Abramowitz
 Ruth Asher
 Esther Bell
 Mary Benson
 Solomon Berger
 Rose Brenner
 Celia Druian
 Rose Ebner
 Mollie Feiertag
 Joseph Forim
 Leo Forim
 David M. Glucoft
 Howard Goldstein
 Lena Goss
 Ruth Grossman

Benjamin Linn
 David Lustgarten
 Samuel Margolis
 William Mendelson
 Irving Nepo
 Bertha E. Novack
 Hal K. Potters
 Louis Shapiro
 Lena Silberman
 Gladys Spellman
 Jack Sterman
 Bern Thomas
 Henriette Ulmer
 Herman Unger
 Norman Waton
 Samuel Weinstein

Shabbat—October 29

Samuel Abramowitz
 Milton Beck
 Israel Brenner
 Marvin Brown
 Lillian Brownstein
 Philip Bussin
 Samuel Bussin
 Clara Cherashore
 Robert Cutler
 Herman Dicks
 Meyer Dunn
 Morris Ellis
 Max Feldman
 Livia Fleisig
 Della M. Goldsmith
 Bertha Greene
 Ethel Grodner
 Fred Harraka
 Josephine Harraka
 Albert Koppel
 Irwin Kosson
 Samuel Levine
 Karen Levitt
 Susan Meier
 Florence Rosen
 Frederick Samson
 Sander Sax
 Irving Schuman
 Dora Shlifstein
 Eska Sklansky
 Mischa Slatkin
 Ella Sondok
 Karl Strauss
 Jack Weinstock
 Gerald F. Zeff
 Fannie I. Ziman

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SISTERHOOD

New Year's Greetings

We hope that you have taken advantage of Sisterhood's New Year's Greeting program this year. The greetings will be in the mail by September 10th so please make sure you contact Kathy Orr at (973) 256-2685 or Susan Fader at (973) 667-7373 if you wish to be included.

Important Sisterhood Date

Our first General Meeting of the new year will be held on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Save the date so that you can come meet other Sisterhood members as well as make a beautiful new accessory for the fall social season at this exciting night of "Beading." Look for details to follow!

Sisterhood Calendar

Mark your calendar and save the dates. Don't miss any of the 2004-2005 Sisterhood events!

October 18, 2004	General Meeting
November 15, 2004	Paid-Up Membership
December 19, 2004	Movie
March 12, 2005	General Meeting
April 18, 2005	General Meeting
May 20, 2005	Sisterhood Shabbat
June 20, 2005	General Meeting

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer will strike more than 200,000 times this year and claim 40,000 lives. The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid asks for your help! Join Sisterhood as we "Walk For A Cure" to help raise money towards the fight against Breast Cancer on Sunday, October 17, 2004. Please walk with us or support one of our members. We will be walking as a group to raise money for breast cancer research and education. For further information, please contact Arlene Kraus at (973) 661-3430.

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale was a huge success this year. More money was raised this year than in past years. Thanks to the hard work of our many volunteers—many who signed in and the others that did not. We would also like to extend our heartiest thanks to Armando and Michael whose help was invaluable. We also would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the many members who looked first into their hearts and then looked into their closets, basements and garages and contributed so many wonderful items to sell. Many of these items will make others who cannot afford the cost of new merchandise extremely happy. Any items that were left were donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Thank you all again and we hope to see you in June 2005. Anyone interested in volunteering for this year can contact Randy Bouwman.

Potpourri

Sisterhood Judaica Shop: Coming Soon...the Grand "Reopening" of our newly refurbished Judaica Shop. Looking for a special Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift? Baby gift? Beautiful designer jewelry? Unusual home artifacts?... and of course seasonal holiday items for the High Holidays, Chanukah, Purim etc. We will have new and more improved merchandise this year...please stop by and peruse the "unusual" and "different" items we will have. Hours of operation are Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sisterhood is always looking for volunteers to work in the shop. This is a great way to earn donor credits. Please contact Arlene Kraus at (973) 661-3430 if you are interested.

SISTERHOOD BIBLE STUDY

Rabbi Kushner's study group is instructive, inspirational, and entertaining. Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Save the dates!

