

# Temple B'nai Or Bulletin



# From Rabbi Rossoff WHAT DOES JUDAISM HAVE TO DO WITH MY ELECTRIC BILL?

Today, we speak of a new globalism, of a global economy and of the Internet. And yet, beyond the economics, with the help of technology yet transcending it, we see so much more clearly now that we live on an ever-shrinking planet, connected in a world wide web of existence, diverse and interdependent, wondrous and fragile, awesome and sacred. We need to reconnect with the earth, finding new and old ways to connect with the conviction that "the earth is the Lord's and all its fullness," and all that implies, both spiritually and ethically.

Many of us enjoy going out and experiencing nature, whether hiking or biking down Patriot's Path, rafting down the Colorado River or simply tending a flower in our own backyard. We marvel at the vast beauty of the forests and the hills, we are in awe of the intricacy of a spider's web. We feel humbled by the vast array of stars and planets in the night sky.

Jewishly speaking, communing with nature also provides us with moments of relaxation and renewal, especially on Shabbat, and gives us the perspective of the larger scheme of which we are a part. But for us Jews, the natural world around us is not only for our moments of spiritual fulfillment. For better or for worse, and it is a mixed blessing to be sure, our ancestors believed that God created the world for human purposes. The late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, one of the greatest spiritual leaders of this century, wrote how we human beings live both in harmony with the environment, and yet as a species which uses nature for our own benefit. We are a part of the world and apart from it. We live in the tension between the two attitudes of who we are and what our role is in this world. As of late, we have tended towards the version which allows us to use creation for our purposes, often forgetting that with the right to use is the responsibility not to abuse. In the creation myth, God gives us power over the natural world but commands us to protect it as well.

"As my ancestors planted for me," said Honi in the days of the Talmud, "So shall I plant for my children." Or as one sage put it, "It is not that we inherit the world from our parents with all its resources and its wonders. We borrow it from our children."

The earth is the Lord's, not ours. God entrusted this world to us and said to use it and to guard it. In the words of our friend Leonard Fine, head of Religious Action for the

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#### OCTOBER SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

Friday (1) at 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Evening Service Consecration of New Students Simchat Torah

Candle Blessing: Linda Truesdale Introduction to Kiddush: Aaron Berg Kiddush:

Adam Berg and Sara Truesdale In honor of their upcoming wedding, Deborah Horn and Ronald Wolfson will receive a wedding blessing.

Saturday (2) at 9:00 a.m. Yizkor Service Saturday (2) at 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Adam Berg and Sara Truesdale will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah

Friday (8) at 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Bring A Friend Shabbat

Candle Blessing: Kathy Kesner Introduction to Kiddush:

Steven Diener Kiddush:

Philip Kesner and Jason Diener

Aliyah: Lewis Gordon

Saturday (9) at 9:15 a.m. Bagels and Torah

Saturday (9) at 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Philip Kesner and Jason Diener will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah

Friday (15) at 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Candle Blessing: Števen Spiegel Introduction to Kiddush: Laurie Spiegel

Kiddush: Jennifer Spiegel Saturday (16) at 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Jennifer Spiegel will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Friday (22) at 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Candle Blessing: Judy Orent Kiddush: Monroe Kahn

Aliyah: Herbert Samuels Friday (29) at 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service Consecration of New Members

Candle Blessing: Laura Mayer Introduction to Kiddush:

Robert Mayer Kiddush: Lisa Mayer

Saturday (30) at 11:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service
Lisa Mayer will be called to

theTorah as a Bat Mitzvah

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Reform Movement, "The state of our natural environment is a profoundly religious question."

More and more, the decisions we make about our everyday lives will impact on the world around us. Case in point: we who live here in New Jersey will soon be asked if we wish to buy our electricity from another vendor. We will be given many different options. It seems, for many people, the decision will be made based on price: Whoever can sell me the same product for the cheapest price will have my business. It makes sense, except for the fact that the price we pay is not always registered in our checkbooks. It will soon be clear that some of the least expensive electricity will be that which is imported from the midwestern states, from plants using fossil-based fuel like coal. These generators generate much more than electricity. They generate tons and tons of toxic pollutants into the air, air, which, by the way, will be jet streamed our way not too long after it is fouled. With these pollutants in this air comes increased risk of allergies and respiratory disease. As usual, especially vulnerable will be the children.

