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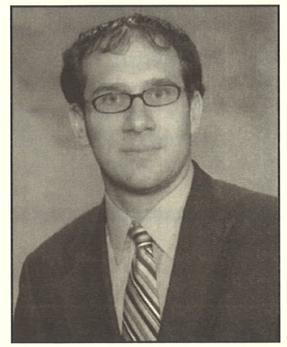
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Turning the Torah...



In a synagogue not unlike Temple Israel, a new rabbi was hired just before the High Holidays. This rabbi was nervous (not unlike the new rabbi at Temple Israel!), and wanted to do everything correctly and by the book. When meeting with the senior rabbi prior to Rosh Hashanah, he asked to be dismissed in order to study the *Machzor*, the prayer book used during the High Holidays, saying that he needed to put the prayers in order. The elder colleague bemusedly replied, "But the prayers are in the same order as last year. It is you who have changed. Instead of looking at the prayer book, better that you look inside your soul to put **yourself** in order."

On July 11, I was able to fulfill my dream of serving a synagogue community as rabbi. I knew that there would be many tasks to accomplish, ranging from Torah Study to Shabbat Services to interfaith learning. The amount of activities at our Temple seems endless, thanks to the boundless energy shared by our staff and congregation. Already in the short course of two months, I hope that several programs and tasks are indeed "put in order." I never realized, however, how much I would change in the process.

We are descendants of Abraham and Sarah, the first Jews. They followed God's call of *Lech L'cha*, going forth into a new place. We all can remember moments in our lives in which we entered the unknown; entering college, beginning (or ending) a relationship, having children, etc. As Lao Tzu said, "Each journey begins with a single step." These first steps can be scary, but they often lead to opportunities and blessings.

This month of *Elul* can give us the reflective hindsight so that we can understand our spiritual autobiography a bit better. Now is the time to look beyond the events that we put in order and instead toward ourselves and our relationships: Our relationships with our friends and family, our relationships with our God and lastly, our relationship with ourselves.

Rabbi Azriel often comments that all of us are a "work in progress." I've often seen Judaism as a mechanism by which I can improve myself, my relationships and perhaps even the world. The High Holidays are times in which we do the work of working on ourselves. We look through the mirror of hindsight and memory and look forward with an eye on who we can become. And we change in the process.

As a child, I remember flipping through the opening pages of Gates of Prayer during the rabbi's sermon. One of the meditations that continues to grab me stated the following: "We live in two worlds. The world that is, and the world that might be."

Sometimes it seems that the gap between our reality and our vision is just too large to overcome. In the past several months, things have gotten worse in the Middle East, the war in Iraq continues to drag on, and there are serious issues right here in our home of Omaha. Nonetheless, as the Talmud teaches, although we are not obligated to finish the work, we are obligated to do some of it. We can help bridge the gap between the world that is and the world that can be.

And what of ourselves?

As we do the work of *tsuvah*, as we 'put ourselves in order,' we narrow the gap between the person that we are and the person that we would like to be. And by doing that, each of us will create a holier person, a holier community and of course, a holier world. L'shanah Tovah.

Join us for Rabbi Linder's installation!
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Shema Temple Israel
Many Stories...One Congregation

Rabbi Eric Linder to be Installed, New Members to be Honored

Friday, September 8

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Rabbi Linder, who has been at Temple Israel since July, will be officially installed at this special Shabbat Worship Service. Several members of his family will also attend this special occasion as our entire congregation welcomes Rabbi Linder. Everyone is invited to stay for the Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Rabbi Linder's parents, Lois and Michael Linder.

New members of Temple Israel will be honored at a dinner at 6 p.m. preceding the worship service. Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Linder, Cantor Shermet, and Debbi Josephson, chair of the membership committee, will welcome the new congregants. "This is an opportunity to develop camaraderie and introduce new members to each other, staff and clergy, membership committee members, and Board members," Debbi said. The clergy will call the new members to the *bimah* during the worship service for a special blessing.

Warmest Wishes for the New Year

The Board of Trustees of the Congregation, the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha, Men's Club, and all the affiliates join with the rabbis, cantor and staff in wishing all our members and friends a healthy and happy New Year.

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 **November D. Eisenberg, T. Stanford Mommaerts-Browne, and Julie Ann Hartman,** who have recently chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!

S'lichot Heralds the Days of Awe

Saturday, September 16, 7 p.m.

S'lichot is a service of forgiveness that brings us into the Days of Awe. The evening will include Havdalah and the changing of the Torah scroll covers to their High Holy Day whites.

This year's S'lichot Study program features a screening of the film, "The Tribe," which considers what Barbie, the most successful doll on the planet, show us about being Jewish today? This film mixes old school narration with a new school visual style, taking audiences on an electric ride through the complex history of both the Barbie doll and the Jewish people. By tracing Barbie's history, the film sheds light on what it means to be an American Jew in the 21st Century. (Paraphrased from www.tribethefilm.com)

Please join us for a screening of this witty and enlightening film, and then take part in a panel discussion featuring a diverse set of members of our very own tribe here at Temple Israel! Afterwards, join us for a decadent chocolate dessert reception.

The Great Plains Hanukkah Concert

Rededication to Our Children

Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m.

Temple Israel's Cantor Wendy Shermet and Beth El Synagogue Cantor Gaston Bogomolni have been working for more than a year to plan this unprecedented event. It will feature our Great Plains children, through sixth graders, and draws from the synagogues of Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and eastern Wyoming.

Celebrating both Hanukkah and Thanksgiving, the concert will be held at Beth El Synagogue, followed by a reception. The children will sing "*S'vivon,*" "Light the Lights," "Little *Dreidel,*" "Lots of *Latkes,*" and many other selections during the one-hour concert. Locally, children from Temple Israel, Beth El Synagogue, Beth Israel Synagogue, the Child Development Center of the Jewish Community Center, Chabad of Nebraska, and Friedel Jewish Academy will participate. Several selections will be performed by cantors and cantorial soloists as well. Local musicians will provide accompaniment. All proceeds from the concert will benefit Child Saving Institute in Omaha and a children's charitable organization in Israel.

