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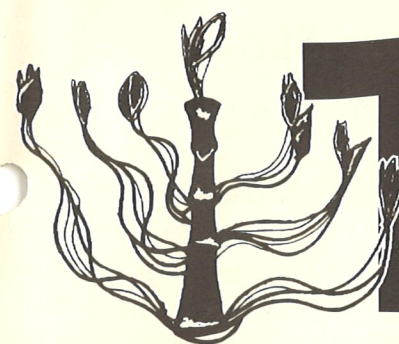
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All proceeds will be used to
support breast cancer awareness

A BENEFIT CONCERT
TO SUPPORT
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS,
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF FLORENCE EISENBERG

WOMEN OF VALOR

Sunday, October 18, 5 p.m.
Temple Israel

Join us for "A Righteous Soul," a new composition by Jonathan Leshnoff, associate professor of music at Towson University in Maryland, performed by the Aeon Ensemble and Cantor Wendy Shermet. The concert will include Leshnoff's composition, an ensemble performing healing songs and remarks by Dr. Ken Cowan, M.D., Ph.D., director of UNMC's Eppley Cancer Center. A reception sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism, an auxiliary of Temple Israel, will follow.

General Admission \$18
Student \$10
Patron tickets available
Tickets available, 556-6536 or at the door

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"Women of Valor" Concert Continued...

"Women of Valor," a benefit concert to support breast cancer awareness will premiere a newly written composition by Jonathan Leshnoff, associate professor of music at Towson University in Maryland. The 34-year-old composer has been commissioned to debut the new composition entitled, *A Righteous Soul*, at the concert.

Leshnoff wrote the composition for the Aeon Trio, an Omaha-based oboe, viola, and piano trio, who will perform at the "Women of Valor" concert with Cantor Wendy Shermet. There will be additional songs sung by an ensemble, and Dr. Ken Cowan, M.D., Ph.D., director of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Eppley Institute and the Eppley Cancer Center, has been invited to speak at the event.

Acquiring an international reputation as one of America's most gifted young composers, Leshnoff was asked to write the composition in memory of former Temple Israel member Florence Eisenberg, the sister of William Nerenberg, who is Leshnoff's manager. Nerenberg is commissioned of the music together with George Eisenberg, Florence's husband; St. Paul Methodist Church; and Temple Israel.

Florence Eisenberg, who suffered from breast cancer, died at the age of 74 in 2001. Recognized for her talent as a child, she attended Juilliard School of Music in New York City. In Omaha, she practiced on the Orpheum's massive Wurlitzer and on an organ in a Catholic convent. "It was her life," said her husband George.

All proceeds from the concert will be used to support breast cancer awareness. A reception sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism will follow the concert.

In the Mail

In September, students enrolled in World Religious Class at Bellevue West High School visited Temple Israel and were given a tour by Rabbi Aryeh Azriel. One of the students wrote the following comments in her thank you note:

"I learned very interesting beliefs about Judaism. You are very real and speak your mind. I have considered attending one of your times of worship. Thank you for everything."



Klutznick Harris Symposium

"Jews and Humor"

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
at the Jewish Community Center

Monday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Creighton University Skutt Student Center Ballroom
24 and Cass Street

With titles like "They Ain't Makin' Jews like Jesus Anymore - The Musical Humor of Kinky Friedman and His Texas Jewboys in Historical and Geographical Perspective" and "Why Did the Widow Have a Goat in Her Bed? Midrash and the Making of Jewish Humor," get ready for an entertaining 2009 symposium. If the titles startle you, the speakers from prestigious institutions such as Brandeis University, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the Jewish Theological Seminary of American, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and numerous other seats of higher learning will also educate you about "The Bad Girls of Jewish Comedy," "Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Karl: Immigrant Humor and the Depression," and the humor of Mel Brooks and Woody Allen.

For more information, call Creighton University, 280-2303.

Jamie Skog Graduates as Jewish Educator

Jamie Skog, daughter of Temple members Ricki and Jeff Skog, was awarded a master's degree from the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education of The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

A former Temple Israel Religious School student, Jamie left for Israel on September 1 to participate in Tikkun Olam in Tel Aviv-Jaffa which offers 22-27-year-old, English-speaking college graduates the opportunity to spend five or ten months volunteering and studying in community service and coexistence projects alongside a community of young Israeli volunteers.

Temple Students Shine on Stage

Scott Goldberg, a senior at Westside High School, is in the cast of Opera Omaha's *Brundibar*, a children's opera by Hans Krasa that was first performed at Terezin, a World War II concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ticket Omaha, 345-0606 or www.operaomaha.org.