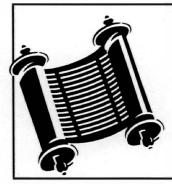
This is a religious issue, for the care of this planet, of God's "earth and all that dwell there," has been put into our hands; and the bottom line cannot always be the bottom line. How we choose our electricity is not only an economic question, it is a profound moral decision.

On Rosh Hashanah, our President, Linda Haan, announced the formation of a new Temple committee, Judaism and the Environment. With Board member Michael Rubell as the chair and with the help of Student Rabbi Goldstein, the committee will explore issues of Judaism and ecology, and help educate us all about the insights and obligations of our tradition. The committee will study the Mitzvah of *baal tashchit*, the biblical prohibition against the wanton destruction of nature, and find how as a Temple, as families, and as a community, we can make it a guiding principle in our lives. In addition, some of you know that there are plans for a new Environmental Learning Center at Footes Pond, just a few hundred feet from our property. We have been asked to provide a spiritual component to the Center and will be given opportunities to offer a Jewish spin to those who would welcome that. This, too, will be on the agenda of the committee. Please let Linda, Michael, or the office know if you would like to be part of our Committee on Judaism and the Environment.

"Mah rabbu maasecha Adonai, kulam b'chochma asita—How great are your works, O God, with wisdom you have made them all!"

"Be very careful with the world which I am entrusting to you," says the Holy One. "It's the only one you'll get."

Rabbi Don Rossoff



### BAGELS AND TORAH

Plan to join us for bagels, coffee and to learn Torah with Rabbi Rossoff. This month "Bagels and Torah" will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

October 9, 1999/29 Tishrei 5760

We will be discussing the Torah portion of the week:

Bereshit: Genesis 1:1-6:8

## $oldsymbol{F}$ rom the $oldsymbol{P}$ resident

What better time is there to resolve to further your Jewish education than at the beginning of a new year? And if learning more has been one of *your* resolutions, then this year Temple is providing more opportunities than ever to help you realize your goal. There is a wide array of choices, open to members and non-members alike. And except for the more advanced part of the Hebrew program, none of the classes has any prerequisites in terms of background knowledge.

In the get-your-feet-wet category, there is the Sh'Earim (Gateways) program in which all members - especially new members - are invited to attend Member Orientation sessions being held on two Sundays in October. Judaism on One Foot is a seminar series meeting selected Sunday mornings to cover basic Jewish concepts.

For instruction in Hebrew, there are several classes available. The best way to get started is to participate in the immersion-style Hebrew Marathon (in early October) for those with little or no knowledge of the language. Following that is a progression of classes focussed on reading and understanding the Hebrew prayers: Hebrew I, Hebrew II (Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah) and Adult Confirmation Class.

One of the most comprehensive classes is Introduction to Judaism, which is a sixteen-week course under the auspices of the UAHC. This course is geared toward those considering converting to Judaism, as well as those Jewish adults interested in studying Judaism from an adult point of view. Other educational opportunities include Monday Night Jewish Studies, concentrating on the Talmud and the Bible; Shabbatot on three Friday evenings following services; Teaching Services; and the Sunday Evening Book Club. And meeting on an ongoing basis are the Sisterhood Seminars on Understanding the Torah and the Men's Lunch Schmooze Group.

Not to be missed are several educational events being held at Temple, including an October Men's Club Breakfast with ethnomusicologist Robert Cohen, a February Shabbat Study Kallah providing workshops on many aspects of Jewish life, and a Scholar in Residence Weekend in March featuring Danny Siegel, a highly acclaimed author and speaker who will provide informative, thought-provoking programs on a range of topics.

Finally, I'd like to make you aware of the Significant Jewish Books Program, inspired by the UAHC's Reform Movement Literacy Initiative. UAHC President Rabbi Eric Yoffie writes, "I am recommending that we read four books a year that build on our foundation of common Jewish knowledge." Each issue of the quarterly periodical "Reform Judaism" recommends two titles representing the best of Jewish literature, both fiction and nonfiction. Furthermore, the Adult Jewish Growth website (http://uahcweb.org/books) provides a discussion guide and more.

Whether or not your new year resolutions included furthering your Jewish education, the year is young and the offerings are enticing. I encourage you to enrich your life this year by taking part in as many of these exciting programs as you can. For details, watch the bulletin and flyers. Also, you can call Helen Jacobson, Adult Education Coordinator, for information.