If your elementary-age child would like to sing in the concert, please notify Cantor Shermet at Temple Israel at 556-6536 or at wshermet@templeisraelomaha.com. The concert music will be taught during religious school, and there will be a dress rehearsal prior to the concert. Please note that children from out-of-town will need home hospitality in Omaha. If you can provide a place for a child or children to stay or if you would like to volunteer to help in another capacity, please contact Dorothy Spizman at dorothy26@cox.net or Susie Norton at susie.norton@cox.net.

Tickets will be sold at a later date.

Welcome New Members!

Brenda and Barton Arnold
Jacob, 5th Grade
Spencer, 2nd Grade
Zachary, Kindergarten

Omaha natives, Barton is a graphic designer for Neon Products and Brenda teaches pre-school at the YMCA. The boys are enrolled at Hillside Elementary. The Arnolds like to travel, volunteer with a Basset and Beagle rescue organization, and do loads of sports with their kids.

Jay Benton

Jay is an Omaha native. He works for Asset Appraisal Services. A member of the Army Reserves, prior Air Force, and a veteran of Kosovo and the Iraq War, Jay is the Commander of the Department of Iowa and Nebraska Jewish War Veterans. His favorite hobby is motorcycle riding.

Antoinette and Aron Boumstein

Aron was raised in Omaha and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. Antoinette is also an Omaha native. They are expecting their first child in early September. Aron is the vice-president of American Bank Equipment and Antoinette is on hiatus from Welch Law Firm where she was a legal secretary. They have two dogs, Elmer and Moe.

Frances and Chris Edwards
O'Bryen, age 5
Gavriella, age 4

A military transfer for Chris brought the Edwards to Omaha from Virginia Beach, Virginia. They are originally from Kentucky. Frances is home with their daughters and expecting another child in September. Gavriella attends the CDC and O'Bryen is a first grader at Friedel Jewish Academy. They are delighted to be settled in Omaha.

Angie and Dave Kroll
Howie, age 5
Joey, age 2

Dave, from New Jersey, and Angie, from Indiana, moved to Blair, Nebraska in 2001, with NatureWorks, a subdivision of Cargill that manufactures plastics out of corn. Angie is home raising their children. Two dogs, a cat, reading and a home-brewing hobby keep them very busy.

Nadine Ostrow

Nadine grew up in Omaha. After living and working in Boston for 5 years, she returned to be closer to family. She is a legal administrative assistant at Fraser Stryker Law Firm. In her spare time, Nadine enjoys volunteering with various organizations and preparing for her b'nai mitzvah at Temple.

Sarah and Shawn Schroeder
Sadie, 9 months

The Schroeders moved here two years ago from Burton, Kansas, a town of 500 people. Shawn is a corrosion technician working for Enterprise Products in Greenwood, Nebraska. Sarah is a special education teacher taking time out to be at home with their daughter, Sadie.

Miriam Brooks and Philip Wright

Miriam came to Omaha as a baby when her father, Rabbi Sidney Brooks, assumed the pulpit at Temple Israel. She has lived in Boston since 1977, where she works at the law firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. Philip grew up in Princeton, NJ. Before moving to Boston in 1995, Philip worked at the national Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. He is now retired. Although they live far away, Miriam and Philip still feel an attachment to Temple, and want to remain a part of the community.

Adult Education

Limmud Omaha: A Day of Learning

Sunday, September 10, 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Jewish Community Center

Dr. Ellen Frankel, CEO and editor-in-chief of the Jewish Publication Society, will be the keynote speaker at an afternoon of intense learning that also features 12 local speakers on the theme, "The Texts and Textures of Judaism." Sponsored by the Center for Jewish Education, *Limmud* Omaha is chaired by Dr. Leonard Greenspoon, Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at Creighton University.

In addition to Dr. Frankel and Dr. Greenspoon, other speakers will include Rabbis Aryeh Azriel, Jonathan Gross, Mendel Katzman, and Mordechai Levin; Susan Aizenberg; Moshe Gershovich; Sidnie White Crawford; Gerald Shapiro; and others.

Most learning opportunities will run concurrently during 40-minute sessions.

Share the Moment with Lee Needelman

Starts Tuesday, September 26

Are Jewish magazines stacked next to your bed or on your favorite chair ju waiting patiently to be read? Lee Needelman, a member of Temple's Adult Education Committee and Synagogue Community and Outreach, is here to help. She'll lead a monthly discussion group at Temple Israel about an article from *Moment Magazine, Reform Judaism, Hadassah Magazine, NCJW Journal,* or any other Jewish periodical you haven't had time to read yet.

Gary Katz, administrator of the Kripke Federation Library, "will join us at our first meeting to introduce our group to selections of the wide variety of Jewish periodic publications, from magazines to newspapers, that are available out there (and in there, at our fine library at the Jewish Community Center)," said Lee. "I have asked Gary to pick out a short article of interest from his spectrum of choices to initiate discussion on the first day," Lee added.

"Following this model, I hope that the rest of the group will bring examples of Jewish magazines and/or newspaper articles to pursue further as a group," she noted. "Together, we will pick an article from the choices brought to the first meeting to discuss together at our next meeting." She expects the articles will be interesting and thought provoking. At the same time, participants will get to know each other and "strengthen our Jewish community as we pursue common interests together."

Please bring your own lunch. This adult learning opportunity from the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning starts at Noon and will meet again on Tuesdays, October 17, November 21, and December 19. There is a materials fee of $5. Register by calling Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536, or send her an email at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Clergy Reveal Thursday Study Topics

Thursday Morning Sessions
Begin October 5

"It's thought provoking and leads to interesting discussions" described Molline Cassman after her first year attending Adult Study with the Clergy. The Thursday morning sessions from 10 to 11:30 a.m. begin again on October 5 and continue through May 17.

Taught by Temple Israel's clergy, the popular weekly study session is a chance to get to know the rabbis and the cantor on a more personal basis while enhancing your knowledge of Judaism. After an opening session with all three clergy, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will address: "Keeping Current." Using a Jewish lens, the study group will take a look at local and world events and delve into the meaning behind the headlines of the important news stories, particularly those about Israel, of our day.

On February 1, 2007, Rabbi Eric Linder will launch his inaugural study topic, "Open my lips that my mouth may declare Your glory." His theme will explore how the Amidah is a focal point for improving our relationships with friends and family, with ourselves, and with God.

In keeping with this year's focus on storytelling, Cantor Wendy Shermet will share some stories connected with Jewish culture such as biographies, movie and theater anecdotes, music themes, and book notes. Her study sessions begin on March 15.

