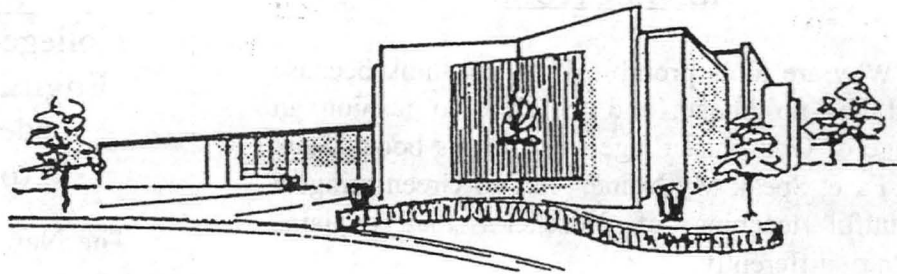


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ADAR - NISAN 5758

MARCH 1998

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

- Fri. 6** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Shabbat Zachor-Federation Sabbath
Guest: Israel Amitai
**ISRAEL, FEDERATION AND
PLURALISM**
Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Exod. 27:20-30:10
- Fri. 13** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **A CLOSER LOOK
AT THE JEWS OF
MONMOUTH COUNTY**
Torah Portion: Ki Tisa
Exod. 30:11-34:35
- Fri. 20** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Shabbat Across America
Guest: Rabbi Maya Leibovich
Congregation Mevasseret Zion
CREATING SACRED SPACE
Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekude
Exod. 35:1-40:38
- Fri. 27** Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
Sermon: **GOD CARES**
Torah Portion: Vayikra
Lev. 1:1-5:26

OTHER SERVICES

- Sat. 7** Sabbath Morning 10:30 AM
Shabbat Zachor
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
Sermon: **PREPARING FOR PURIM**
- Wed. 11** Purim Family Dinner 5:45 PM
Megillah Reading 7:00 PM
- Sat. 14** Shabbat Kallah 10:30 AM
Sermon: **GOD'S REPUTATION**
Torah Reader: Bob Rosin
- Sat. 21** Sabbath Morning 10:30 AM
Sermon: **WHAT WE LEARN
FROM BEZALEL**
Bar Mitzvah of
Daniel Schreck
son of Lisa and Ronald Schreck

Sunday, March 15

Purimspeil

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Carnival

10:30 AM - Noon

Everyone Welcome!




REFLECTIONS

Why are idols prohibited? Most think because God has no image, and therefore to fashion an image of God is sacrilege. But in his book "Seek My Face, Speak My Name," Arthur Green brings a beautiful teaching of Heschel's that explains idolatry differently.

Idols are forbidden. Heschel says, because there exists an image of God; it is found in every human being. So there is only one medium in which one may fashion an image of God, and that is the medium of one's life. The message of the Torah is to make oneself a worthy image of God, and not to seek images of God in that which we create.

As images of God we are given a sacred task. The task is to reflect that image in our lives each day. A mitzvah is a brushstroke; a well-lived life an invisible but indelible image. An idol is the work of our hands. An image begins in the work of one's heart.

Rabbi Akiva taught that God's love is not only that we were made in the divine image, but that God told us that we were made in the divine image. With such a privilege, why fashion idols?

Rabbi David Wolpe

DANIEL SCHRECK

On March 21, Daniel Schreck will become a Bar Mitzvah. His parents, Lisa and Ron and sister Rosie are very proud of him and look forward to this momentous occasion. Daniel is a seventh grader at the Tinton Falls Middle School and has been on the honor roll every marking period. Hobbies are skateboarding, surfing, and rollerblading. Favorite subjects at school are computers, art, and science. Daniel is a first class boy scout and has his black belt in Tae Kwon Do. His family is very excited about Daniel's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Daniel and his family.

Mark your calendar now ☺

Bring the whole family to

SHORE AREA WALK FOR ISRAEL

Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 AM

at Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson

College-Age Counselor Sought for English-Speaking Camp in Israel Federation Partnership 2000 to Fund Top Applicant

The New Jersey Cluster for Partnership 2000 is seeking applicants for the position of Camp Counselor at the Kefiada Day Camp Program. Located in Arad, the Partnership 2000 community partnered with Monmouth County and ten other Federations in the State of New Jersey, the camp is seeking applicants for the position of counselor at the camp – ten counselors will be chosen from the State-wide search. Qualified applicants should have experience in working with children, have completed one year of college and be between the ages of 19 and 25, and be interested in doing something "REALLY REAL AND VALUABLE."