October 13, 20, 27

Sisterhood would like to give our sincerest thanks to the following supporters of the Donor Dinner

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BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood plans to have a political dialogue with a member of the congregation on Sunday, October 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Democrats, Republicans and Independents or those who need to learn the difference are invited to attend.

CHESED

Temple Ner Tamid is establishing a Care (*Chesed*) Committee to address the needs of individual Temple family members who are in times of crisis. It is an important *mitzvah*, or moral obligation, for the synagogue community to come together in an organized way to provide support, meals, rides, etc. for those facing severe illness or a recent loss.

I hope that you will join us at the temple on Sunday, October 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. for an informal discussion over bagels and coffee about the goals, purpose and priorities of this new and important aspect of our synagogue life.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, or a volunteer once it is established, please come and share your thoughts and ideas at this open forum. If you are unable to attend, and are still interested in being part of this new effort, please feel free to contact Susan Spencer Goldstein, Care Committee Chair at 973-509-9677 or email at sgolds4727@aol.com.

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Here are some suggestions from Judaism's selfless actions whose reward is beyond measure. These are also obligations beyond measure. You have to do them. But the more you do them, the more you'll want to do them. Here is a partial list of awesome actions that might be on your path this year:

- Leave unharvested produce in the corners of the field for the poor and the stranger—which we act out during the Days of Awe by bringing non-perishable food to the synagogue, an effort coordinated for a number of years by Ner Tamid member Janet Boltax.
- Extend hospitality to strangers who are new to our community—an effort headed up by membership VP Barbara Furst.
- Feed the hungry and clothe the naked—part of the mission of our *Tikkun Olam* committee coordinated by Sandy Weber, Lori Price Abrams and Ken Zimmerman.
- Show deference and respect to the aged—which includes support of our Seniors group chaired by Charlie Glucoft.
- Comfort mourners—a *mitzvah* being coordinated by Religious Affairs VP Stephanie Lurie and the *Chesed* (caring community) team that Susan Goldstein is organizing.

I will discuss some other awesome acts from the *bimah* during the High Holidays. May the new year be one of good health and of *teshuvah*, *tefilah* and *tzedakah* for all of us.

Join the TNT Youth Choir!

All 4th & 5th Graders are welcome on Sunday mornings from 10-10:45 a.m.

We will put together our
own musical for Hanukkah!

You help write the script!

First Rehearsal September 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary!

Please contact Cantor Epstein at cantor@nertamid.org if you have any questions

Remember Temple Ner Tamid in Your Will

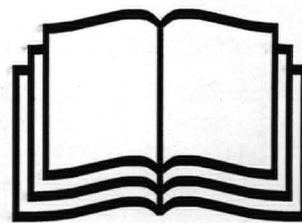
Would you like to make a gift to the Temple that provides you or your loved ones with income for life while giving you an immediate tax deduction?

Temple Ner Tamid has established a Planned Giving subcommittee.

For information on planned giving, or to help with this important effort, please call Mark Perwien at (973) 783-0142.

Prayerbook Fund

Dedicate one of our new prayer books in honor of a *simcha* or in memory of a loved one. The cost per dedication is \$36.



Contact Laurie in the Temple office for more information.
973-338-1500

TREE OF LIFE

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

Commemorate any life-affirming 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

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September Anniversaries

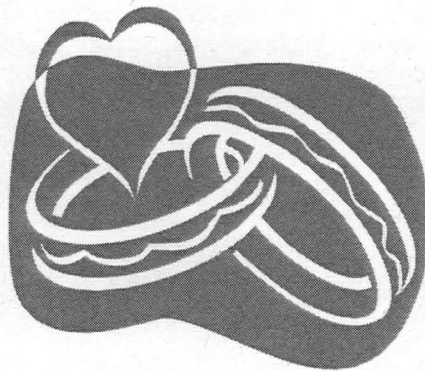
MAZAL TOV TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES WHO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL BE HONORED AT EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 10