To register, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels!



"Are the Jewish Stories My Stories?"
Sunday, October 8, 10:45 a.m.

What are the greatest "stories" in Judaism? And how do we make them our own? Rabbi Eric Linder will help your own autobiographical stories serve as a 'text,' as we discuss the possible connections between the shared stories of the Jewish people and our individual life journies.

The 4Bs, a once-a-month class taught by our clergy and special guests, covers everything from parenting to the Patriarchs. Enjoy some Jewish learning, while meeting a variety of interesting people in the congregation with a side of bagel and a shmear! No reservation and no fee; just come! Try it, you'll like it!

Torah on Wheels (TOW)

Thursday, October 5, noon
Kutak Rock Law Firm

You wish you had more time to study Torah but with all the demands of modern life, it's hard to find a spare moment. If you can't come to the Torah, the Torah will come to you!

Once a month, one member of Temple's clergy will lead a Torah study session at a congregant's office to explore and analyze Jewish law and commentary.

The first TOW will be hosted by David Jacobson at Kutak Rock, 1650 Farnam Street. Lunch is provided by our host for the premiere of TOW - future TOW lunches will be available for $6. Please make a reservation for the Noon lunch by calling Temple at 556-6536.

Future TOW dates can be found in the 2006/2007 Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning brochure which will be mailed soon or check the Temple wesite!

Be A KEVA Learner!

With so many active learners, Temple Israel will become a *KEVA* congregation.

Sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism, *KEVA* encourages adult Jewish study by helping learners set goals and earn a special honor for their commitment to Jewish learning. The Union's Department of Lifelong Jewish Learning awards *KEVA* certificates of recognition to individuals who complete 100 hours of Jewish study.

Keep a log of your learning. As you attend scholar-in-residence talks, participate in classes, read Jewish books, and utilize Jewish websites, record the *KEVA* credits. One hour of study equals one *KEVA* credit. When you have accumulated 100 *KEVA* credits, Program Director Rosie Zweiback will submit your log to the Union. We will honor *KEVA* learners publicly and celebrate what you have accomplished.

If you have questions or would like a *KEVA* log to record your study hours, contact Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536, or at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Historical Society Looking for Jews from Small Nebraska Communities

Do members of your family live, or did they ever live, in the small communities of Nebraska? The Nebraska Jewish Historical Society (NJHS) is planning to create a permanent display about the Jews who lived in the towns and cities (smaller than Omaha and Lincoln) of the state.

If your family resides or used to live in these communities, please call Ron Brodkey at 334-1700 or NJHS at 334-6441 or 334-6442.



Shabbat Unplugged Guitar Service

Friday, September 1, 6 p.m.

Get ready for "Shabbat Unplugged" with Rabbi Josh Zweiback of the Jewish rock and roll band, *Mah Tovu,* his brother Adam on bass guitar, and their aunt, Devra Lerner of *Yachad,* Kansas City's acclaimed *t'fillah* band. Original melodies and old favorites will make this a *Kabbalat* Shabbat you won't want to miss! Temple's own program director and big sister, Rosie Zweiback, will be *kvelling* in the pews.

Did You Know?

•Temple Israel is a congregation of 770 families. Of those members, 517 are over the age of 60 and 78 are children five or younger.

•Joanie Lehr was the first woman to be president of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees. She served from 1977 to 1979. Since then, three other women have served as president of the Board: Phyllis Glazer, 1984-1985; Jane Rips, 1995-1997; and Wendy Goldberg, 2005-2007.

•During Temple's centennial year, 1970-1971, Dr. Robert Engel was chairman of the Centennial Committee. Mrs. David E. Beber and Mrs. Lloyd Friedman were co-chairs.

From the Center for Jewish Education:

"Eye on Israel" meets on Tuesdays in September, November, January, March and May from noon to 1 p.m. in the Kripke Federation Library. Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of the Center for Jewish Education, and various guests will discuss current happenings in Israel and the Middle East.

"Elie Wiesel - His Other Works" will be led by Federation Library Administrator Gary Katz on Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 11 a.m. to noon in the library. He'll offer an opportunity to examine other works by the reknown author of *Night.*

Taught by Dr. Matalon, **"Derek Torah"** begins on Monday, October 16, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Federation Library. The 25-session introduction to Judaism costs $150 per person, $250 per couple, plus the cost of materials.

For more information, call Mary Sue Grossman at 334-6445, send an email to mgrossman@jewishomaha.org or visit the Federation website at www.jewishomaha.org.

The Sweetness of the New Year

Need a Speaker Phone?

The Caring Committee has made arrangements to transmit, via speaker phone, High Holy Days services to any Temple member who is unable to attend. If you are interested, please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, by ***Monday, September 18,*** so we may make arrangements.

Courtesy Letter

Members who plan to be out of the city during the High Holy Days and who wish to attend services in a Reform temple, please request a "Courtesy Letter" from the Temple office, 556-6536, indicating the name of the congregation and the city and state, as well as the number of seats required.

High Holy Day Hunger Project

Temple Israel will once again be participating, along with hundreds of other Reform synagogues, in the national "High Holy Day Hunger Project." The program is an effort by the Reform Movement to involve synagogues across the country in the fight against hunger.

Empty grocery bags donated by Bag 'n Save Supermarket will be distributed to congregants at the Erev Rosh Hashanah Service to be filled with non-perishable food and returned on **Monday, October 2**, at the Yom Kippur services.

Parking

Extra parking is available at First United Methodist Church and Omaha Community Playhouse during the High Holy Day Services. **(On Friday, September 22, there will be no parking available at the Omaha Community Playhouse Parking Lot.)

Tot High Holy Day Service

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur, 9 a.m.

This joyful worship service is designed to help our youngest members - age 5 and under - understand the meaning of the High Holy Days. Meet in the Chapel to enjoy a story from the rabbi and look at the "Season of Awe" through the eyes of a child. Sitter service will be available at 10 a.m. so that parents may attend the adult Morning Service at 10:15 a.m.

Children's Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur, 9 a.m.

Young learners in Kindergarten through Grade 4 will relate to the themes of the Jewish New Year in a way that is just right for them. Clergy will lead young congregants and their parents in prayer in the Sanctuary. Following this service, children are invited to participate in the Enrichment Program while parents stay for worship.