One or two individuals from Monmouth County may be among the ten selected state-wide and, if so, will be eligible to have their airfare costs covered by scholarships. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS IS MARCH 30th.** The position will begin on June 21st and conclude some time around August 10th. Interested applicants should call the Federation office at 531-6200 to seek a formal application for participation in the program.

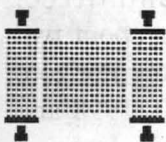


*Student Cantor Sheila Case
invites you to join her for the
special presentation of her*

Master's Recital

*at Hebrew Union College
Tuesday, March 10 at 12:15 PM*

RSVP to Sheila (212) 352-0586



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

The recent execution of Karla Faye Tucker raises important questions about the wisdom of perpetuating capital punishment, not because she was a woman, but because she was a human being, created in God's image. Her numerous television appearances in the weeks before her death put a particularly human face on those condemned to die, forcing us all to think about what it means to take a human life and asking us to consider whether those on death row are capable of redemption or simply beyond hope. The United States of America is one of the few countries in the civilized world that continues to carry out the death penalty. Most European nations consider it barbaric.

Many people base their support for capital punishment on religion or the bible, without recognizing that passages written thousands of years ago have evolved over time. At its highest level, religion does not call for retribution or revenge. True, Torah lists several actions that had as their consequence the death penalty: murder, kidnaping, certain sexual crimes, idolatry, public desecration of the Sabbath and even striking one's parents or insulting them. In fact, the punishment for a rebellious child was to take him to the gate of the city and stone him to death. Reference to capital punishment is not unusual in biblical law; it was a way of underlining the severity of the crime.

We know, however, that the Rabbis had a deep aversion to the death penalty. In the Mishnah we read that a Sanhedrin (the high court of Jewish law) which executes a criminal once in seven years is known as murderous. Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah said: "Once in seventy years." Rabbi Tarfon and Rabbi Akiba said: "If we had been members of the Sanhedrin, no one would ever have been executed." These comments, and others like them, reflect how reluctant the Rabbis were to impose capital punishment even if it was preceded by due process of law. In fact, they added so many conditions surrounding a sentence of death that it could hardly be carried out in practice.

Many people believe that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime. That might be so, but only if executions were done publicly, if children were taken to see them, if our entire country watched on television, stopped what it was doing every time a person was executed and accepted responsibility for the sentence that was being carried out. There is no lesson in executing a person without providing a clear understanding of what that execution involves.

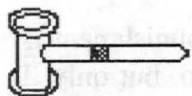
Every time a person is executed I find myself pondering the question: how does killing people who kill people teach that killing people is wrong? I always remember an article I read once about Sister Helen Prejean, the author of DEAD MAN WALKING. She listened while a friend explained to his child why those on death row had to be killed. Her friend, a lawyer, said that because they had taken someone's life, they had to be executed by state officials. And the child asked: "So who kills them?" It seems to me that killing people is wrong, whether it is done by individuals or by the government.

On Friday evening, March 13th, Rabbi Priesand will report on the recent demographic study commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County. Its results are fascinating and particularly relevant as we plan for the future. Among its findings:

- *Monmouth County is the 22nd largest Jewish community in America
- *48% of Jews living here belong to a synagogue
- *Most newcomers settle in Western Monmouth County
- *Of those who send their children to private school, most attend a Jewish Day School

Joseph Mammora
from Interfaith Neighbors
will be our speaker on

Shabbat Hagadol
April 3, 1998



FROM THE PRESIDENT

*First I had some punch, Then I had a cookie
Then I had some more punch, Then I chatted with everyone
Went back and had a piece of cake, Then I had some pie
Then I chatted with everyone again, Heard some funny stories
Made a bunch of bids, Had some more cake with coffee
Heard some more jokes, Picked up my bargains and went home*

If this does not sound familiar, you must have missed the Goods and Service Auction, which raised over \$5,700 and was a great party to boot.