James & Christina Axelrod
Mark & Grace Baumgarten
Morris & Sloan Berman
Robert Carrigan & Cornelia Sherman
Scott & Amy Claman
George & Lois Davis
Mark Dodd & Amy Strickler
Joel Dorow & Miriam Chilton
Christopher & Jeanne Dubina
Neil & Elise Edelstein
Mitchell Frank & Betsy Greenblatt
Michael Halitzer & Linda Gottfried
Harry & Cindy Handler
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Kurt & Debra Hollfelder
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Peter & Bebe Landis
Richard & Audrey Lasday
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Robert Mellman & Janice Belove
Bruce & Alexis Menken
Kenneth Moore & Lee Guest-Moore
Robert Moreines & Susan Levine
Richard & Susan Moseson
David & Elizabeth Oliner
Andy & Ellen Parette
Steven Plofker & Bobbi Brown
Cecil & Gail Polin
Charles & Susan Potters
Stephen & Jill Sands
Donald & Ruth Sarlin
Ken & Robin Schlager
David & Candi Schwartz
Howard & Susan Silver
Gene Sower & Nina Sloan
Alan Vomacka & Annie Garcy
Howard Weiss & Bonnie Bernstein
Carlton & Sarah Wessel
David Wright & Diane Borradaile

October Anniversaries

MAZAL TOV TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES WHO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER AND WILL BE HONORED AT EREV SHABBAT SERVICES ON OCTOBER 15

Raymond & Florence Aisner
Jonathan Alter & Emily Lazar
Shai & Carolyn Anbar
Carl Bergmanson & Ruby Siegel
Michael & Lisa Berlin
Stuart & Randi Bouwman
Eric & Lydia Brown
Mark & Stacy Cohen
Christopher & Anita Czar
William Dunnell & Rachel Shatz
John & Lisa Falcone
Jeffrey & Randi Fleisig
Steven & Beth Goodman
Daniel & Julie Groisser
Carl & Edna Heimowitz
Daniel & Cindy Herman
Warren Hoffman & Brenda Pepper
Alan & Jill Johnson
Lanny & Susan Katz
Robert & Mana Levine
Stanley & Phyllis Lustgarten
Edward & Barbara Miller
Matthew & Rachel Poggie
Scott & Angel Pollack
Daniel Rosenblum & Tamima Friedman
Louis & Mindy Schoen
Richard Schwartz & Frances Hecker
Steven & Ann Shure
Martin & Norma Siegel
Eric & Roselle Stern
Harvey & Ellen Weiss
Joseph & Roberta Zeff
Ken Zimmerman & Jackie Baillargeon



B'nai Mitzvah

September 11	Zachary Schnitzer
October 2	Maya Friedman
October 9	Rebecca Portnoy
October 16	Evan Sternberg
October 30	Alexandra Vest

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Andy Dwyer & Nancy Kaplan
(Dan Rubin, Mia & John Ellis)
8 Burnside Street, Upper Montclair
973-509-9002

Peter Della Bella & Jodi Paroff
(Lucas Della Bella, Rachel Paroff)
62 Beverley Road, Montclair,
973-783-2740

Blood Drive set for Sunday, October 31

Our Temple has partnered with The Blood Center of New Jersey to help provide an adequate blood supply for the community. Area hospital patients depend on the generosity and kindness of people like you everyday.

Temple members are again invited to participate in a blood drive to be held in the Bloodmobile in the parking lot of the Temple. The date is Sunday, October 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reservations for specific time slots every 20 minutes starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. may be made by contacting Harvey Morginstin at 973-338-6408, leave message, or e-mail to hayimm@excite.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

This year Temple Ner Tamid celebrates its 25th anniversary while Jews celebrate 350 years of Jewish life in America. Using the 350 years of change, growth, immigration, and modernity as a theme, we are offering a broad range of programming this coming year.

Our Adult Education curriculum will offer education in the broadest sense—classes ranging from Torah study to movies, from parenting classes to Hebrew, from Introduction to Judaism to college level work and everything in between. Politics and trips to visit our past are all part of this year's exciting line-up. As a community we will read and discuss one book, and also as a community, we will explore the Immigrant Experience.

While the Adult Education Brochure will be in your hands shortly, we want to alert you to programs that will begin early in the fall, so mark your calendars for the following:

SHABBAT...JUST DO IT!

Discover the joy of observing Shabbat and understanding its traditions. Last year's highly successful once-a-month workshop on Shabbat continues this fall with 2 more sessions. Round off your knowledge and expertise on Shabbat or start here. No need to have attended last year; this is open to everyone in the congregation.