High Holy Day Services Will be Signed

This year, we are again fortunate to have simultaneous signing at the following services:

- Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
- Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
- Kol Nidre First Service
- Yom Kippur Morning Service
- Yom Kippur Family and Youth Service

If you are hearing-impaired and would like a seat reserved at the front of the sanctuary to better observe the signing, please contact the Temple office, tisrael@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536.

The Congregation is grateful to the Phyllis and Richard Glazer Endowment Fund for underwriting this special service to our congregation. **Please check the worship schedule for times of these services.**

Memorial Service

Sunday, September 24, 1 p.m.

Temple Israel Cemetery

6412 North 42nd Street

The entire community is invited to this service led by Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Linder and Cantor Shermet.

Shabbat Shuva

Reconsecration Service

Friday, September 29, 6 p.m.

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, known as the "Sabbath of Return," emphasizes the return to those values which enhance life and its meaning.

On Shabbat Shuva, Temple Israel offers the family an opportunity to introspectively examine and evaluate its priorities and directions. The renewal of family life emerges from the traditions and creative liturgy of this most sacred Shabbat.

Tashlich - A Perfect High Holy Days' Activity for the Family

Join us for Tashlich! This custom began during medieval times. It centers on casting bread, symbolizing our sins into the water, representing our hope that we can cast off our misdeeds and change our ways.

Saturday, September 30, we will gather at Elmwood Park for a very brief service and the opportunity to throw our transgressions in the water and begin the year afresh.

Come to the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service and follow us over to Elmwood, or meet us at the stream at about 11:30 a.m. Bring your family; young and old will enjoy participating in this short and compelling High Holy Day activity.

Chapel Service

Yom Kippur Morning Only

Monday, October 2, 10:15 a.m.

Over the past few years, the Chapel service has become an insightful alternative to the main service in the Sanctuary. Consider the Chapel on Yom Kippur morning for worship that calls for ethical living in a just world. It offers a smaller, more intimate setting for prayer and reflection. A simple guitar accompanies the traditional High Holy Day music. Dr. Magda Peck and Dr. Mike Walts invite you to join them on this day of forgiveness and return.

Panel Discussion

Monday, October 2

Following Yom Kippur

Morning Services

These discussions, following the Yom Kippur morning services, are always thought provoking. This year's topic will be: **"Should immigration be on the Jewish Agenda?"** The panel will be moderated by David Jacobson and will include members of our congregation along with the clergy.

Musical Interlude

Yom Kippur Day, 1:30 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

Presented by the Nova String Quartet, this peaceful interlude will feature music either written by Jewish composers or spotlighting Jewish themes. Take time to reflect on the meaning and importance of this most sacred day in the quiet solitude of the Livingston Chapel.

Yizkor Service

Our *Yizkor* Service immediately follows the Afternoon Service. We would appreciate it if those who know they will be leaving before *Neilah* (our concluding service) will sit in the rear of the sanctuary. Your willingness to sit in areas of easy exit will minimize disturbances to the congregants who remain.

Days of Awe-some Discovery for Children



Children in Kindergarten through fourth grade are invited by the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha to participate in meaningful and fun holiday experiences on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah (**Saturday, September 23**) and Yom Kippur (**Monday, October 2**). Check-in time begins at 9:45 a.m. Programming ends at the conclusion of the adult worship service.

Age-appropriate activities, including storytelling and art projects, are planned for the children who will be grouped by grade level. Short lessons will help each child appreciate the meaning of the High Holy Days and feel a part of the Temple Israel community.

Pre-registration is mandatory. Registrations will be mailed and are due to the Temple office by Monday, September 18. Forms are also available in the temple office or online (www.templeisraelomaha-ne.org). If your child(ren) will be attending the Children's Enrichment Program, we need you to volunteer for a half hour to help with supervision, or make a $5 donation per child to help support the program.

Regular Sitter Service (without programming) will be available for children age one to fourth grade during the 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service, and the 6 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur service. (Please check the worship schedule for dates.) In addition, there will be Sitter Service available on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Days starting at 10 a.m. for ages one through four. Sitter Service will also be available the afternoon of Yom Kippur for children ages one-year through fourth grade.

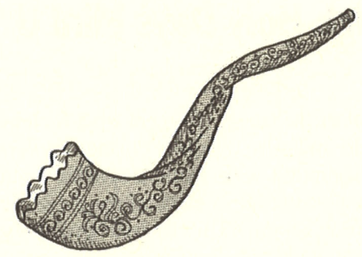
At the conclusion of Neilah on Yom Kippur (approximately 5:45 p.m.), the entire congregation, including young children, are encouraged to hear the final blast of the *shofar* and enjoy a brief *havdalah* service led by our Religious School Madrachim.

Moments of Remembrance

Yom Kippur Day, 2:30 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

Prepare yourself for Yizkor and experience the comfort of being in a community of mourners. Please join us for a special gathering before the afternoon service begins. In a supportive and caring setting, we invite you to share with the others your memories and feelings for those you will say Kaddish for this year. Consider bringing a photo or important memento to help convey the essence of your loved ones. All who have lost someone dear, recently or in the past, are welcome to participate in this comforting experience.



Break the Fast

Yom Kippur, 6:30 p.m.

Please consider joining us for a break the fast meal at the conclusion of services on Yom Kippur day. You will find delicious food and fine company in the Milder Center right after the final shofar blast is sounded. There is no fee but donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Temple office at 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make reservations by **Wednesday, September 27.**

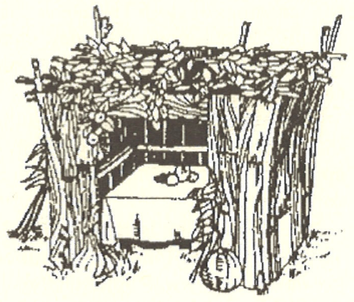
The Blessings of Forgiveness

Let's Celebrate Sukkot Together

Friday, October 6~Erev Sukkot

Fun for Everyone—Babies to Adults

6 p.m.



•Decorate the Sukkah

We'll supply the materials—you make the decorations and add them to our outdoor *sukkah*.

•Share Potluck Dinner

Bring your family—invite a friend. Don't miss the first congregational dinner this year. It will be casual and festive!

Last name, A to K—bring a chicken dish
Last name, L to Z—bring a pasta dish
Please, no pork or shellfish.