I received several letters from congregants regarding our search for a cantor. All are being considered by the appropriate committees. I encourage people to continue to communicate with me and other Board members.

This month I want to acknowledge the people who are deeply involved with the handling of financial matters of the Temple. They are Barbara Goldstein, Treasurer; Joyce Silverman, Financial Secretary; Richard Goldberg, Chair of the Finance Committee; Judy Luger, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and Stuart Tuchband, coordinator of construction finances. All these Temple members work very hard in order to generate income and/or monitor expenditures so that our Temple gets the maximum value out of each dollar. Their work usually goes unnoticed, but they are crucial to the running of our Temple. (P.S. "Ways and Means" is always looking for new members.)

In December I pointed out, that with the stock market so high, people may want to consider a gift of appreciated stock to take advantage of the tax laws. Remember you do not have to wait until next December to make a gift to the Temple.

Shalom, Jim Berg

Welcome

New Members

Please welcome to our congregation:

Chuck and Susan Hellman
and their children Stephanie and Daniel
63 Fisher Place, Red Bank 07701
530-0677



Greetings from the Ritual Committee.



This month I want to remind you about two important events coming up over our horizon. The first takes place on March 20, 1998 and is called Shabbat Across America. Imagine Jews everywhere in this country reaching out to one another, affiliated or not, to learn about and celebrate Shabbat as a single family. *Awesome*. As if that weren't enough, we will be honored to have a special guest and featured speaker, Rabbi Maya Leibovich, Israel's first woman Rabbi. Be there for Shabbat dinner (\$12/adults; \$8/child) served at 6:00pm. Services start at 8:15pm.

The second event is our annual observance of Yom Hashoah. Our service is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 22nd at 8:15pm. On Thursday, April 23rd, the Temple will be open to school groups who are coming to study our poster displays and view several videos we'll have set up. In addition, we will be reading (continuously from 9am to 4pm) the names of men, women and children who perished in the Holocaust. The reason I'm telling you about this now is because we need your help. We need you to be guides for the children attending our Open House and we need you to be a Reader of Names. I repeat – **WE NEED YOUR HELP ON YOM HASHOAH**. Please call the Temple Office to volunteer. Thank you.

Joel Morgovsky
Ritual Chair

Brotherhood

On Sunday, February 15th, Bob Blank gave an interesting and informative presentation about auto insurance. The meeting was well attended by our usual cadre as well as three members of Sisterhood. We were glad to welcome them. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 9:45am at Gibbs Hall (Ft. Monmouth Officers Club). Our speaker will be Edward Maged, Chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society whose subject will be "The History and Mission of JCS." Brunch, always a terrific spread, follows (\$7.00 for members-\$10.00 for non-members). These meetings are always great fun. Please send your reservations to Don Leeds at the Temple office.

Shalom.....Baldwin Davidson, (Baldy)

Ways and Means

A few bulletins ago, I spoke of the opportunity that ways and means provides for Temple family involvement. No where has this been more apparent, this year, than at the auction in January. From the planning to the set up to the event, we mixed fun with hard work, and thanks to the Temple family, the outcome was a huge success.

Looking toward spring, we have Passover Greetings and the CD sale coming up as well as the completion of the new Temple addition. I mention the completion of the addition because we're all a part of the new addition in the service we do for the Temple. The individual dollars and hours are the cement/dry wall, not only of the building, but of our commitment to Judaism.

No amount of time is too little as we continue to build our heritage. Often we choose to do nothing because our time and/or finances may be limited. We must remind one another to join in because everyone's contribution brings us one step closer to meeting our goals and keeping the spirit, that drove those that came before us, alive.

This month, think about how much your purchase of scrip does for the Temple, and what your participation in Temple functions does for you. "It's a good thing!"

Shalom,
Judy Luger, Chair

The Temple will soon be accepting *VISA* and *MasterCard* as payment for Temple financial obligations, *except purchase of scrip, Festival activities, and Social Hall deposit fee.* More information will be sent with your next bill. For any questions, call Dean Ross at 530-1962.

Suggestion for Special Occasions.....