Rachel Saag, an eighth grader at Elkorn Ridge Middle School, is performing in the Omaha Community Playhouse's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. To see Rachel on stage, purchase tickets for the Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances at 553-0800 or www.omahaplayhouse.com.

Welcome

"The giving of Torah happened at one specific time, but the receiving of the Torah happens all the time, in every generation."

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome Irene Blecher, Michael A. Halsted, and Kelly McFarland Streit who have recently chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!

November 1 is the Time to Fall Back!



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, November 1 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour!

Welcome New Members!

Amy and Josh Brooks
Max, five years old
Lily, three years old

Josh and Amy and their two children moved here in July from Las Vegas. Now stationed at Offutt Air Force Base where he works at STRATCOM, Major Brooks has been in the Air Force for 14 years. Amy has a law degree and a master's degree in public administration. She was a realtor in Las Vegas and is thinking about what she'll do while stationed in Omaha. As for spare time, "We don't have any!" insisted Amy. But they do like to try new restaurants, see new movies, and Amy is into genealogy. Max is a kindergartner at Picotte Elementary School and Religious School at Temple. Lily attends the Child Development Center at the Jewish Community Center three days a week.

Nancy and Ted Feidman
Whitney, ten years old
Alec, eight years old

Ted is a native Omahan who grew up at Beth El Synagogue. Nancy is from the Milwaukee area, but has lived in Omaha since 1986. "We all really like to go swimming," Nancy said. Ted, who is in sales, also likes to do landscaping and gardening. "We like to spend time outdoors, and travel to visit family." Whitney is a fifth grader at Cottonwood School. Her brother Alec is a third grader at Cottonwood. Both children attend Religious School at Temple.

Gail Holmes

A resident of Omaha for about 25 years, Gail is originally from Sioux City, IA. A retired grandmother, Gail is devoted to her 16-year-old granddaughter, Taylor. Taylor's mother, Temple member, Cheryl Elbertson, died in March. Taylor, 16, is a member of Temple and attends Burke High School. Gail also has a 12-year-old Rat Terrier, Champ, "a little bitty dog I got at the Humane shelter."

Suzanne and Hap Pocras
Lily, six years old
Lucy, two years old
Knox, six months old

Suzanne and Hap met in 1994 in Chicago. They returned to Omaha, Suzanne's hometown, and were married at Beth El Synagogue. An Indiana University alum, Suzanne majored in speech communications and has worked in human resources. Right now, she's home fulltime with the couple's three children. Hap grew up in Lincoln and came to Omaha originally to attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is an anesthesiologist at Methodist Hospital. Hap loves to golf, and Suzanne loves to garden and work outside. Bozley, a poodle, adds to the family fun.

PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Temple's East entrance has three handicap parking spots – and, no steps into Temple.

Temple's South Entrance has three Senior Congregant parking spots.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

Celebrate with the Kids at the Next Tot Shabbat!

Friday, October 30, 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat is a time to celebrate our heritage and our children through storytelling, art and music. Enjoy the beauty of lighting candles, blessings and melodies with family and friends.

Parents are encouraged to model the behavior they would like to see in their own children. So remember: dance with your children, sing and celebrate with us! Hosts are the Nogg and Furst/Savolainen families. Dinner will follow this kid-friendly service. We welcome all tots, older siblings and their families to join us each month for Tot Shabbat!

Cost for the dinner is \$5 per adult, no charge for children. Please contact Maureen Kube, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com, to make a reservation by the Tuesday, October 27.

Got Game? Don't Miss WRJ-O's Game Night Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. at Ironwood Country Club 12627 Pacific Street

WRJ-O is inviting members of the congregation to celebrate the upcoming game night. Come try your hand at games like Maj Jong, Poker and Bunco. Bring your friends for games, fun and food! Keep your eye out for more information to come.

Please contact Kim Noddle, 391-7022 or kim@noddle.com, or Mimi Silverman, 932-6626 or mimitaffet@cox.net, if you have any questions.

Pancake Man is coming! Sunday, November 1, 9 a.m.



Start your Sunday off right with the Pancake Man! Breakfast menu - all you can eat pancakes, beef sausage, milk and juice. Cost is \$5 per person, no charge for children three and younger. The volunteer captain is Wendy Raffle.