The Women of Reform Judaism will provide salad and drinks.

Enjoy dessert at an ice cream and cookie Oneg Shabbat following services.

7 p.m.

•Family Services and Birthday Blessings

Please call Temple, 556-6536, by ***Tuesday, October 3*** to make your reservation. There is no charge for the activities and dinner, but we need to plan for seating and drinks.



Saturday, October 7~Sukkot

10:30 a.m.

•Worship Service

•Tot Shabbat / Cradle Roll

All babies born since last year's High Holy Days will receive a special blessing at this joyous time.

Children and adults with October birthdays will be called to the *bima* for their special blessing.

Join Rabbi Azriel for a High Holy Days Mini U

Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m.

As the Days of Awe approach, we prepare our homes to welcome the new year with the sweetness of apples and honey, *challot* shaped into golden crowns, and honey cakes symbolizing the everlasting hope for a sweet year. It's also important to prepare our spiritual selves for the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will lead the mini-university at Temple Israel to explore the true meaning of what we Jews do and why we do it during the days beginning with Rosh Hashanah until we hear the final blasts of the shofar on Yom Kippur. This thought-provoking opportunity to learn more about meaningful Jewish living will give you a new perspective on the upcoming holy days and a chance to ask the rabbi about old perspectives that puzzle you.

Simchat Torah

Consecration
Erev Simchat Torah
Friday, October 13, 7 p.m.

Just one week after the potluck dinner and gathering in the *sukkah*, it's time for Simchat Torah, the last day of Sukkot. The Fabrangen Fiddlers, Tuffy Epstein's group, will begin the merrymaking at 6:45 p.m. Come early as their festive tunes set the mood for this clamorous holiday.

The pews fill quickly as we celebrate the joy of Torah with dancing, singing and exuberant *hakafot* (processions) with the Torahs around the sanctuary.



Kindergartners and older students who have never been consecrated will participate in this special service that formally recognizes their families' commitment to Jewish education.

Following worship services, the celebration with Tuffy's music and dancing will continue at an ice cream Oneg in the Friedman Social Hall.

Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor

Saturday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.

Grieving as a community, we will recite *Kaddish* together, bringing comfort to the mourners and dignity to the deceased. ***Please call Temple, 556-6536, by Wednesday, October 11 to have a loved one's name read at this service.***

The Sukkot and Simchat Torah worship are enhanced again this year by the magnificent sukkah built and given by the late Ajon Farber.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shabbat Unplugged! 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m.	**2** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. **Bat Mitzvah of Grace Hack**
3	**4** ***Labor Day*** **Office Closed**	**5** Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	**6** Clergy and Youth Group Service Rehearsal 4 p.m.	**7**	**8** New Member Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Service / Installation of Rabbi Eric Linder 7:30 p.m.	**9** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
10 Teacher Meeting, 9 a.m. **First Day of Religious School** Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Prayer Assembly, 10 a.m. Grade 5 Parent Session 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Orientation 10:30 a.m. RSSC Volunteer Orientation 11:15 a.m. All School BBQ, Noon Kol Rina , 1 p.m. Limmud @ JCC, 1:30 p.m.	**11**	**12** Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	**13** **First Day of Religious School** Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. **First Day of Family School** 6-8 p.m. Youth Group High Holy Day Rehearsal, 4 p.m.	**14**	**15** Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	**16** ***S'lichot*** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. S'lichot 7 p.m.
17 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Mini University 10 a.m. Kol Rina 1 p.m.	**18**	**19** Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	**20** Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m. Parent/Student Orientation Grades 7-12 6:30 p.m. Youth Group High Holy Day Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.	**21**	**22** ***Erev Rosh Hashanah*** Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	**23** ***Rosh Hashanah*** Tot High Holy Day Service 9 a.m. Children's Service 9 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m.
24 **No Religious School** Memorial Service 1 p.m.	**25**	**26** Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	**27** Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Youth Group High Holy Day Rehearsal 4 p.m. Family School 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m.	**28**	**29** ***Shabbat Shuva*** Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	**30** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Tashlich immediately following service at Elmwood Park 11:30 a.m.
1 ***Kol Nidre*** **No Religious School** 1st Service 6 p.m. 2nd Service 8:15 p.m. October	**2** ***Yom Kippur*** **Office Closed** Tot Service 9 a.m. Children's Service, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10:15 a.m. Chapel Service, 10:15 a.m. Panel Discussion, 12:30 p.m. Musical Interlude, 1:30 p.m. Moments of Remembrance 2:30 p.m. Family Service, 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service, 3:30 p.m. Yizkor, 5 p.m. Neilah & Havdalah, 5:45 p.m. Break the Fast, 6:30 p.m.	**3** Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	**4** Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. JYG Decorations 5 p.m. Family School 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6 p.m.	**5** Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	**6** ***Erev Sukkot*** Box Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7 p.m.	**7** ***Sukkot*** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat/Cradle Roll 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Friday~September 1
6 p.m.
Shabbat Unplugged!
6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following

Saturday~September 2
9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Grace Hack
Daughter of Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday~September 8
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Installation of Rabbi Eric Linder

Saturday~September 9
9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Friday~September 15
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Saturday~September 16
9:15–10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Nitzavim-Vayelech
Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Saturday~September 30
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
11:30 a.m.
Tashlich at Elmwood Park
immediately following the service
Torah Portion: Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

High Holy Days and Festivals

Saturday~September 16
S'lichot
7 p.m.
Service

Friday~September 22
Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:30 p.m.
Service

Saturday~September 23
Rosh Hashanah
9 a.m.
Tot High Holy Day Service
9 a.m.
Children's Service
10:15 a.m.
Morning Service

Sunday~September 24
1 p.m.
Memorial Service @ Temple Israel Cemetery

Friday~September 29
Shabbat Shuva
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Sunday~October 1
Erev Yom Kippur ~ Kol Nidre
6 p.m.
First Service
8:15 p.m.
Second Service

Monday~October 2
Yom Kippur
9 a.m.
Tot High Holy Day Service
9 a.m.
Children's Service
10:15 a.m.
Morning Service
10:15 a.m.
Chapel Service
Panel Discussion immediately following Morning Service
1:30 p.m.
Musical Interlude
2:30 p.m.
Moments of Remembrance
2:30 p.m.
Family and Youth Service
3:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service
5 p.m.
Yizkor
5:45 p.m.
Neilah & Havdalah
led by Religious School Madrichim
6:30 p.m.
Break the Fast

Friday~October 6
Erev Sukkot
6 p.m.
Family Potluck Dinner
7 p.m.
Family Service

Saturday~October 7
Sukkot
10:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat / Cradle Roll
10:30 a.m.
Morning Service

Friday~October 13
Erev Simchat Torah
7 p.m.
Consecration

Saturday~October 14
Simchat Torah
10:30 a.m.
Morning Service & Yizkor

Birthday Blessings

Erev Sukkot Family Service
Friday, October 6
7 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.