Gift Certificates for the following stores:

macy's

T.J. MAXX

Barnes & Noble

JCPenney

Kaybee Toys

Marshalls

GAP

*Available weekdays and Sunday
mornings at the Temple office/lobby
or at Tinton Falls School.*

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

will be open on

Sunday, April 5

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

for your Passover needs. The first seder is Friday night, April 10. For sale will be:

beautiful seder plates

lucite matzoh boxes

matzoh covers

cookbooks

horseradish holders

salt water holders

haggadahs, etc., etc.

Purchases may also be made during the week through the Temple office. Call Gloria Kantor at 741-3753 or Fannie Klein at 741-5676.

*.....A message from
our Sisterhood President, Stephanie Fitzsimmons*

Just a short note this month. If you haven't sent in your reservation for the trip to The Museum of Jewish Heritage please contact me or visit the Temple office for additional flyers. As of now there are seats available but they are limited so act fast!

Also, please don't forget to return your raffles. You have to play to win and you support the Temple as well. You can look forward to a Sisterhood Theater Party in April. We are looking into the show *Cabaret* at Brookdale Community College. Look for a flyer in the next mailing. Be well everyone!

Shalom



28th Festival of the Arts

March 28 – April 1

Festival is important to us all. It's a time to meet new people, see old friends, do community service and to keep our dues lower. When you are called and asked to volunteer some time, please say "yes." Let's make it a 100% effort.

*Dolores Phillips
Barbara Cobuzzi
Bob Blank*

<http://www.monmouth.com/~mrt/festival>

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is a phrase that cannot be said enough to thank those who helped pull off a major fundraiser for MRT. It often takes a large number of members to bring about a successful project and **Auction '98** was no exception. The Ways and Means Committee consisting of Judy Luger (Chair) and members, Dean Ross, Joanna Charnick, Barbara Goldstein, Arlene Berg, Sheila Bodner, Meg Levinson, Ayse Dilber, Joe Stein and Kay Wallenfels were all involved in some phase of the fundraiser including baking.

Initially, flyers and announcements were made and Barbara Morreale and her family checked our bid paddles making new ones where needed. The next and hardest phase was the solicitation of items by the telephone squad consisting of Florence Diller, Meg Levinson, Steve Mahan, Lois Avrin, Jeff Willard, Leslie Klein, Bev Gruensfelder, Barbara Morreale, Judy Luger and Dean Ross. The donated items were collected and the list went to Bobbie Goldstein who prepared a booklet and other printed materials. The committee collated the booklet. On "auction day", set up was done with the help of the committee and Stephanie and Tom Duane, Iris Singer, Jim Berg, Jeff Willard and Steve Mahan.

Finally, the night of the auction Meg Levinson, Judy Luger and Brian Charnick manned the door. Joanna Charnick and Ayse Dilber handled the silent auction, Joe Stein was in charge of refreshments, Dean Ross and Kay Wallenfels handled the live auction. Bobbie Goldstein and Arlene Berg handled recording of bids and the financial aspects. Florence Cohen, Maureen Welton and Karen Karl added to the festivities with their baking talents. And then there was our fabulous auctioneer, Ed Ryterband, who coaxed the bidders into parting with their money for some fabulous bargains. We ended with Baldwin Davidson and his pad full of jokes.

Over 150 items were donated by 100 members and non-members. We thank these people personally for their generosity. And we thank the winning bidders who helped raise \$5,700 for our Temple.

There are a few service items left. So let's raise our donation total higher. Look over the list and if there is something that you could use, call me at 946-8559.

Estate planning items: Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Living Wills (Remember the state can decide who gets your money and your kids if you don't have a will)

Personal Tax Return

Bridge Lessons

Knitting Lessons

2 Hours of Tutoring, Grades 1-5

Plant Consultation

3 sessions of a personal fitness program

Thank you, again.

Arlene Berg, Chair

Auction '98



Did you know that our staff holds an impressive record of longevity with our school? Specifically,

Kathy Chapman	10 years
Maryann Crowley	8 years
Caroline Friedman	3 years
Laurie Fuschetti	7 years
Penny Marzac	5 years
June Stryker	4 years
Yours truly	3 years

Our school enjoys the togetherness of inhabiting the social hall but looks forward to the new facilities. Don't forget to recommend us to your friends. We're registering children now for the fall.