Family Blessing: Sunday, September 19 at 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Havdalah: Sunday, October, 17 at 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Registration is not required.

JUDAISM AND THE AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

From the moment Jews arrived in New Amsterdam 350 years ago, Judaism encountered the frontier and has been changed by it. Join Rabbi Kushner for this four part class which will study the ways Judaism has been affected by America. Judaism in the New World has been shaped by the emphasis on individualism, thus leading to new strains of Judaism, the change in the role of women, creative services, different music, patrilineality and outreach among others. The New World has led to a Judaism that seeks to meet and value our personal needs over the needs of the community as a whole. This course has never been offered at TNT before and will be a fascinating look at the impact of America and modernity on this ancient religion.

Sundays at 11:15 a.m., 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7

Registration: \$18

HEBREW LANGUAGE EDUCATION

This year we will offer both *Beginning Hebrew* for those who have never learned or have forgotten all they knew, as well as *Conversational Hebrew* for the first time. A basic knowledge of *alef-bet* is required.

Each class will be offered Sundays, 9:00 to 10 a.m.: 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, 5/8, 5/15.

Beginning Hebrew Registration: \$125 + materials

Conversational Hebrew Registration: \$175 + materials

TEN MINUTES OF TORAH

Each year our school community is involved in a family education program that connects student classroom learning with adult learning & family learning at home. This year with the theme of *350 Years of Jews in America*, each week we will study a different prominent Jewish American and learn that person's story. Parents are invited to attend a class with Rabbi Kushner every Sunday morning and then continue the conversation at home using take home materials. Families with first through sixth graders who complete at least twelve of the assignments will be invited to a gala celebration in May. Ten Minutes of Torah provided a multi-level approach to Jewish learning, giving children and parents the chance to study with peers as well as learning at home.

All Ten Minutes of Torah discussions will run from 10:00. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings

Beginning October 17 / Registration is not required

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI

Once again, Rabbi Kushner offers a once-a-month lunch and learn class. This year will focus on documents from American Jewish history.

Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

NYC: October 5, November 9, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3

NJ: October 19, November 16, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10

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MOMS' MORNING MEETING—DEALING WITH PARENTING ISSUES

Overwhelmed by your wonderful child? Looking for advice? Looking to connect with other moms of young ones while sharing issues, experiences, questions, answers? For the first time, we will be presenting a 5-part parenting class for moms of toddlers & preschoolers. An experienced early childhood expert will run 5 one-hour sessions for parents of young children. (Sponsored by Shores, the Nursery School of TNT).

Wednesday, October 20, December 8, February 9, April 6, May 11

All classes 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Free

WARREN LEVINSON ON THE ELECTION

Fascinated, perplexed, concerned about the election? Join the Brotherhood of TNT when it sponsors our own Warren Levinson of the Associated Press for an up-to-the minute overview and analysis of the issues and constituencies driving the Presidential race, just 9 days before you go to the polls.

Sunday, October 24th at 2:00 p.m.

No charge

NER TAMID 2ND ANNUAL SHABBATON

Plan on enjoying the day of Shabbat with your fellow congregants on Saturday November 6. We will pray, study, sing and eat with our community. Open to the entire community, we will enjoy Shabbat and taste its joy and come away restored. We will start with our morning service and its unique Torah discussion, enjoy lunch, followed by *zemirot* (songs), spend time studying, making Shabbat personal, listen to storytelling, have a late-afternoon *seudah shlisheet* snack and end Shabbat with *havdalah*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to discover *Shabbat Shalom*.

Saturday, November 6: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for Lunch & Materials*: TBA

*Fee is charged only for lunch and afternoon programs.

TRAVEL BACK TO JEWISH NEW AMSTERDAM!

Join noted tour guide Oscar Israelowitz for a 3-hour tour of the first Jewish settlement in New Amsterdam, stop off at the old Spanish & Portuguese cemetery. (Access into the very small cemetery to the public is not available, but the tombstones are visible from the street.) Then we continue up to the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in New York.

On November 14 we will travel by bus to New York, leaving TNT at 9 a.m., finishing the tour at 1 p.m., stopping for lunch on your own in the area & returning to the Temple by 3:00 p.m.