Happy learning!

Linda Haan

## **SHALOM**

to New Members of our Temple Family

Judy and Randy Aronoff
Jaime and Brian
Basking Ridge
Carol Ball
Sara and Stephanie
Randolph

Nan and Donald Barcan Long Valley

Karen and Lee Befeler Noah Chester

Francine and Thomas Bianchini Stephanie and Daniel Morris Plains

Melissa and Jay Curwin Rebecca and Sara Morris Township

Jane Dean
Convent Station

Ilene Fingeret
Parsippany

Hollie Goldberg Danielle and Jared Randolph

Mona and Robert Goldstein Jeremy and Derek Morris Plains

Sarina and Ethan Grodofsky Ariel and Aleeza Mountain Lakes

> Tina and Jeff Gross Jonathan and Joshua Randolph

Nancy and Alan Kaminsky Brooke and Scott Randolph

Holly and Jeffrey Kashinsky Matthew, Joshua and Sarah Morristown

Susan and Michael Kramer Adam and Jeremy Morris Plains

Leann and Philip Leibowitz Joshua and Jacob Randolph

## **SHALOM**

#### to New Members of our Temple Family

Lisa and Jeffrey Libman Joelle, Jonathan and Alana Randolph

Lauren and Michael Miller Alexander

Morris Township

Joanne Spigner and Arthur Powell Charles and Daniel Madison

David Raff
Zoey and Tyler
Morristown

Donna and Alan Rosensweig Benjamin and Matthew Morris Plains

Dianne and Robert Rudolph Danielle and Cory Morristown

Megan and David Sager William and Jacob Morristown

> Dorothy Scarpa Parsippany

Mary and Ralph Scarpa Kacey and Rachael Stanhope

Fiona Laird and James Slater Ailsa, Callum and Ewan Basking Ridge

Julie and Steven Smith Kevin and David Morris Township

Nancy and Andrew Soiefer Benjamin and Leland Randolph

Allison and Michael Tillem Scott and Rebecca Randolph

Ann and Jena Velasquez
Aaron and Denzel
Randolph

## From the Desk of the Administrator

The New Year has come and each of spent time in thought and prayer for the coming year. Our thoughts have turned inward as we examine ourselves and how we can improve ourselves in the year ahead.

One way that you will feel a "burst" of improvement is by continuing to get involved on committees, by attending more events at Temple, by being more involved with Temple activities.

During the month of October you can get that "burst" by planning to attend any one of our planned events. Just to highlight a few happenings for October:

Our first dinner for our 60 Plus population sponsored by a grant from the GROTTA Foundation, a newly created Kabbalat Shabbat Service (it's a wonderful way to welcome the Shabbat), Bagels and Torah with the Rabbi, our WRJ/Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner and/or our Singles Club Shabbat Dinner.

Come, experience that "burst" in October.

Amy Mallor

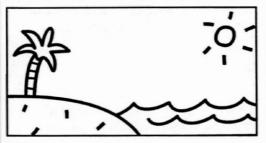
## Renaissance Times

Our RENAISSANCE GROUP provides an oasis for those having leisure time to cultivate new friendships and renew old ones. We promote educational, cultural, and entertaining programs that are of interest to all participants.

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will meet for brunch away from the Temple;"where" is still up in the air. If you have any ideas where you might like to go, call Dick Raffman at 908-470-9122, with your suggestions.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, it is now time to renew. Dues are \$10.00 per person and can be paid at the meeting.

Dick Raffman



### Fifth Annual Temple B'nai Or Florida Reunion

Sunday, January 16, 2000

Plan to join us for the Fifth Annual South Florida TBO Reunion (current members and former members) which is scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2000 at Benevenuto's Restaurant in Boynton Beach.

For more information and reservations, please call Iris Greenberg at 561-994-1180 or Pearl Schlossman-Pall at 973-539-4199.

## Welcoming the Shabbat

Plan to join us on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for our Kabbalat Shabbat Service. This Service is created to give thanks for the week, and look forward to the coming week. It is only 30 minutes in length. Traditional prayers and readings have been carefully selected from various sources and stress inner renewal, healing and comfort. Rabbi Rossoff and various members of our congregation will lead us in worship and Cantor Benson will lead us in song and music.

After our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, we will be serving a DAIRY dinner which will be followed by our Shabbat service at 8:00 p.m. Reservations are Call the Temple office.