Sitter Service

is available...

- each Friday evening for the 7:30 p.m. service;
- 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 at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

S'lichot Service and Oneg
Saturday, September 16, 7 p.m.

A service, a short movie, a panel and CHOCOLATE. WRJ bakers are busy concocting delicious goodies for this Oneg. But we need more, so please email Spredwood2@cox.net to say that you will contribute your specialty. Our tradition began to satisfy Rabbi Azriel's love of chocolate. So don't let him down. Attend this special service and bring your treat to Temple anytime before September 15.

WRJ always needs baked goodies for Onegs and special events. So when you bake cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. for your family for holidays or everyday, why not double the recipe and drop off the resulting yummies at Temple any time?

Welcome to Our New WRJ-O Members:

Rachel Dysico
Teresa Kramer-Ruback
Erica Rubin
Aviva Segall
Amy Zweiback

Tot Shabbat

Our first WRJ-sponsored Tot Shabbat was Friday, August 4th outdoors at the JCC Pavilion. More than 60 people attended - tots, moms, dads, grandparents, and friends. It was a beautiful night to be outside and Rabbi Eric Linder led a fabulous and entertaining service using his guitar, saxophone and recorder!

The next Tot Shabbat will be at Temple on Friday, September 1.

The Tot Shabbat in October will be on Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m. along with the Cradle Roll.

College Gift Baskets

Parents that have children going away to college should forward those names and addresses to Marta Fox at martafox@cox.net or call Marta at 556-6227, so your child can receive a gift basket from WRJ for Rosh Hashanah.



Once again it is time for a little fall cleaning!

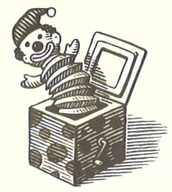
While you are cleaning out your childrens' closets, please consider donating your quality childrens' items to National Council of Jewish Women. NCJW will be selling them on consignment to raise funds for the Totes for Tots Project.

NCJW would appreciate your brand name children's clothes, toys, cribs, strollers, books, car seats, videos, computer games, maternity clothes, kids decor, etc.

Clothing should be without stains and toys must work and have all of the pieces.

Please look for our drop off box inside the Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center or the Youth Department at the JCC. We will be collecting items until **Friday, September 8.**

For questions or to schedule a drop off or pick-up time, please call Nikki Kirshenbaum at 965-8935.



Habitat for Humanity to Dedicate House

Habitat for Humanity's Multi-Faith Coalition has raised nearly $70,000 toward its goal of $100,000. Temple Israel has raised close to $3,800 toward a house at 4221 Himebaugh Avenue for a Sudanese family now living in Omaha. Patrick Jensen coordinated Temple Israel's volunteer builders who are part of a 16-member coalition of Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish groups.

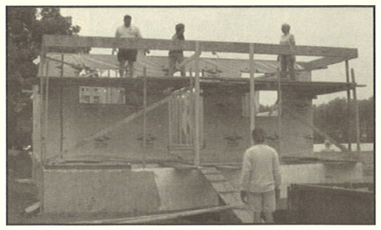
Having completed their sweat equity hours, the Sudanese family is waiting for their house to pass final inspections.

All Saints Episcopal Church, 9302 Blondo Street, will host the "Habitat for Humanity Multi-Faith Music Festival" tentatively set for **Sunday, October 15**, at 6 p.m. Hal France, Opera Omaha emeritus, will be the music director. He has invited Cantor Wendy Shermet and Kol Rina to participate in the concert. Musical programming will be based on the theme, "Many Faiths, One Mission."

Patrick mentioned that there are still Habitat for Humanity tee shirts available for $12 each at Temple. Proceeds are used to help build the house.



(Pictured above, l to r) Sally Kaplan, Gary Kaplan, coordinator Patrick Jensen, Joe Meyers, Bruce Goldberg were part of the Temple Israel crew working on the Habitat house throughout the summer.



Youth & Education

New Night and New Look for Family School

There are a number of changes in store for students at Temple Israel when they return for Religious School in September. Not only has the Middle/High School curriculum and course offerings been revised, but Family School (which begins **September 13**) will meet on Wednesday nights.

This change in schedule will allow Family School students to continue connecting with their regular grade level teachers. Family School families will have dinner with other Wednesday night students and families before beginning their classes.

After dinner, children are involved in Judaic studies while their parents attend adult learning opportunities. A wide variety of subjects and facilitators are another benefit to the Wednesday night move. Classes such as "Jews in Comics" and "Jewish Literature" will be co-op classes with tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades in Temple's high school.

Families who have children in grades three through six are eligible to participate in Family School. Siblings in Kindergarten, first and second grades can participate in arts and crafts activities and music while the rest of their family attends Family School.

Come to Family Prayer Assemblies!

Once-a-month, we hold special Family Assemblies at 10 a.m. so that parents and children can pray,song, and grow together. Mishpacha (extended family) are welcome, too! Grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are invited to join us!

September 10, October 8,
November 5, December 3,
January 7, February 11,
March 18, April 15,
May 13

What's Happening In Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Dismissal Procedures ..... Wednesdays and Sundays
Please help us have a safe and pleasant year. When children are picked up from Religious School at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Noon on Sundays, parents are to PARK their cars in the LOT and come to the waiting area to get their child(ren). Parents are reminded to be understanding of our safety concerns and never leave your car parked on the driveway.

Keep-Up Classes Begin on September 20 ..... Family School, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.
Keep-up lessons are designed to help students in Grades 3 through 6 succeed at Religious School by maintaining good attendance and/or getting extra time with their given teacher. Regular class time missed due to absences, late arrivals or early departures may be made up by attending Keep-Up sessions. One hour of Keep-Up equals one hour regular class time.