Registration: \$50

THE CHOSEN

Have you heard about the population of Chicago reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*? We at Ner Tamid want our own version this year. We are encouraging the entire congregation—adolescents to seniors and everyone in between—to read Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*. This book addresses issues of Judaism's place in the modern world, disputes between ultra-Orthodox and modern Orthodox, the place of Israel in Judaism and a host of others that remain relevant to us today. Whether you read it years ago or it's new to you, this book continues to resonate in the American Jewish world. As TNT looks at 350 years of Jews in America, we think this book forms the perfect basis for thought and discussion. The book will be available in the Temple office starting November 1.

Reader discussion groups will be held on Sunday evenings January 9 and January 30 at 8 p.m.

Speaker TBA to round out the discussion: Sunday March 13 at 3 p.m.

Fee: TBA

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21!**



REGISTER NOW!

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INTENSIVE JEWISH STUDIES

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI SCHOOL COMES TO NER TAMID!

Have you been looking for a deeper knowledge of all sorts of aspects of Judaism? Have you studied Judaism 101 so many times that you feel like you could teach it? Do you hunger for a deeper knowledge of Judaism? Even if you don't have significant knowledge of Judaism already, does serious study appeal to you? If so, the Melton program is for you. Classes meet once a week for 30 weeks per year for a 2 year program. Each session consists of two one-hour classes with a break. No prerequisites, grades or exams. Graduates receive a Certificate of Jewish Studies from Hebrew University and are invited to participate in a special seminar in Israel.

First Year Courses

- The Rhythms of Jewish Living—practices that shape Jewish life & the patterns of observances in daily, weekly, monthly & annual cycles.
- The Purposes of Jewish Living—ideas & beliefs of Jewish tradition.

Second Year Courses

- The Ethics of Jewish Living—issues such as justice, life & death, interpersonal relationships, sexuality, business & medical ethics, all through classical Jewish sources.
- The Dramas of Jewish Living—focus on critical issues from the Jewish past up until today ranging from assimilation, pluralism, anti-Semitism & intermarriage.

This year, for the first time, Temple Ner Tamid will be hosting the fall session of the Melton program. Subsequent semesters will be taught at area synagogues.

Thursdays at 7:30 - 9:45 p.m.

October 14 - January 27 at TNT; (no classes 11/25, or 12/30)

February 3 - June 9 at B'nai Keshet (no classes 2/24, 4/21 or 4/28)

Fees: \$485 per year + \$50 for books

Registration: Send checks to Florence Melton Adult Mini School, JCC Metrowest, 760 Northfield Road, West Orange, NJ 07052

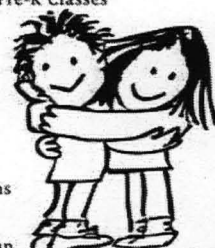
TASTE OF MELTON

Not sure you want to commit to a 2-year course but intrigued by the concept? Come out to the free Taste of Melton on September 21 at Beth Shalom, 193 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Livingston at 10:00 a.m. To Register, call Barbara Adler, Director, Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, MetroWest, 973 736-3200 ext 218.

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Director Joan Goodman

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We hope your summer was delightful and rejuvenating. We are now quickly approaching our season of spiritual rejuvenation. On Rosh Hashanah we reflect on the past year and renew our spiritual attachment. We also renew our commitments to our families, friends, community and our Temple. I am the first to admit the High Holidays are not all fun. There is a tremendous amount of stress in the preparation, in our time away from work and figuring out how to make the fast as comfortable as possible. However, in all of this, there is the renewal of who we are as a Jewish community. Temple Ner Tamid is the place we have chosen to cultivate that renewal and now is the time to renew our commitment to Temple Ner Tamid.