Come, embrace the Shabbat with us.

# LOOKING AHEAD (Mark Your Calendar!)

November 7

Nursery School Carnival

November 11

Fatherhood Project

November 12

Senior Dinner

Learning Shabbat Service

November 14

Rae Pall Family Series #1

November 18

WRJ/Sisterhood Event —Shopping

November 19

Rae Pall Family Series #2

November 21

December Dilemma Iudaism On One Foot

## TodahRabah

A big thank you for all who made the High Holidays so beautiful and so meaningful. The Rabbi, our new Rabbinic intern and the Cantor, who led us in praver music. Administrative staff for their efforts. The High Holy Day Committee who worked diligently throughout the year. The Temple Board, Men's Club and Sisterhood for helping out. All those members who volunteered to be ushers. Our Custodial staff who made sure the building and Sanctuary were comfortable. And to you, our con regation, for your continued participation and support.

## Mazel Tov!

BIRTH OF:

Aidan Moore Arnold, grandson of Marjorie and Ron Goldberg

Sophie Lara Fox, granddaughter of Elinor and Sandford Liebesman

Eli Evett Rothleder and Zachary Charles Kern, grandsons of Deidre and Stephen Rothleder

**ENGAGEMENT OF:** 

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Stacy Jacobs to Richard Westreich, son of Phyllis and Michael Westreich

**MARRIAGE OF:** 

Robert Johns to Samantha Fenik, daughter of Genellen and Martin Fenik

Bradley Coustan to Helene Fink, daughter of Eileen and Allan Fink

Ronald Wolfson to Deborah Horn, daughter of Jackie and Larry Horn

Phil Murray to Shari Kalina, daughter of Barbara and Ted Kalina

ANNIVERSARIES OF:

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Susan and Jay Holiday 25<sup>th</sup> anniverary of Helene and Elliot Warm

#### WANTED:

The right people for the honor of doing a mitzvah during Shabbat Morning Services in which a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is called to the Torah. We are in need of volunteers to serve as Shabbat Morning "head ushers." The "head usher's" job is to be an ambassador for the Temple, to keep an eye out for-and deal with—any problems among the worshippers, and to serve as helper for the Rabbi and Cantor.

The Service in which someone becomes a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is one of the most memorable days in a young Jewish person's life. We are in search of ushers with just the right touch to help make the day as perfect as possible.

Please call Stuart Rayvid at 973-515-3518 or e-mail at SRayvid@AOL.com if you wish to help.

## College Connection

Has your son/daughter gone off to college? Temple B'nai Or would like to provide a link between our college students and the Temple. Thus the College Connection was created. During the year, students receive the Temple Bulletin, holiday packages, and information on Jewish issues.

Please be sure to provide the Temple Office with your children's college address, phone, and e-mail address.

## Temple B'nat Or Religious School

Dennis Prager, a West Coast Jewish radio talk show host and commentator, once wrote a marvelous piece on why teaching our children not to talk to strangers was "Jewishly incorrect." As Jews, we are asked to befriend and make strangers feel welcome.

Similarly, more than ever before, we seem to be asking our children to keep a low profile and blend in; to be cautious and not to take chances; to do what is needed without making waves.

When you enter our Temple, hopefully, you will notice our Bulletin Board with the drawing of a giraffe proclaiming "Stick Your Neck Out." This is our school-wide theme this year. We will be encouraging our students to stick their necks out and get involved so they can make a difference. Our children need to be inspired to take responsibility for solving those tough problems that effect all of us—from violence to hunger to pollution. We want our boys and girls to become proactive citizens who will act courageously and with compassion to assert in numerous ways to better their schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

Throughout the year our children will learn of real heroes—young people—who have taken the initiative to practice *tikkun olam*—fixing the world—and have made a dramatic impact on the lives of many people.

It is our hope that our "stick your neck out" theme will lead our students to become persons who will live a life dedicated to doing Mitzvot and giving Tzedakah. If the world is to be a better place, it is up to all of us—from the very young to the elderly. Don't be an ostrich and stick your neck in the ground; be a giraffe and stand tall. To "repair" the world, we must all stick out our necks. Now is the time to teach this to our children.

David Iskovitz, Director

# Let's Rejoice in Our Jewish Diversity

We are several multiracial Jewish families who are interested in meeting and getting together for social and support activities. We are interested in experiencing and celebrating our Jewishness in the context of our racial diversity.