Give Time - Feel Good with Opportunities Through the Caring Community

Rosh Hashanah has come and gone and the promise of starting off the new year right, we are reminded to think good thoughts and to be kind to all those around us. WRJ-O's Caring Committee has taken this belief to heart, and offers members of our congregation the opportunity to sustain the spiritual, physical, and mental wellness and growth of our congregation members. The committee is encouraging everyone to think about how they can give of themselves to assist those in the Jewish community going through difficult times or celebrating major milestones. Please share these opportunities with friends and family that may want to join in and contribute time to worthy opportunities.

Volunteer for any (or all) of these opportunities:

1. **Bikkur Cholim is a committee of the Caring Community** - Literally meaning "healing the sick," we wish to reach out to our congregational community in times of illness, whether homebound or just returning from a hospital stay. We are in need of volunteers who wish to reach out to these congregants with a phone call, visit or delivery of homemade challah and chicken soup.
2. **Soup and Challah makers** - The Caring Community's Bikkur Cholim team is looking for volunteers to bake challah and make chicken soup to fill the WRJ-O freezer at Temple. The above mentioned volunteers will then have a supply on hand to deliver when the call comes in. Quart-sized freezer containers are available at Temple - one recipe of WRJ-O chicken soup could fill over 4 quart containers - and help us help others for over a month!
3. **Card Committee Leader** - The Caring Community's card program sends out cards to congregants and family members for birthdays, new babies and in sympathy. Last year, we sent out over 400 cards! This leader would organize card production and mailing. The volunteers are already in place - all you have to do is see through the mailing!

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sherrie Saag, 505-3767 or sherriesaag@cox.net.



Mench in the House!

A big thank you is directed to Debby Josephson and Rosie Zweiback for helping confirm addresses for our college-age kids. Happy New Year cards were sent to our in-town and out of town kids - whether they are in college or working. This year, WRJ-O sent 92 Starbucks gift cards to the college list. This is a really fantastic twice a year project and tracking down all those names takes a lot of e-mails and phone calls.

Adult Education

Will Your Grandchildren Be Jewish?

Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Rabbi Kerry Olitzky will offer constructive, practical and much-needed resources to help grandparents nurture the Jewish identity of their grandchildren who are being raised in an interfaith home or in a Jewish home.

Rabbi Olitzky will suggest an approach that grandparents can follow to transform angst into constructive action, while remaining mindful and supportive of their adult child.

Rabbi Kerry Olitzky's visit will launch Omaha's first Grandparents Circle, a course inspired by his book "Twenty Things for Grandparents of Interfaith Grandchildren to Do." Rabbi Olitzky is the executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute, the only national independent organization dedicated to bringing Judaism to interfaith families and the unaffiliated. He was recently named one of the 50 leading rabbis in North America by *Newsweek*.

Grandparent's Circle Tuesdays, November 17 - December 15 7 p.m.

The Grandparents Circle is a comprehensive program that offers grandparents skills and techniques to nurture, and in some cases help establish, their interfaith grandchildren's Jewish identities. The five-session course provides participants with a supportive and open-minded environment to share achievements, express frustrations, and acknowledge challenges. Wendy Goldberg, Program Director will facilitate the course, contact her at 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, to register.

Ran Kuttner: "Israel - The Value of Dialogue and the Role of American Jews"

Friday, October 30, 6 p.m.

Originally from Tel Aviv, Ran Kuttner, assistant professor of conflict resolution at the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, Creighton University School of Law, will be Temple Israel's guest speaking on "the increased fragmentation in recent decades in the Israeli society and the various splits within it," he explained.

Ran earned his Ph.D. at Bar-Ilan University in Israel where he also co-taught a graduate-level mediation certification course.

Prior to arriving in Omaha a year ago, he was a visiting researcher and an associate at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School for three years. Among his research projects, he helped redesign and teach Harvard's mediation course, a joint course for law and MBA students.

In Israel, Ran worked on Israeli/Palestinian issues, conflicts between Jews and Arabs who live in Israel, and splits within Israeli society. He worked at the Rabin Center in Tel Aviv and ran his own mediation center where he taught numerous mediation and conflict management courses.

Yoga at Temple ~ A Shabbat Alternative

Saturdays, October 17 - November 21
9-10:15 a.m. in Room 8

Temple is blessed with several Yogis. Join Brent Bloom, Suzy Rubin, Judy Vann and others as they lead us on a uniquely physical and meditational Shabbat journey. Six week session: \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. Please contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, to participate.

L'Chaim! To Life Generic Drugs: Are They For You?