While budgetary and financial concerns are of critical importance, they are not the end or the purpose of our Temple. On the contrary, the budget is driven by the services and programs that we provide, and that, in turn, is driven by our mission and goals. Our commitment is to meet the needs of our membership, by providing the tools, resources and environment needed to inspire and encourage individual Jewish growth. As a non-profit organization, our bottom line is the level of services and programs that we provide. The measure of our success is ultimately, the vibrancy and quality of Jewish life that is supported here at Temple Ner Tamid. Our Temple is after all, much more than a building. It is a place that is filled with the sounds of prayer, the words of To-

rah, the cycles of our lives. This is the place where babies are named and welcomed into our faith; this is the place where our children grow to adulthood and are married; this is a place where lives are touched and where people connect, with one another and with Judaism. Temple Ner Tamid is a place where we come for comfort and support; this is

where we help those in need, support those in sickness and grieve with those in mourning. It is a place where community is created and built. Temple Ner Tamid is a place where we can express and celebrate our Judaism. It is a place where we can learn and grow as individuals. Most importantly, this is a place where we can create memories and meaningful family experiences through which we instill in our children a sense of comfort with their Judaism, a sense of pride in their rich past and a sense of commitment to our shared future.

Dues alone do not support all the endeavors of our synagogue. The balance of our budget relies on voluntary contributions beyond the regular dues structure. Major fundraising, primarily, the annual High Holiday appeal, is what we use to balance the budget. This High Holiday appeal is our cushion that enables us to fund our operating budget, as well as programs and services. In our world today, participation in Jewish life is voluntary, rather than an obligation. Earlier this month, I sent each of you a letter. In that letter I asked you to consider your pledge

for this appeal. It is my hope that you will respond by increasing your contribution over the previous year. For many people, the past couple of years have been difficult financially. Some of our members are now finding it hard to make contributions or to pay their dues completely. I ask you to search your

heart in giving as much as you can so that we can get through

Fun Raising or Fund Raising?

the year on a sound financial basis. Professor Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: "do as much as you can and then just a little more than you can. This is vital—a little more than you can." I ask each of you to make a gift that is significant to your individual ability. Think of your fellow congregant—it is not their responsibility. It is my responsibility; it is your responsibility, and it is our responsibility. It is our responsibility to insure that we continue to have a beautiful building in which to meet and to pray, to have exceptional programs and a superb and talented professional staff. No matter how difficult, we have no choice but to make an individual commitment, to do better than last year's pledge. Whatever you can do to help our Temple will be greatly appreciated. I am counting on your support. On behalf of the officers and Board of Trustees of Temple Ner Tamid, my family and myself, I would like to express our wish, to all of our members, that you be inscribed for a year of health, happiness and prosperity, and that it be a year of peace and security in Israel and the world over.

Nothing Remains the Same...

You probably have noticed a significant change in the format of the Temple's bills. That is because our bookkeepers changed their billing program. The new program will bring added benefits to us as a congregation. The program does a much better job identifying what costs are due and what future costs will be. Hopefully this will aid in your financial planning. Also when payments or adjustments are made, it is much clearer what the adjustments are. The only down side in the change is any outstanding prior balances are lumped together as one line item and are not broken out. Hopefully the change in the format is self-explanatory and that you will adjust and come to appreciate the change. If for any reasons you need assistance or have questions about the bill format or content, please do not hesitate to call me, Miriam Chilton at (973) 655-1846.

While *Tikkun Olam*—repairing the world—has always been an integral part of Ner Tamid life, it is attracting renewed interest and activism on the part of many congregants, resulting in an expanded and galvanized *Tikkun Olam* Committee.

The kick off event for this revitalization was Temple Ner Tamid's participation on April 28 in the *March for Women's Lives* in Washington, D.C. where a bus filled with congregants and community members joined others in record-breaking numbers to support "reproductive choice." This enthusiasm continued throughout late spring and early summer, as committee members convened to better define the group's goals and mission. Two subcommittees were formed and tasked with making specific recommendations for programs and projects throughout the year, one for Policy and the second for Direct Service.

Policy Subcommittee:

- The Policy subcommittee is engaged in identifying issues of social and economic justice and like-minded organizations with whom we can partner to promote social action. One group being explored actively is the Jubilee Interfaith Organization which advocates for affordable housing, fair wages, immigrant rights, access to health insurance, etc., in Northern New Jersey.
- The Policy group is encouraging congregants to log on to two "action alert" websites which provide information about critical political and social issues and offer customized

correspondence to targeted national, state and local legislators:

- (1) The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) is dedicated to promoting social justice through legislative activity. Read about this organization at www.rac.org and go to the "take action" page to get involved;
- (2) The National Council of Jewish Women at www.ncjw.org. NCJW is a volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values dedicated to social change through a progressive stance on child welfare, women's rights and reproductive freedom.