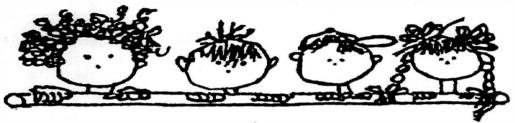
We'd love to hear from other families with kids, couples or singles, who might be interested in getting together with us. Please call Ellen Benson at 973-625-5273.



#### TREE OF LIFE

To celebrate a special simcha, you are invited to purchase a stone or leaf on our Tree of Life.

For more information, please call Catherine Litwin at 973-285-3999



## Nursery School

Our Nursery School Committee is off to a very busy year. All of our classes are in place and our new Toddlers Together classes will begin on Monday, October 4th. As of this writing, there are still a few openings in the class. The class meets on Mondays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. for 16 to 26 month olds and a parent or other caring adult. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this social and educational connection we offer, let us, or them, know. Our number is 973-267-6424.

Preparations are progressing for our annual Carnival. We already have lots of volunteers and look forward to a great Sunday of fun and games for little ones on November 7th from 1:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. If you have young children, plan to join us. If you have teens, perhaps they'd like to do a mitzvah and help us run the games.

We're delighted to welcome new staff to the Nursery School. Laurie Bruskin is

teaching our Enrichment Program. Each day has a theme such as Science, Music and Movement, Mrs. Laurie's Stories and Little Masterpieces. Laurie has some wonderful ideas and projects she's anxious to share. Her Pre-K daughter, Jen, is happy to have Mom on staff, too. And brother, Matt, will join us soon. The Bruskins are busy in Temple in so many ways. Welcome!

We also welcome a new assistant, Maxine Beck. Maxine has a degree in education and is happy to be getting back to the little ones after 12 years in the retail business. The Pre-K class is delighted to have Mrs. Beck around.

Carmen Ginarte joins our Three/Four year olds five mornings a week. After many years working as a paralegal, she's delighted to be working with children. Her degree is in Philosophy and Spanish Literature. We hope to tap her expertise for our own enrichment, as well. We're happy to welcome her to our staff.

Dee Cohen, Director

So that the Legacy lives on...

Please remember

# THE RABBI Z. DAVID LEVY TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND\*

in your will.

Call Rabbi Rossoff or Amy Mallor for information.

\*The Endowment Fund benefiting Temple B'nai Or is named in honor of our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Z. David Levy.

# Community Soup Kitchen

We invite you to join other members of the Temple B'nai Or community in helping to prepare, serve and clean up at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown.

The Soup Kitchen serves, on average, more than 100 people a day. The Temple B'nai Or community is one of more than 30 area congregations that support the Community Soup Kitchen by preparing and serving a hot meal each month.

Our congregants volunteer the first Wednesday of each month. Experience is unnecessary and rewards enormous. We hope you will join us (schedule permitting). If you are unable to participate on the first Wednesday of each month, perhaps you can still contribute by making a casserole. To volunteer, or for more information, call Buddy Hollander at 973-584-8017.



## Save These Dates:

## Shop Early for Hannukah!

**NOVEMBER 18, 1999** 

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening, the Learning Express in Morristown will open its doors for Temple B'nai Or members. They have offered to discount everything in the store. Light refreshments will be served.

### GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!!!!

#### **DECEMBER 16, 1999**

Temple B'nai Or Sisterhood is sponsoring an evening at the Bickford Theater to see "Forever Plaid." Please invite your friends; Temple members as well as non-Temple members are welcome! The evening will end with dessert, coffee, and a special opportunity to go behind the scenes and meet the cast and crew!



## Women of Reform Judaism/ Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or

I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year! Sisterhood needs the support of the women of the Congregation. All of us, whether mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or wives who are members of a Reform Congregation are needed as members of its Sisterhood. All of us, whether or not we perceive ourselves as having extra time, whether or not we enjoy all of Sisterhood's activities or projects. whether or not we have children, whether or not we attend services regularly, are needed as members of Sisterhood. Please mark your calendar for Thursday night, October 21st, for the Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner. It will be a lovely evening where you can meet other Sisterhood members, meet new members and sign up to participate in some of the exciting Sisterhood activities planned throughout the year.