Tuesday, October 20, Noon

Bruce Goldberg, Registered Pharmacist, will discuss helping consumers, health insurers, and public payers to reduce their prescription drug costs. Bring a bag lunch and spend an hour gaining new perspectives on issues related to health and wellness.

Classes are sponsored by the
Hermene Zweiback Center for
Lifelong Jewish Learning.

Youth & Education

Upper High School Grades Have More Curriculum Options

“Last year, a Presidential Task Force worked on looking at how we deliver our religious education,” said Wendy Vann, chair of the Religious School Steering Committee. “That led them to pursue the moving of confirmation to tenth grade. When the Board of Trustees approved the motion, it included the restructure of the upper grades.”

Those changes include two learning style options for eleventh and twelfth graders. The “Classical Track” is for students who prefer a classroom setting. Classes slated for this school year include: “Jews and the Civil Rights Movement,” “Parashat HaShavuah,” and “Packing for College: Where Does Judaism Fit?” on Wednesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Rabbi Eric Linder, staff members, and guest speakers will be the instructors.

For students who prefer an individual approach to learning, individual study options are delivering donations to Jewish Family Service and assisting that agency, attending the Sunday, October 25 session of the Klutznick-Harris Symposium, participating in Kol Rina, being an active member of Omaha Temple Youth Group, being actively involved in worship services, volunteering at Quality Living nursing home, writing a report on a book selected with an advisor, attending Shabbat services, being part of Shuputznick on Sunday, May 2, and attending Sparks Beneath the Surface on Saturday mornings. In addition, students can attend a lecture at Countryside Community Church, take part in helping families through a Together, Inc. project, spend a day with one of Temple’s clergy members, participate in Taste of Tri-Faith in January, or arrange an individually developed activity with an advisor.

There are also summer opportunities such as the Center for Jewish Education’s Limmud Omaha, the Jewish Film Festival, or assisting at the Child Development Center at the Jewish Community Center.

Students who prefer to customize their Jewish education by combining the classroom track with the individual studies track will have that option, too. Advisors will work with all eleventh and twelfth graders to assist them in their selected courses of study.

All eleventh and twelfth graders are eligible to participate in a trip to the Southeast United States to trace the struggle of African Americans to gain equality in the 1950s and ‘60s and to discover how Jews were involved in the struggle.

In order to graduate at the end of twelfth grade, students will need to attend 80 percent of the Wednesday night classes or accumulate 50 points from the individual study track during the last two years of high school. Each individual activity is worth five to 20 points.

“I hope that the changes we have been working on will fit into the lives of our students more easily,” added Wendy Vann. “I believe with as busy as our young people are these days, flexibility is going to be the key to success.”

Shop...Eat...Help Temple Israel, Too!

Whole Foods, Baker’s, Bag ‘N Save and The Bookworm Gift Certificates are available in the Temple office. Buy them and keep them handy for shopping at these stores which are gracious enough to return a percentage to Temple. The reimbursements are used for camp scholarships. If you have children attending Religious School classes on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings, stop in the Religious School office to purchase.



B’nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Night

The B’nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program is redefining what it means to be a Jewish philanthropist by showing young people that they have the power to make change in the world through a personal and engaged relationship to lifelong giving. This program is a tool for teens to give tzedakah, deepen their commitment to social action and be part of a program that models youth leadership.

Gail Linsky, National Director, will be in Omaha on Wednesday, October 21, to meet with our community middle and high schoolers to energize us and jumpstart B’nai Tzedek in Omaha by sharing success stories of other teens in different cities. Gail will also work with us on “mini-simulations.” How do you make funding decisions? What parameters or goals do you have for your donations? What kind of questions do you need to ask? We want you to leave with an understanding of the program and how you can get involved in giving, and, giving back to our community.

The Scary Guy Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. For Grades 7-12



His mission is “the total elimination of hate, violence, and prejudice worldwide.” The Scary Guy teaches people to understand that they have the power to create change in their own world by taking responsibility for their own behavior in the form of words and actions. He also writes classical music, is an artist, a singer, a performer, and a comedian. He was a baby portrait photographer, a computer salesman, and a tattoo artist, which is evident as soon as you meet him.

He may look scary, but his message is one of peace.