We encourage you to register to receive e-mail updates from both of these websites and "take action."

Direct Service Subcommittee:

- In honor of *L'Dor'Va Dor, From Generation to Generation*, the commemoration of the 350th Anniversary of Jews in America, the Direct Service committee has launched a project to provide goods and services to immigrant families being resettled locally. In response to our first e-mail request, the TNT community has already donated furniture and appliances to a recently arrived Russian family. This "recycling" program will be expanded throughout the year. For more information, please contact Jane Marcus at janeson094@aol.com.
- In conjunction with the Religious Affairs Committee, *Tikkun Olam* will coordinate the annual High Holy Day Food Drive in which congre-

gants bring non-perishable food and canned goods to the Temple on Yom Kippur to feed the hungry in our community. Look for more details in the weekly *e-geret*.

- Join us on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. as part of our celebration of Sukkot to hear Gray Russell, from Montclair's Department of Environmental Outreach, present information and guidance on how to preserve the earth through *Environmentally Friendly Yard Care*. Russell will also make residential composters available at cost to attending congregation members. This is a great way to reduce waste and nourish the earth in your yard.
- As part of its interest in providing fair housing, the Direct Service committee is exploring ways to engage with HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, through small fundraisers for local branches in Newark and Northern New Jersey and perhaps a more long-term, Jewish-based home-building project.

Our planning continues for the year ahead including speakers on issues of concern, the annual Interfaith Hospitality Network and collaborations with the Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Religious School on *Tikkun Olam* and *Mitzvah* Day activities. We welcome your energy and ideas and invite you to join us at our next general *Tikkun Olam* meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at TNT. Meanwhile, look for announcements in the weekly *e-geret* and remember to log on to the action alert websites listed above. Get involved!

Sandy Weber and Anne Gorfinkel

NEED FOR A UNIT COORDINATOR FOR THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Temple Ner Tamid has participated in the past in a synagogue / church program that provides shelter, food and hopefully some joy for homeless families in the Northern New Jersey area. The families are people who due to some unforeseen circumstances are temporarily homeless. There are usually two or three families. The churches and synagogues provide housing for one week. Then the families, if they have not found permanent housing, will go on to the next reli-

gious institution. Our week this year is the week of December 26 thru January 2 when Religious School is not in session. We need a person to coordinate our contacts with the IHN organization which provides us with beds and linen and the families with social services. The coordinator will need to enlist volunteers to help set up the rooms, provide meals, plan activities and / or stay overnight during the families' stays. The *Tikkun Olam* committee will assist in the recruitment of volunteers and will provide support to this effort. Anyone who is interested, please contact the Temple Office or call Sandy Weber at 973-744-1950.

Contributions to the Synagogue

*WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS
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- Paula Gash in memory of Rose Polan
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- Rosalind Gohr in memory of Frieda Haut
- Blanche Goldstein in memory of Fred Goldstein
- Bruce Goldstein in memory of Abraham Goldstein
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- Stanley & Claire Keyles in memory of Stanley Kaplan
- Stanley & Claire Keyles in memory of Ann Keyles
- Stanley & Claire Keyles in memory of Gertrude Gutterman
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- Sarah & Roger Segal in memory of Miriam Kushner
- Cindy Sherman in memory of Miriam Kushner
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- Florence Weinstock in memory of Miriam Kushner
- Susan Weinstock in memory of Miriam Kushner

Prayerbook Fund

- Marilyn Schneider in memory of Miriam Kushner

Candle Lighting Times

September 3	7:07	October 1	6:20
September 10	6:56	October 8	6:09
September 17	6:44	October 15	5:58
September 24	6:32	October 22	5:48
		October 29	5:38



Upcoming Kabbalat Shabbat Service

- October 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- A nosh & schmooze will precede the service at 6:00 p.m.
- Please note that there will be no 8:00 p.m. service on this evening.

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Tot Shabbat Services are at 7:00 p.m.
on the 1st Friday of each month

The upcoming Tot Shabbat
Schedule is as follows:

- September 3
- October 1
- November 5

Join us for light refreshments
following services

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