Before the New Member Consecration Dinner, held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, Shabbat packages will be delivered to welcome our new Temple members. Please contact Laura Mayer at 973-292-2757 if you have any questions.

The following events are planned for the month of October:

#### October 5

WRJ/Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### October 19

A Playgroup Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. for any Temple or non-Temple member; light refreshments will be served. This group is a way for moms and kids (ages 1—3) to meet others who would like to participate in an on-going playgroup. For more information, please call Gayle Joseph at 973-331-1062.

#### October 21

All Sisterhood members are invited to attend the paid-up membership dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Mayer at 973-292-2757. Reservations are required.

#### October 31

The first Joint Event with Men's Club will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Families with children from ages 6 to 12 will be entertained by Mind Reader, "Flavian." Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Amy Merl at 973-993-9679 for further information.

I would like to extend a personal "thank you" to Ruth Surosky for her hard work on the High Holy Day Greeting Cards, and Audrey Forman for her coordination of the High Holy Day Food Drive and Break-the-Fast.

Jeri Sharpe, President



The Judaica Shop will be open during Religious School hours on Sundays with a wonderful selection of items.

Please stop by or contact

Betsy Freeman at 973-540-1935.

## Men's Club News

Congratulations to our softball team, which finished 10-4, finally stopped in the playoffs by the league champions. In two years, we've advanced from "C" division to "A" division. A celebration party for softball team members is planned.

A big thanks to those who recently helped out:

- ◆ Vic Davila offered his house for our Monday night football, and Steve Spiegel planned the event.
- ◆ Jordan Byk once again directed the Men's Club Sukkah building project, and also oversaw a professional cleanup of the Temple kitchen—donated by Men's Club.
- ◆ Rich Cohen led our first Fatherhood Project on September 16<sup>th</sup>, where we discussed Balancing Work, Family and Community, and planned for future fatherhood events.
- ◆ Our fall touch football scrimmages continue in October on Sunday mornings. Contact Jeff Freeman at 973-540-1934 for details.

We've got numerous events planned where your help can make a difference. Please contact me for more information.

#### ▲ Men's Club Study Group—October 14

New! This year we are adding four (4) religious study group sessions hosted by our own Dave Anolick. In our first session an introduction will be provided, and we will select topics for future meetings. Rabbi Rossoff also will be attending our first session to provide guidance.

#### ▲ Men's Club Breakfast—October 24

Our first Sunday breakfast is on October 24th at 9:30 a.m. "Ethno-musicologist" Robert Cohen will join us. His topic is "New Wings for our Prayers—American Jewish Music Comes Of Age." Babysitting is provided. Please RSVP to Gary Sharpe at 973-984-6298.

#### ▲ Dinner and Board Meeting—October 26

Our first dinner of the year will be on Tuesday, October 26th, at the Temple, followed by our regular Board Meeting around 8:00 p.m. Both the dinner and Board Meeting are open to all.

#### ▲ Joint Event with Sisterhood—October 31

On October 31st we join Sisterhood for our Annual Joint Event. This year it's a family event, featuring Flavian the minder reader at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 per family if you RSVP before October 31 to Amy Merl; \$10.00 if purchased at the door.

Come join us for friendship and fun!

Rich Herbert, President

#### IN MEMORIUM

When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends. The Congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

Ruth Kent aunt of Roberta Berman and Martin Fenik

Julius Fishman, step-father of Mark Green

William Jaffe, member

Paul Levine, father of Marcia Kaputkin

Roslyn Kolansky, mother of Michael Kolansky

Minnie Liebesman, mother of Sandford Liebesman

> Emanuel Kahn, father of Ioan Marx

Bertha Sachs, grandmother of Naomi Sachs

Dora Bleiman, mother of Rosalyn Schnee Edith Wallsh, mother of Cheryl Spiro

## Tributes

#### RABBI'S

#### **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In honor of:

Susan Aidekman becoming a Bat Mitzvah

\*Susan and Gary Aidekman Our daughter, Morgan, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

\*Meg and Jim Wiviott

My becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Nancy Hertz Ellis

Amy Mallor

\*Jackie and Larry Horn Marriage of Jeff Melcer to our daughter, Jody

\*Gail and Melvin Hecht

In memory of:

Jeanette Tetelbaum
Rose Siroty, mother of Robert Siroty
Susan Newmann's mother
Ethel and Sidney Schwarz