No Religious School ..... September 24, October 1, 18
Please check your Religious School calendar carefully.In observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, grades K-6 will not meet .

Family Prayer Assembly ..... Sunday, September 10
The Prayer Assembly will begin at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and an informal gathering with Rabbi Eric Linder in the Friedman Social Hall.

Religious School Madrichim to Participate in Yom Kippur ..... October 2
Hear the final blast of the Shofar and join us at 5:45 p.m. to enjoy Havdalah led by our Madrichim.

Consecration for Young Students ..... Friday, October 13
Consecration marks the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education leading to Confirmation at the end of twelfth grade. Kindergartners and older children who have not yet been consecrated will participate in a special service to be held Erev Simchat Torah, at 7 p.m. Parents of consecrants will be called to the bima for blessings and a special presentation. **ATTENTION PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN CONSECRATED!** It is not too late for your child to be consecrated. Please call Elyce Azriel, 556-6536, as soon as possible to make arrangements.

T.A.G. You're It! at Temple Israel's Middle/High School

Elyce Azriel, director of Temple Israel's Middle/High School since 1996, wants "religious school to be more on target with kids today." So, starting with a new name for the Middle/High School, she has made significant changes in the curriculum for seventh through twelfth grades.

To keep in step with Temple's mission statement to be a holy congregation and be committed to the precepts of Reform Judaism, T.A.G. was conceptualized. Students will have new and novel opportunities to grow spiritually, educationally and ethically (**T***orah*); be involved in worship (**A***vodah*); and to improve their own world as well as their community (**G***emilut Chasadim*).

Divided into three "minimesters," classes range from the classic to the contemporary. Some are interactive, others are hands-on, discussion-based, or revolve around texts, food or art. We welcome Beth Israel's Rabbi, Jonathan Gross, and students Grades 7-12 who will be joining our Wednesday evening classes.

A student/parent orientation and class sign-up are scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m., preceded by the regular 6 p.m. weekly dinner.

Welcome Back to Religious School and a Free BBQ Lunch

Sunday, September 10

September marks many new beginnings...a new year, 5767, and a new school year at Temple Israel for Religious School students.

Kindergartners through sixth graders and their parents will meet at **10 a.m.** in the sanctuary for the **first prayer assembly** of the new year featuring a **Welcome Back to School Rally** and a song session.

Cantor Wendy Shermet and Program Director Rosie Zweiback will meet with **fifth grade parents** at **10:30 a.m.** to talk about their children's *B'nai Mitzvah.* Also **after the prayer assembly, Kindergarten orientation** will be in the **Milder Center with the children and their parents.**

At **11:15 a.m.**, parents will meet with Jen Kirshenbaum and Wendy Mann, leaders of the **Religious School Volunteer Corps**, to get important information about upcoming events during the school year.

Elyce Azriel, Director of religious education, added that "calendars, coffee, bagels, and *The New York Times,*" will also be available the first day.

When classes are dismissed at noon, the Temple Golf Committee has a barbeque planned. So stay for hamburgers and hot dogs -- it's free! -- and purchase raffle tickets which support Temple's religious school, youth groups, adult education, and worship services. The Golf Committee has been collecting some "fabulous" prizes, according to Chairmen John Glazer and Michael Miller, including a mountain bike, restaurant and shopping mall gift certificates, and a Weber grill.

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the barbeque and clean up. Food can also be donated. If you can help, please call the Temple office at 556-6536.

Madrichim Are Part of a Successful Team

Temple Israel students (Grades 7-12) are invited to become Madrichim. This program places teens in classrooms to learn the art of teaching, role modeling, and making Jewish education fun. Our Madrichim coordinate lesson planning with the assigned teacher, and help supervise class each Sunday or Wednesday. Madrichim sometimes work with individual kids in Hebrew, run a small Hebrew section, assist a teacher with an art or cooking project, and add sparkle to our school with their dedication, charisma and vigor! Their enthusiasm as they participate in our program is a real morale booster for all of us. Our younger students in particular look up to these young women and men as role models.

All Madrichim continue with their own Jewish education on Wednesday evenings as part of our Middle/High School program. They model for our students post b'nai mitzvah involvement in education.

Madrichim choose to receive a small stipend for their work or volunteer their time. A special thanks to all those special teens who are working in our school this year. They are: Yaniv Azriel, Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Jessie Danon, Anna Eirinberg, Molly Gilinsky, Adam Goldberg, Joe Goldberg, Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Grace Hack, Jordan Jensen, Emily Katz, Sophia Miller, Josh Moran, Jackie Neesman, Ben Ozeroff, Aaron Passer, Brenna Robinson, Sydney Robinson, Alexis Slutzky, Sam Weinstine, Alex Wolpa, Ethan Workman and Taylor Workman.

Jewish Summer Camp a Record Experience!



A record number of Temple Israel youth attended Jewish camps this summer! Thirty-seven campers and seven camp counselors went to Beber, Herzl, OSRUI, Sabra or Shwayder camps. Some were seasoned participants, others experienced camp life for the first time.

Campers: Yaniv Azriel, Dru Beach, Maidson Bierman, Megan Bucher, Hannah Budwig, Sam Burrell, Michelle Davidson, Alex Fox, Susan Freeman, Chloé Ginsburg, Dustin Ginsburg, Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Grace Hack, Ben Hale, Molly Helm, Jordan Jensen, Maddie Jensen, Emily Katz, Amy Levinger, Jessica Levinger, Vince Long, Rachel Martin, Sam Monsky, Bailey Newman, Ben Noodell, Justin Norton, Hannah Radler, Cleo Rogers, Isaac Rogers, Mallory Rogers, Brooke Schneiderman, David Siref, Zach Spooner, Lindsey Thomas, Alex Wolpa, Katelin Zetzman, and Rachel Zetzman.



Camp Counselors: Aly Friedman, Jeff Gates, Hamutal Ginsburg, Nimrod Ginsburg, Meagan Katelman, Jackie Neesman, and Chelsea Taxman.



Rabbi Azriel caught many of our Temple Israel youth having a good time at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute camp in Oconomowoc, WI, during his two-week stay there. (Pictured top, l to r) front: Bailey Newman and Ben Noodell; middle: Alex Fox, Yaniv Azriel, Ben Hale, Jordan Jensen, Vince Long, and David Siref; back: Jackie Neesman, Rabbi Azriel, Jeff Gates and Meagan Katelman. (Pictured middle) Vince Long takes his turn in the Friendship Circle as camp counselor Jeff Gates leads the session. (Pictured bottom) Jordan Jensen and Bailey Newman hang out with camp friends.