Bobbie LaPlaca, Director (747-3990)



ISRAEL EXPO



JUNE 7, 1998

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Call Ben Weiner at 972-9485
for more information

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

MARCH EVENTS

1	Sunday	9:30 AM-Noon	Religious School
		9:30 AM	Scholar-In-Residence Brunch
3	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
		8:00 PM	Religious Education
4	Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
		8:00 PM	Ritual Committee
5	Thursday	9:45 AM	Sisterhood Trip to Jewish Museum
		7:30 PM	Arts & Deco Meeting
6	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Federation Sabbath)
7	Saturday	10:30 AM	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
8	Sunday	9:30 AM-Noon	Religious School
		1:00 PM	Healing Service
9	Monday	7:00-8:00 PM	Pre-School
10	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
		8:00 PM	Executive Committee
11	Wednesday	5:45 PM	Purim Family Dinner
		7:00 PM	Purim Megillah Reading
12	Thursday		PURIM
		7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
13	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
14	Saturday	10:30 AM	Shabbat Kallah
15	Sunday	9:30 AM-Noon	Religious School
		10:30 AM-Noon	Purim Carnival
17	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Study Group
		8:00 PM	Temple Board
18	Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
19	Thursday	7:45 PM	Ways and Means
20	Friday	6:00 PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner
		8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service (Shabbat Across America)
21	Saturday	10:30 AM	Schreck Bar Mitzvah
22	Sunday	9:30-Noon	Religious School
		10:00 AM	Brotherhood Brunch @Gibbs Hall
22-27			Arts Festival Set-up Week
24	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Social Action
25	Wednesday	4:00-6:00 PM	Religious School
27	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
28	Saturday	7:30PM	Arts Festival Opening Reception
29-April 1			Arts Festival

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: March 11th, March 29th
NO STUDY GROUP: March 24th, March 31st

SPRING BEGINS - March 20TH ☺

YAHREZEITS

Mar. 6: *Simon Silverman, Louis Feld, Frances F. Singman, David Kaplan, Leo A. Kauffman, *Ida Huber, Celia Koslow, Nathaniel Portman, *Bessie Schwartz, Irving Spumberg, Charles Thomas Kelly, Sophie Wald, Dr. Alexander J. Reiss, Lisa Abramov, Greta Rosenblum, *Martin Brousell, *Harry Scherman, *Bernard Mausner, Nat W. Bernard*

Mar. 13: *Frank Abrams, Morton Cohn, *Jay Feigus, Mary Schoenbart, Sarah Rauch, *Meyer Smolensky, Ida Sternberg, *Esther Kossovskaya, Max Tanenbaum, Mildred Kantor, Bertha Greenberg, Isadore Tannenbaum, Harry Koslow, Solomon Weissman, *Rose Blonder*

Mar. 20: *Rose M. Friedman, Morris Gelb, Sally Kramer, Samuel Tanenbaum, Loretta Stein, *Samuel Blonder, *Jacob Talberth, *Harriet Weiss, *Doreen Harran, Alexander Kaplan*

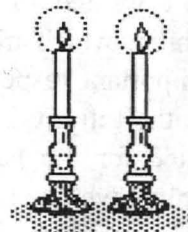
Mar. 27: *Morris Zaber, *Samuel Mausner, Rahmin Abramov, Gail Goldsmith, Robert Teitelbaum, Abner Gitlin, *Michael Mintzer, Siegmund Rath, Esther Brumer, Catherine R. Ricklin, Mark Vickers, Roslyn Schwartz, *Helen Nusbaum, Helen Farbman, *Isidore Grossman, Milton E. Lipstein, Herbert Ellenbogen, Pearl Goldberger, Fannie Copley, Jack A. Leeds, Tina Karl, *Theodore Tully Rubin, Edward Greenberg, *Hyman Karlman*

*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

Memorial Plaques, which are dedicated to a family member, can be purchased through the Temple Office. They are hung in the entrance way to the Sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost is currently \$350. Please call the office for details.

TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Mar.	6	5:35 PM
Mar.	13	5:42 PM
Mar.	20	5:50 PM
Mar.	27	5:57 PM



The Congregation extends warm
condolences to:

**Ian and Semmes Brightman
on the death of Ian's mother
SARA JAFFEE BRIGHTMAN**



**Janis and Jim Michaels
on the death of Janis' brother
MICHAEL RUBIN**

*May God send peace to
all the bereaved among us.*



**SHARING SIMCHAS
THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS
MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mark and Carol Salomon
on the engagement of their daughter
Karen to Peter Benjamin

*MRT's Adult Ed Committee invites you to come
together with members of our Temple family for*

Shabbat Kallah

Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 AM

*A day of prayer, study and song led by
Rabbi Priesand and Student Cantor Case*



SOCIAL ACTION from Bob Blank.....

Florence Cohen, Social Action Chair, was kind enough to let me write this month's bulletin article because I wanted to discuss a few social action opportunities which are very dear to me. One of the most important aspects of my membership in Monmouth Reform Temple and its Social Action Committee for the past three years has been the opportunity which I have had to volunteer at nursing homes. My favorite project is the Jewish Sabbath service that I conduct each month at Applewood Estates Continuing Care Retirement Community in Freehold. The outlay of time and effort is very small when compared to the personal satisfaction I receive from doing this mitzvah. The people who attend the service are always grateful that someone has taken the time to come. In some very small way, I feel that I am part of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. I like to think of my Applewood group as one tiny corner of the world which I make a little better because I am there.

We are pleased to report that this project is being expanded and that you, too, may experience the joy of performing this mitzvah. Max Singer and Bernie Brandwene have been conducting services on the fourth Friday of each month at Brighton Gardens, Gateway, Avante, and Monmouth Extended Care. Ayse Dilber has now become part of this group and we would like to add more nursing homes to our list. The service itself only takes about 15 minutes. It is nice to add a personal touch with a short reading or a few remarks. The service is contained in a booklet we have prepared, complete with English transliterations of the Hebrew. You do *not* have to be able to read Hebrew. You do *not* need a lovely singing voice. All you need is a little time to share with others to brighten their world as well as yours. We will be happy to train you. If interested, please contact Florence Cohen at 542-2143 or you call me at 389-4615 (evening) or 462-7170 (office).

Ayse Dilber has extended her Mitzvah Day project and is working with Russian immigrants who have settled in Monmouth County to help them with English as a second language. The sessions are held on Sunday afternoons. Also working with Ayse are Marjorie Levy, Bob Rosenberg and Lea

Ghidali, a member of our Religious School staff. More volunteers are needed. You do not need to have any knowledge of Russian. What is needed is a little time and a lot of patience. Once again the personal satisfaction will far outweigh the expenditure of time and effort. If interested, please contact Florence Cohen 542-2143 or Ayse Dilber 462-2296.

Monmouth Reform Temple will again participate in the annual Children's Peace Fair to be held on April 4th, at Brookdale Community College. Jeff Willard and Steven Mahan will provide the leadership for our participation in this event. Interested? Please contact Jeff or Steve at 583-2256.

The date for the second annual Mitzvah Day has been set for October 4, 1998, culminating with Erev Sukkot. Last year's Mitzvah Day was an overwhelming success. We are hoping for even greater participation this year. Social Action is for everyone, not just for those with children in Religious School.

On behalf of the Social Action Committee we thank the Congregation for its outstanding response to our request for donations to the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. This fund was formerly known as the Fund for Christian Rescuers.

We ask all members of the Temple family to consider becoming more involved in our Social Action Committee projects. Our goal is to have each member participate in at least one project each year. The experience will be satisfying and will help you to be a more spiritual person. As the prophet Micah taught us: "Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Camp Harlam.....UAHC

where friends become family

You're invited to celebrate
Camp Harlam's 40th Anniversary

May 15-17, 1998

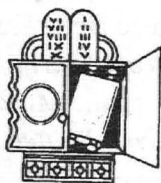
A Shabbat Weekend at Camp

For more information, call 800-368-1090 or
e-mail CampHarlam@aol.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

...where parents set the example

The second report card for grades 4-7 will be distributed to your children within a week or two after receiving this bulletin. As always, I indicated at the bottom of the evaluation the number of services for which students in grades 4-6 have been credited. Participation in a class service is automatically included on the report card tally by me.