Roslyn Kolansky, beloved mother \*Debra and Michael Kolansky

#### RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of:

Minnie Liebesman, mother of Sandford Liebesman Vicki and John Nelson

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Nancy Hertz Ellis

Our daughter, Morgan, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

\*Meg and Jim Wiviott

In memory of:

Jean Schlenger, mother of Linda Schlenger

Maxine and Harry Riskin

#### **CARING COMMUNITY FUND**

In honor of:

Birth of Jesse Mordechai, grandson of Dee and Arthur Ginsburg Judy and Marc Allen Birth of our granddaughter, Sophie Lara Fox

Elinor and Sandy Liebesman Mitzi Szerlip's speedy recovery Nathan Rose's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Judy and Eliot Steinberg Marriage of Douglas and Beverly Barbara and Ted Kalina

#### **DEFICIT REDUCTION FUND**

In honor of:

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klein

Marilyn and Jack Piermont

In memory of:

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## Cheshvan 5760 - Kislev 5760

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	22 Cheshvan  Madrikhim 6:00 pm ORIM 7:00 pm Adult Education 7:00 pm Executive Board 7:30 pm	23 Cheshvan  WRJ/Sisterhood 7:30 pm	24 Cheshvan	25 Cheshvan WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am Men's Lunch Schmooze 12:30 pm	26 Cheshvan 00 4:31 2nd Grade Dinner 5:45 pm Family Shabbat 7:30 pm	27 Cheshvan Chaye Sarah
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
28 Cheshvan Mitzvot/MetroWest 6th Grade	29 Cheshvan	30 Cheshvan	1 Kislev	2 Kislev WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am	3 Kislev 0 0 4:24	4 Kislev Toledot Service 11:00 am
Nursery School Camival 1:15 pm-3:45 pm	Adult Education 7:00 pm Renaissance Board 8:00 pm	Board of Trustees 7:30 pm		Fatherhood Project 8:00 p.m. Teachers' Convention - N	Senior Dinner 6:00 pm Learning Shabbat Service 8:00 pm to Nursery School Classes	Ashley Ricken
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
5 Kislev Men's Club/Sisterhood Breakfast 9:30 am Rae Pall Family Series #1 Book Fair 7th Grade Lower East Side Trip Leam & Lead #3 6:00 pm	6 Kislev  Adult Education 7:00 pm	7 Kislev  Men's Club Event R.S. Committee 7:45 pm	8 Kislev	9 Kislev WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am Men's Lunch Schmooze 12:30 pm Sisterhood Event/Shopping	10 Kislev 00 4:18 Men's Club Dinner 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Rae Pall Family Series #2	11 Kislev Vaye ze Pre-K/TOT 9:15 am Service 11:00 am Shaina Fainglas will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
12 Kislev 7th Gr. Greenhorn Game December Dilemma 9:00 am - 11:30 am	13 Kislev	14 Kislev N.S. Committee 9:10 am	15 Kislev Nursery School Thanksgiving Happening 11:30 am - Noon	16 Kislev	17 Kislev 0 0 4:14	18 Kislev Vayishlach
Judalsm On One Foot 11:30 - 1:15 pm	High School Parent/Teen Program 7:00 pm Adult Education 7:00 pm		No N.S. PM Classes  Community Thanksgiving Service 7:30 pm	Thanksgiving	Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Office, Nursery and Religious Schools Clo	Daniel Gallerstein & Keith Gervis will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah sed
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<b>3</b> 23 <i>Tishrei</i> Renaissance Breakfast 9:30 am	24 Tishrei N.S.First Day Toddlers Together Madrikhim 6:00 pm/ORIM 7:00 pm Adult Educat on 7:00 pm Executive Board 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> 25 Tishrei  WRJ/Sisterhood 7:30 pm	6 26 Tishrei	7 27 Tishrei WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am Men's Lunch Schmooze 12:30 pm	8 28 Tishrei  ôô 6:10 Senior Dinner 6:00 pm Bring A Friend Shabbat 8:00 pm	9 29 Tishrei Bereshit Bagels & Torah 9:15 am Pre-K/TOT 9:15 am Service 11:00 am Philip Kesner & Jason Diener will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzva
10 30 Tishrei Meet The Teachers (K-5) Junior Youth Group Event Hebrew Marathon 9 am - 5 pm	11 1 Chesvan Adult Education 7:00 pm	12 2 Chesvan Board of Trustees 7:30 pm	13 3 Chesvan	4 Chesvan WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am Men's Study Group 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> 5 Chesvan ວໍດີ 5:59 Kabbalat Service/Dinner 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 8:00 pm	16 6 Chesvan Noah Service 11:00 am Jennifer Spiegel
7 Chesvan New Member Orientation Class Adult Hebrew I & II - 12 Noon 6th Grade - 13 Mitzvot Program Leam & Lead #2 6:00 pm Clothing Drive Last Day	18 8 Chesvan  Adult Education 7:00 pm Confirmat on Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm	19 9 Chesvan N.S. Committee 9:10 am	<b>20</b> 10 Chesvan	21 11 Chesvan WRJ/Sisterhood Seminar with Rabbi Rossoff 10:00 am Men's Lunch Schmooze 12:30 pm WRJ/Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner 6:30 pm	22  12 Chesvan  00  5:49 Singles Dinner 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Confirmation Retre	will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzv 23 13 Chesvan Lech Lecha at - Washington, DC
24  14 Chesvan  Men's Club Breakfast 9:30 am  7th Grade - Living Voices  New Member Orientation Class  Adult Hebrew I & II - 12 Noon  Confirmation Retreat	25 15 Chesvan  Adult Education 7:00 pm	26 16 Chesvan  Men's Club Dinner Board Meeting 7:00 pm	27 17 Chesvan Nursery School Class and Individual Portraits	<b>28</b> 18 Chesvan	29 19 Chesvan 0 0 5:39  New Member Dinner 6:00 pm Consecration of New Members Shabbat Service 8:00 pm	30 20 Chesvan Vayera Service 11:00 am  Lisa Mayer will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzy.
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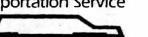
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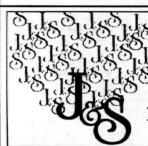
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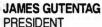
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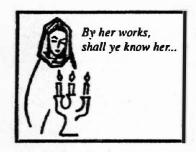
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Outreach is a special Temple program that reaches out to people: the intermarried, recently converted, those considering conversion, and born Jews who would like to learn more about their heritage.