Scary Guy’s presentation at Temple Israel is sponsored by the Lazier L. Singer Memorial Fund.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9 Consecration Pictures 5:45 p.m. Consecration 6 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah	10 Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Simchat Torah
11 Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon WRJ Meeting 10 a.m. Worship Meeting Noon	12	13 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL, MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL	15 Adult Study with the Clegy 10 a.m.	16 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service Milton Erman: "A Family's Torah. A Tree of Life." 6 p.m.	17 A Shabbat Alternative 9 a.m. Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Katelin Zetzman
18 Religious School Grades PreK-6 10 a.m. - Noon Children's Choir Rehearsal Noon Women of Valor Concert 5 p.m.	19	20 Generic Drugs, Are They For You? Noon Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	21 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Lounge Night 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Family School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Kickoff and dinner at JCC 6 p.m. Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Nurturing the Nurturer 6:30 p.m.	22 Adult Study with the Clegy 10 a.m. Religious School Steering Committee Meeting Noon	23 Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2:30 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	24 A Shabbat Alternative 9 a.m. Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. B'not Mitzvah of Hannah and Leah Miller
25 Religious School Grades K, 1, 3-6 10 a.m. - Noon Grade 2 @ Humane Society 10 a.m. Health Care Reform Discussion 10 a.m.	26	27 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	28 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Lounge Night 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m. Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Nurturing the Nurturer 6:30 p.m.	29 Adult Study with the Clegy 10 a.m.	30 Shabbat Service Guest Speaker: Dr. Ran Kuttner 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Dinner immediately following	31 A Shabbat Alternative 9 a.m. Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jack Gilinsky
1 Pancake Man, 9 a.m. Teacher Meeting, 9 a.m. Religious School Grades PreK-6 10 a.m. - Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Sundays @ Temple 10:30 a.m. OTYG Board Meeting 12:30 p.m. NOVEMBER	2	3 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	4 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Lounge Night 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m. Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Nurturing the Nurturer 6:30 p.m.	5 Adult Study with the Clegy 10 a.m.	6 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	7 A Shabbat Alternative 9 a.m. Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
8 Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Camp Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Noon OSRUI Reunion Pizza Lunch Noon OTYG Board Meeting 12:30 p.m.	9	10 Will Your Grandchildren Be Jewish? 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	11 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Lounge Night 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m. Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Nurturing the Nurturer 6:30 p.m.	12 Adult Study with the Clegy 10 a.m. WRJ Game Night at Ironwood 7 p.m.	13 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m. OTYG hosting Missouri Valley Fall Conclave	14 A Shabbat Alternative 9 a.m. Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Justin Norton

Worship Services

Friday~October 9

Erev Simchat Torah
6 p.m.
Consecration

Saturday~October 10

Simchat Torah
10:30 a.m.
Morning Service & Yizkor

Friday~October 16

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~October 17

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitvah of Katelin Zetzman,
daughter of Amee and Ted Zetzman
Torah Portion: Tishri
Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:11

Friday~October 23

2:30 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Blumkin Home
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Milton Erman: A Family's Torah.
A Tree of Life.

Saturday~October 24

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
B'not Mitzvah of Hannah
and Leah Miller
daughters of Lori and Michael Miller
Torah Portion: Noach
Genesis 6:9-11:32
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Friday~October 30

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Guest Speaker: Dr. Ran Kuttner
6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

dinner immediately following

Saturday~October 31

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Jack Gilinsky
son of Katherine Finnegan and
David Gilinsky
Torah Portion: Lech L'cha
Genesis 12:1-17:27
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday~November 6

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~November 7

9:15–10:30 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Vayeira
Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Friday~November 13

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

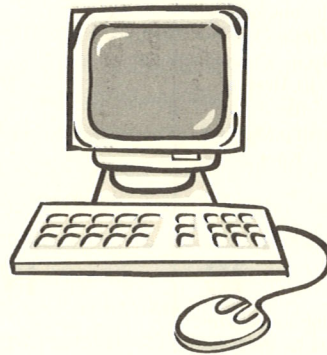
Saturday~November 14

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Justin Norton
son of Susie and Michael Norton
Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Birthday Blessings

Friday, October 16, 6 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the month of October will be called to the bimah and receive a special blessing from the rabbi.



Visit Temple's website
www.templeisrael-ne.org

Sitter Service

is available...

- Wednesday evenings during Religious School hours so that parents can take advantage of adult education opportunities;
- each Friday evening except when there is a Tot Shabbat;
- Saturday mornings when there is a bar or bat mitzvah;
- Sunday mornings when there is Religious School.

Advance reservations and a \$5 donation are appreciated. Please email Maureen, mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Young children, including infants, are welcome. Please sign in and sign out your child's name.

What's Happening in Religious School?

No Religious School or Family School Wednesday, October 14
Classes resume Sunday, October 18 for Grades Pre-K through Six.

Children's Choir Rehearsal Sundays, October 18 & November 8
Immediately following Religious School, we'll eat a pizza lunch before rehearsing with choir director Emily Meyer.