Purim is almost upon us. Our annual Purim covered dish dinner is scheduled for March 11 at 5:45 PM. Following the dinner at 7:00 PM, Rabbi Priesand will conduct the Megillah Reading. In anticipation of a large attendance at the Megillah Reading, I ordered 2 gross of groggers for your children to use at the mention of Haman's name.

Our annual Purimspeil and carnival will be held on March 15 in our Temple's sanctuary and social hall. At the carnival, there will be a small charge to play the games. All proceeds go to support our Temple youth groups. Our Religious School Players, namely our teachers, will dramatize the Purim story and I have the distinction of portraying the man everyone loves to hate—Haman. The Purimspeil will begin by 9:40 am and the carnival will commence at 10:30 and end around 12:30 PM.

Closely following Purim is our model seder on April 5. With Religious School held in the Tinton Falls School, I am especially looking forward to the family atmosphere that is always present when the entire school celebrates Passover together. The model seder is a large undertaking. We expect to provide seder plates for approximately 210-230 students. Please volunteer to help set-up and clean-up by contacting Ilene Saporta, 530-7307. In mid-March each class will receive its model seder food responsibility. By contributing part of the seder meal, each child, in a small way, becomes a host and guest.

We were fortunate to secure the hospitality of the Tinton Falls School as our construction project continues toward completion. The overall response from teachers and students has been very positive. But we are visitors and must understand that we are an intrusion to those teachers who would ordinarily remain after school on Wednesdays to work on lessons or beautify their rooms. These teachers take pride in their rooms; therefore, keep your children's snacks as mess free as possible. Please show your appreciation to the Tinton Falls staff by writing thank you notes or contacting the principal, John Lichtenberg, to give a personal word of gratitude.

Classes will be conducted at Tinton Falls School for all March sessions except March 11th, 15th and 29th. The Purim dinner and Megillah reading preempts classes on March 11 and the Purimspeil and carnival will be held at Temple on March 15 as mentioned in paragraph 3. No class on March 29 due to the Festival of the Arts. In addition, classes will be held at the Tinton Falls School on Wednesday, April 1. I will keep you informed if construction considerations cause us to hold classes after April 1 at the Tinton Falls School.

Our dismissal procedure at the school has been very successful. Park your cars in the school's parking lot to the left of the building and pick up your children in the cafeteria.

As I walked around the Tinton Falls School on a recent Wednesday afternoon, my anticipation of our completed school wing initiated thoughts as to how our curriculum should be altered to meet the Jewish educational needs of our students. Religious School educators must look ahead and not remain in the past rooted to ever present fears of anti-semitism and Jewish cultural bias. And, our school must meet the needs and considerations of interfaith families, learning disabled and gifted students, and eventually the needs of the physically challenged.

I strongly encourage Temple members to contact me with your curriculum suggestions. In fact, many of our past changes have resulted from parental recommendations.

Shalom,
David Levinsky

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Mar.	6 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	7 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	8 Sun	Healing Service	1:00 PM
	11 Wed	Purim Service	7:00 PM
	13 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	14 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	20 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	21 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	27 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mar.	1 Sun	SIR Brunch	9:30 AM
	5 Thu	Sisterhood Trip	9:45 AM
	11 Wed	Purim Family Dinner	5:45 PM
		Megillah Reading	7:00 PM
	15 Sun	Purim Carnival	10:30 AM
	20 Fri	Shabbat Across	
		America Dinner	6:00 PM
	22 Sun	Brotherhood Brunch	10:00 AM
	22-27	Arts Festival Set Up Week	
	28 Sat	Arts Festival Reception	7:30 PM
	29-April 1	Arts Festival	

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mar.	1 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	4 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	8 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	9 Mon	Pre-School	7:00 - 8:00 PM
	15 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	18 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	22 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	25 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM

No Religious School on March 11 and March 29**MEETINGS**

Mar.	3 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	4 Wed	Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	5 Thurs	Arts and Deco	7:30 PM
	10 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Executive Comm.	8:00 PM
	12 Thurs	Arts Festival	7:30 PM
	17 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board	8:00 PM
	19 Thurs	Ways and Means	7:45 PM
	24 No	Study Group	
		Social Action	8:00 PM
	31 No	Study Group	