The goal of Outreach is to help these people get closer to Judaism – to extend a welcoming, helpful hand.

Please help us assess your interests by filling out this questionnaire. It won't take long, and it's for EVERYONE – Jews by birth, Jews by choice, and non Jews. If you wish, you may respond anonymously. Please return by October 15 to the Temple office.

After analyzing the responses, we hope to create an Outreach program that will meet real needs – your needs. So please respond, your input is valued.

#### Please indicate all that apply:

Ages	We	are	an	interfaith	family.	Number	of	Children_	
	I am a	. Jew	-bv-	choice.		My partner is a J	ew-	by-choice	
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				birth.		partner is a Jew-		birth.	
	We h	ave i	nterr	narried chi	ldren.	Grandchildren_		<u>.</u>	



Which of these Outreach activities would you be most likely to participate in:

1.	
2.	Support Groups:interfaith couples parents of intermarried
	Jew-by-choice Other.
3.	Classes and hands on activities in synagogue ritual.
4.	Classes and hands on activities in Jewish home ritual.
5.	Classes and lectures which compare and contrast theological concepts of
	Judaism with those of other major religious traditions.
6.	Hebrew classes; prayer book.
7.	
8.	
9.	Family Education Programs
10.	Shabbat Programs and/or Shabbat/Holiday Dinners at the Temple.
	Chavurah (group of 8-10 Temple families who share your interests and meet
	monthly at homes)
12.	Weekend Retreat Programs.
13.	Learner's Services (Friday evenings or Saturday morning services dedicated to
	teaching about the service.)
14.	Having a Mentor Family Assigned to You.
15.	Serving as a Mentor Family.
16.	Serving on the Outreach Committee.
Ple	ase let us know how Temple B'nai Or's Outreach Committee can best meet the needs
of	you and/or your family.
Yo	u are important! Your input is vital.
Yo	ur name (optional) Phone
Δd	dress (If you want to be on Outreach mailing list) City State 7 in

If you have any additional suggestions or comments that might be helpful as we assess our Outreach Program, please call Anita Raff 973-895-5014, Outreach Chair. Please return this assessment to the Temple office by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

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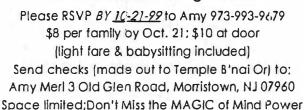


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