Religious School Steering Committee Meeting Thursday, October 22
Join us at Noon in the library in our continuing efforts to strengthen our school and the partnership between school and home. Please contact Wendy Vann, wmvann@cox.net, to let her know if you are planning to attend this meeting.

Grade 2 Visit to the Humane Society..... Sunday, October 25
As part of their year-long study of mitzvot, the second graders will get a "hands on" experience of *Tsa'ar Ba'alay Hayim* (kindness to animals). We will depart by bus promptly at 10 a.m. Second grade parents are asked to have their children at Temple by 9:45 a.m. We expect to return by Noon.

Pancake Man Visit Sunday, November 1
Yum, yum! Join us for breakfast at 9 a.m. See page 4 for details.

Family Prayer Assembly and Sundays @ Temple..... Sunday, November 1
Join your child(ren) for an enjoyable prayer service and stay for the informative Sundays @ Temple session at 10:30 a.m. in the Milder Center. Have a bagel, a cup of coffee and an informative discussion about Issues and Hot Topics: Chai Impact Action Center with Rabbi Eric Linder and Temple's Social Justice Committee.

The OTYG Fall Chavurah Needs You!

After a three-year break, Omaha Temple Youth Group will once again host the NFTY Fall Chavurah, November 13-15. Over 150 Jewish teens will descend upon Omaha for a great weekend.

We need help from the entire community with housing, helping serve the Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch, donation items for goodie bags, and snacks and pop.

"Green" cleaning products, such as the new line from Clorox, are also needed for the service project all the teens will participate in at Together, Inc. Reusable bags will be filled with the cleaning products and placed in Together's Inc. store for their clients to shop for. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in *Shmirat HaTeva* (guarding the environment).

Questions, etc. to Youth Advisor Amy Katz, 321-0515 or amykatz9120@hotmail.com, or Chavurah co-chairs Grace Hack, homeeg21@cox.net, and Emily Katz, stellaandm127@hotmail.com.

Religious School Camp Day!

Sunday, November 8, 11:30 a.m.
for second through sixth graders

Did your child have a good time at camp last summer? Are you thinking of camp again or for the first time next summer? You might think it's too early to consider the possibilities for summer 2010, but Jewish camps fill up early so you need to give next summer some thought now.

Jerry Kaye, director of Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), a Union for Reform Judaism camp, located in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, will be at Temple Israel at a special prayer assembly to describe the activities and programs from the arts to archery at OSRUI. He'll answer your questions about staff, length of sessions for various age groups, costs, and more.

Following the camp prayer assembly, there will be a reunion pizza lunch at noon for campers who have attended OSRUI, as well as for anyone else who would like to learn more about OSRUI.



Bleicher Camp Fund Provides Scholarships for Temple Youth

David and Rachel Bleicher moved to Omaha from Cleveland, Ohio, just before the outbreak of World War II in 1939. Strong believers in Jewish education, the Bleichers established a fund for camp scholarships.

If your child intends to go to a Jewish summer camp, please call Executive Director Dennis DePorte or Rabbi Aryeh Azriel at Temple (556-6536) to apply for a Bleicher camp scholarship.

Jewish summer camp is an informal education that will last a lifetime.

Find a Camp That's Right For You!

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www.bebercamp.com/

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www.campsabra.com/

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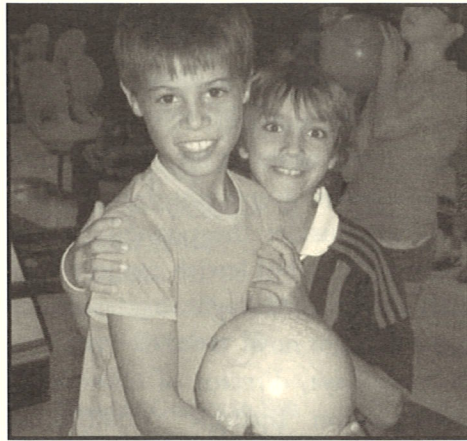
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www.osrui.urjcamps.org

Shwayder Camp

www.shwayder.com/

Club 56 Day of Bowling!