Voices from the Pews:

Imagining a Synagogue for the 21st Century

Temple needs "to encourage younger generations to come" to the synagogue, suggested **Bill Christensen** who has been a Temple member since 1980 with his wife, Cathy. Bill also emphasized the need "to be a welcoming congregation."

A lifelong member of Temple Israel, **Janey Dann** and her husband, Jerry, were married at Temple in 1956. They are the proud parents of four children who had their baby namings and *B'nai Mitzvah* at Temple and have now been present for the baby namings of two grandchildren.

"I feel we have progressed on plan," according to Janey. "I feel we are doing an excellent job of involving interfaith families." Responding to opinions that she's heard about the design of a new synagogue, she said, "I personally still prefer the pulpit to be raised above the congregational seats on a higher level than the congregation. That's my comfort level." She finds contemporary to be "not as enveloping. It can be austere. I'd also like to have cushioned backs of the pews. Other than that," she added, "I'm a happy camper!"

Ruth and Joe Erman, who have been Temple members for about 30 years, raised two children who grew up going to Temple. "I think that as a Reform congregation, Temple needs to be responsive to the needs of the congregants, which means it will always be changing," Ruth commented. She added that she hopes "they keep looking for an appropriate piece of land" on which to build a new synagogue.

Ruth attended a recent Tot Shabbat with her daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Michael Kaufman, and granddaughter, Abigail. "It was great. Rabbi Linder related really well," she said. Ruth enjoyed his choice of music and thinks Temple should continue to pursue similar opportunities for young families and "keep young people vitally involved in the congregational community."

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Lorenzo Elijah Batt, son of Valerie and Aaron Batt, Golfita, Costa Rica. Grandparents are Connie and Richard Spelling, Jane Batt, and the late Larry Batt.

Kayla Sirel Becker, daughter of Robin and Brandon Becker, Chicago, IL. Grandparents are Cookie and Jerry Hoberman, Eileen Becker, Chicago, IL, and the late Norbert Becker. Great-grandparents are the late Pauline and David Hoberman, Elizabeth and Louis Ragoven, Chicago, IL, and Leah and Benjamin Becker, Chicago, IL.

Emma Catherine Boggust, daughter of Paula and Matt Boggust. Grandparents are Nancy and David Friedland, and Marilyn and Jack Boggust, Del Mar, CA.

Benjamin Jon Fischer, son of Laura and Jonathan Fischer. Grandparents are Jane and Larry Masur, and Janis and Stephen Fischer. Great-grandmother is Esther Meiches.

Kaia Jayden and Kayley Danelle Givner, daughters of Kimber and Steve Givner, Shawnee, KS. Grandparents are Lana Williams, Bunker Hill, IN, George Meyers, Kokomo,IN, Donna Givner, and Nathaniel Givner, Scottsdale, AZ,

Benjamin Daniel Kaufman, son of Dana and Michael Kaufman. Grandparents are Ruth and Joe Erman, and Lois and Steve Kaufman, Boca Raton, FL. Great-grandparents are Ruth London, Lake Worth, FL, and Frances Afremoff, Woster, ME.

Trenton Joel Kaufman, son of Shirley and Joel Kaufman. Grandparents are Debbie and Scott Gilinsky, Marla Kaufman, and Mark Kaufman. Great-grandparents are Beverly Gilinsky and the late Bud Gilinsky, Joan and Edward Johnson, and Karen Hurt and the late Harold Hurt.

Madeline Marie McCammon, daughter of Stephanie and Matt McCammon, Chicago, IL. Grandparents are Angela and Stan Krieger, and Judy and Orion McCammon, Grand Junction, CO.

Harper Jacklyn Passer, daughter of Cori and Sam Passer, Overland Park, KS. Grandparents are Cissy and Errol Copilevitz, Overland Park, KS, Claire and Pierre Flatowicz, and Sandy and Jeff Passer. Great-grandparents are Rose and Maury Copilevitz, St. Louis, MO, and the late Stanley Passer.

Ella Frances Robinson, daughter of Paula and Mark Robinson. Grandparents are June and Charles Jaksich, Frances and Sam Fried, and the late Burton Robinson.

Ella Margaret Turkel, daughter of Didi and Jeffrey Turkel. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald, and Tevee and Bernie Turkel. Great-grandmother is Peg Gallager.

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cohen. Parents are Lynn and James Baer, Deerfield, IL, and Joyce and Sheldon Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Ginsburg. Parents are Barb and Bill Ritzen, Fred Silver, Terry and Jack Appleman, and Cheri and Larry Ginsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Feferman. Parents are Sherry and Jeffrey Taxman, and Shoshana and Bob Feferman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wear. Parents are Susie and Marvin Cohn, and Maggie and Bob Wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ratner Parents are Marlen Frost, the late Murray Frost, Barbara Ratner, and the late Harvey Ratner.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reyhle. Parents are Fran and Mickey Coren, and Judy a[nd] Steve Reyhle, Overland Park, KS.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Zacharia. Parents are Joan Elliott and the late Rod Elliott and Terri and Dick Zacharia.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Lillian H. Betts, mother of Jim Spooner;

Joe Frank, father of Renee Wiseman and Lynda Sloan, and grandfather of Brian and Sarah Wiseman, Nikki and Rachel Flatowicz;

Barbara Gorelick, wife of Edwin Gorelick, and mother of Martha Slosburg, Beverly Liggett, and Steven Gorelick;

Christopher Michael Jensen, nephew of Patrick Jensen;

Raymond Melvin Kalman, father of Deborah Finnicum;

Manfred "Manny" Kreitstein, brother of Dora Baum;

Helen Kulakofsky, mother-in-law of Shirley Kulakofsky and Stanley Katelman, mother of Leonard Kulakofsky, and grandmother of Gary Katelman and Deborah Salomon.

Jane R. Levy, daughter of Don Rice, niece of Fran Milder and Pearl Gross;

Stanley Passer, father of Jeff Passer, grandfather of Lyndi, Joel, Aaron, Jeremy, and Sam Passer, and uncle-in-law of Fefe Passer;

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

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