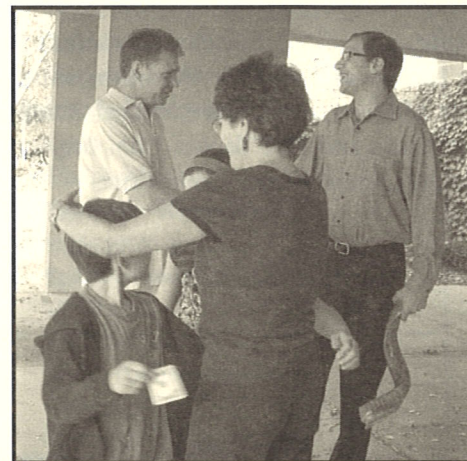
Pictured left: Phil Schrager and Aaron Noddle team up to score a strike. Pictured below: Sarah Krasno, Lindsay Osborne, Whitney Feidman and Abby Hack enjoy an afternoon of bowling with fellow fifth and sixth graders.



The First Day of School is Always Busy...and Fun!

Come rain or come shine, you will always find Rabbis Azriel and Linder and Cantor Shermet outside on the first day of school, opening doors and giving hugs. We couldn't start a new school year without it!

Sunday, September 13 was a very busy day for students and parents. We filled the sanctuary for our first Family Prayer Assembly; jumped right into learning about Consecration with Kindergarten and older students and parents; met our new teachers and got busy learning; ate a delicious lunch prepared by Temple Israel's Golf Committee; went to Children's Choir rehearsal; and Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders had a great time bowling.



Pictured left: Cantor Shermet gave hugs to Tommy and Samantha Sullivan while Rabbi Linder talked with their dad, Charlie. Pictured right: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel welcomed Spencer Schneiderman and Emma Miller back to Religious School.



OTYG Rush Was a Huge Success!



Grossman, Hannah Grossman, Yaniv Azriel, Cleo Rogers, Hannah Perry, Rachel Scheet, Sophia Miller. (Middle l to r): Sam Burrell, Emily Katz, Jordan Jensen, Haley Burns, Dru Beach, Rachel Sullivan, Ariel Kohll, Sophie Goldberg, Hannah Radler. (Back l to r): Grace Hack, Zane Fletcher, Joe Hack, Dustin Ginsburg, Julie Sadofsky.



An early morning wake-up for freshman, an eventful ride in a stretch "limo-bus" to Village Inn for breakfast and a fun-filled day at Mahoney State Park kicked-off the New Year for OTYG. Group picture (front l to r): Noah

Social Justice



Congregational Forum on Health Care Reform

Sunday, October 25, 10 a.m.

Please contact chair Mimi Silverman, 740-2201 or mimitaffet@cox.net, for more information.

Sunday Mornings @ Temple Local and National Issues and Hot Topics

Sunday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Eric Linder and Temple's Social Justice Committee as they explore advocacy, a central tenet in Reform Judaism. Pertinent issues such as OTOC concerns about youth: summer recreation and libraries, neighborhood revitalization, economic security and jobs, and health care reform, will be discussed to build understanding and encourage involvement.

The Union for Reform Judaism Religious Action Center's (RAC) e-newsletter system will deliver Chai IMPACT action alerts to anyone with an email address. Chai IMPACT action alerts are a good way to stay informed about the work of the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center. Sign up at www.rac.org.

The RAC located in Washington, D.C., has been the hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity in the nation's capital for more than 40 years. The center educates and mobilizes the American Jewish community on legislative and social concerns, advocating on issues from economic justice to civil rights to religious liberty to Israel.

Thank You to All Who Participated in the 5770 High Holy Day Services

Our Congregation thanks these members who accepted pulpit honors: Jacob Arnold, Brenda Arnold, Phyllis Aronson, Elyce Azriel, Jane Brooks, Don'L Dacey, Katherine Finnegan, Bob Freeman, Rosalie Greenspan, Howard Kaiman, Sally Kaplan, Amy Katz, John Lehr, Dan Marburg, Murray Newman, Susie Norton, Magda Peck, Paul Rabinovitz, Rob Reiss, Stacey Rockman, Rachel Saag, Jan Schneiderman, Phil Schrager, Tyler Siegel, Dorothy Spizman, Mike Weinberg, Rylee Zimmerman.

Thanks to our readers and chanters: Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Zane Fletcher, Grant Glazer, Bruce Goldberg, Scott Goldberg, Sophie Goldberg, Grace Hack, Jordan Jensen, Lynne Jensen, Emily Katz, Natasha Kraft, Andrea Siegel, Patsy Wallace, Andrew Wigodsky, Rosie Zweiback.

Thanks to our Torah holders: Haley Burns, Grace Hack, Gary Kaplan, Jackie Neesman, Rosie Zweiback.

Thanks also to our ushers: Harry Alloy, Lori Bennett, Toby Fellman, Harry Gates, Paul Gerber, David Goldberg, Mace Hack, George Idelman, Dick Katz, Todd Manvitz, Paul Miller, David Noodell, Mike Norton, Rob Reiss, Al Rieder, Craig Saylan, Jeff Skog, Jeff Slutzky, Jeff Smedlund, Jay Spiegelman, David Swensen, Ed Thompson.

And to our greeters: Debbie Alpert, Brenda Arnold, Barton Arnold, Barb Ault, Lori Bennett, Adam Cooper-Kahn, Corinne Levin, Hugh Levin, Ann Noodell, Ben Noodell, Amy Rabinovitz, Joan Rieder, Becky Smedlund, Sheila Tomps.

Our worship this year was enhanced by the melodic voices of: Jim Anderson, Colin Brown, Scott Goldberg, Sophie Goldberg, Lauren Goldstein, Scott

Goodman, Barry Grossman, Tami Field, Jill Idelman, Jennifer Kirshenbaum, Jon Meyers, Marvin Parilman, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Jeff Schweid, Sharon Sobel, Jay Spiegelman; Conductor, Jerry Brabec; the accompanist, Julie Sandene, Flutist, Hannah Grossman; and cellist, Mark Motycka.

And special thank you to: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Daniel Ferris, Dr. Howard Needelman, Dr. Ayman El Monhandes and David Jacobson for their participation in the thought-provoking panel discussion; Pam DePorte for her eloquence on Yom Kippur; Marla Cohen for leading "The Moments of Remembrance"; and to those who sounded the shofar: Spencer Arnold, Zach Arnold, Yaniv Azriel, Len Burrell, Sam Burrell, Zane Fletcher, Barry Grossman, Milton Marcus, Danny Pachman and Maddee Rauhauser.

Thank you to JYG and OTYG for kicking off the High Holiday food drive at Rosh Hashanah services. Temple Israel is fortunate to have youth who willingly jump in to assist where needed. As congregants exited Temple Israel on Rosh Hashanah, they were greeted with smiles, good wishes, sweet treats and an environmentally-friendly bag to bring their food donations in.

And to all who brought food donations on Yom Kippur Day, thank you for helping fill the shelves of the Omaha Area Food Bank with 4,000 pounds of food.

A big appreciation to Gretchen Radler for decorating the Sukkah in the Sanctuary.

Our Sympathy

*The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of...*

Debbie Brookstein, wife of Spencer Brookstein, and mother of Leah Brookstein;

Don Cohen, husband of Bernice Cohen;

Rosaline Epstein, grandmother of Emily Epstein Ray;

Helen Finkel, mother of Joel Finkel;

Joan Halsted, mother of Michael Halsted;

Phyllis H. Hoffman, mother of Mark Hoffman;

Sheldon Kushner, brother of Marshall Kushner and uncle of Kim Placzek;

Jack Levin, father of David Levin;

Elliot "Bus" Rubin, husband of Betty Rubin and uncle of Michael Mogil;

Harry Schulman, step-father of Richard Katz and grandfather of Alex, Max and Emily Katz;

Laura Sigala, aunt of Maria Neesman;

Retired Lt. Col. William Zohn, father of Andrea Rochman-Narigon;

*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*

**Our most sacred prayers
are recited when the
congregation is standing.
Therefore, we ask that
you not enter or leave the
Sanctuary or Chapel until
worshippers are seated.**

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Evi Marlene Schneider, daughter of Rachel and Michael Schneider. Grandparents are Linda Humble, Richard Lockhart, Iowa City, IA, Cynthia Stein, Virginia Beach, VA, and Jerry Schneider. Great-grandparents are Marlene Humble, Iowa City, IA, Joyce and Ed Cerise, CO, and Cynthia and Charles Schneider.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth. Mrs. Roth is the former Jennifer Friedman. Parents are Debbie and Scott Friedman, Rosalie Roth, Chicago, IL, and Sid Roth, Chicago, IL.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Sorden. Mrs. Sorden is the former Sara Schweid. Parents are Donna and Shawn Radcliffe, and Jeff Schweid.



Tree of Life

*Commemorating the joyous
moments in families'
and friends' lives.*

The following leaf has been
added to the Tree of Life:

**Remembering
Thama Friedman
Barry Broder**

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Healing

Mi Shebeirach, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *mi shebeirach* recited on your behalf, please call the Temple office (556-6536) before Noon on Fridays, so the congregation may offer its prayers for you.

If you know another person who needs the same, please ask the individual for permission to read his/her name before calling the office.