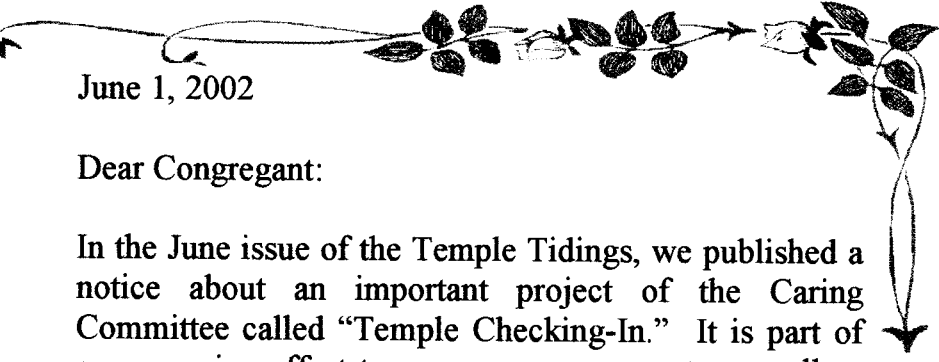




June 1, 2002

Dear Congregant:

In the June issue of the Temple Tidings, we published a notice about an important project of the Caring Committee called "Temple Checking-In." It is part of our on-going effort to serve our congregants as well as possible.

I have asked a member of the Caring Committee to call you so that you might share with him or her some special concerns or needs that you have. We want to know how you are managing every day. Do you need transportation to Temple or to important appointments? Are there programs you would like Temple to sponsor? Is there a Mitzvah that you would like to perform but need some assistance from us? We very much want to hear your ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

Our committee member will call you to "check-in" during the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to our conversation with you and hope there is some way we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Shelly Fox  
Chair, Caring Committee

Livingston

4989371

Pearl Herzog - grand son in Israel - worried about him  
lives alone

5340615

Norman Cain - would like call from Rabbi  
just retired

3910542

Esther Canas - two dog losses  
sister + brother in law  
having hard time

Leo Kamisay -

lives alone - would like a  
call from Rabbi?

Tim + Eli Stone (need JFS  
or Share)  
rabbi call poor health

Nate Mandell -

alone after Abe's B. home recently  
needs call

Leo Myerson - would love a call from  
Rabbi  
wife recently deceased

Marge Lincoln -  
husband ill (recently out of  
hospital). Could use call

Stan Slesbury

hard time w/ wife in Blunkin

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Mr. Trevick

— very upset abou

Mr. Masse Bohbot

having trouble coping  
with son's loss a couple  
years ago

~~Vicki Feldman~~  
Wendy Manvitz

Yes  
No

~~Shepman Neff~~ - 3939421 LM

Committee Members:

Doris Allay 607 8709 Yes  
Beth Walts 291-7886 Yes

~~Aprey Jacobson~~ = No

Kathy Hirschman 8953312 LM Yes

~~Marvin Gerber~~ 391-5952 No

Gilda Peck 556-5592 Yes

Judy Moore 496-1731 Yes

Shelly Fox Yes

Doris Parker > 5533249 Yes

Milt Parker >

Toby Tellman 399-0784 Yes

~~Dorothy Paintman~~ 758-0744 ?/No

Mike Makoid 5569940 Yes

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Call for commitments

Send letter w/instructions - meeting? open/close interviews?

wk of June 10 - 14

Postcard to elderly. ✓

Interview ?s      Add:

Are you able to v.in. or help w/others who may need assistance?

Would you benefit from transp. being offered for <sup>early</sup> services 1/month?

Is there any programming you would like to see implemented that you would participate

Are you able to file your ~~prescription~~ drugs yourself. for coverage?

Follow up article in Tidings in  
Fall

Rabbi Ariel

## Tidings Article

### **Temple Israel “Checking –In”**

As Temple Israel strives to be a caring place, we periodically need to take stock of how we are doing and see how we can do better. We look at how our programs serve our congregants and try to find out what more our members would like from us. This month, we will be “checking-in” with those in the Temple Israel family who are 75-years young and up!

Volunteers on the caring committee will be calling many of our senior members the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this telephone “visit” is for our congregants to share any special concerns or needs that they may have. It will be an opportunity for people to let us know how we can better address their needs. We look forward to “checking-in” with the elders among us who merit our respect, attention, and love.

### **In Celebration of Life**

“To life, to life, L’chaim!”

This very Jewish value is the premise of a special service we have planned for Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. We invite the entire congregation to gather together to celebrate and bless the lives of our senior congregants. This promises to be a festive Shabbat where the generations can join together to honor some of the pioneers, long-time leaders and the wise senior men and women at Temple Israel. We will also honor the families who have four generations of participation in the life of this congregation.

This service in celebration of life will be followed by a special oneg Shabbat featuring a bountiful feast of savory and sweet delights. Tuffy Epstein’s band will add joy to this occasion. Please mark August 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar and plan to bring the entire family.

## **Temple Checking-In**

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### **Sample closings**

**Thank you for your time Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_. It was a pleasure talking to you. I will report back this information to the project chairman and we will try to address your concerns.**

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CALL ME AT 397-1578.

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**Now, I just have a few, brief questions for you.**

### **Sample closing**

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# Temple Israel

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7/3/02

Dear Shelly -

Many, many thanks for the beautiful heart and inspiring energy you brought to the Temple "checking-in" program. I am amazed at all the lives we touched through our phone calls. Thank you for organizing the hoops to make it all happen. I thoroughly enjoyed working with you and getting to know you better.

I look forward to seeing the report!

See you on August 23rd, if not sooner!

With Appreciation -

Rosie -

DS - I thought you would like to see this lovely letter I received. Do you think you could call her to encourage her to come on the 23rd?

Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi - Debbie S. Stiel, Rabbi - Jennifer G. Blum, Cantor

Dorothy R. Spizman, Executive Director - Iris J. Ricks, Program Director

Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator - Elyce Azriel, Middle/High School Director



Mrs. Hannie Wolf  
211 S. 9th St.  
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June 25, 02

Mrs. Rosie Zweiback  
Program Director  
Temple Israel  
7023 Cass Street  
Omaha, Ne., 68132

Dear Mrs. Zweiback,

It was good talking with you today. Many thanks for your call. It is always nice to be remembered by your congregation, even if I live miles away from Omaha!

I have been a member of Temple Israel for many years and always enjoyed going to the services. The only time I have a chance to do so is on the High Holy Days. Since the death of my husband and my mother I have not always gone to services at Temple Israel.

My Albion family has always been going to the South Street Temple in Lincoln, and I usually go with them. We also have a couple from Albion that comes along. The wife is from Casablanca. She is Jewish, her husband is not, but we think he is a better Jew than we are!! He likes all our traditions and our food!! We always have a community Seder and get together for Hanukkah, etc.

My son used to live near Omaha but is now living in Lincoln; one of the reasons I go there for the High Holy Days.

You have probably seen some of the items I have donated to the Temple. Cantor Kutner started collecting various objects.

One of the relics I hope you still have is a small piece of stone, a remnant from the Synagogue in Ulm, destroyed on November 9, 1938. Also my father's talith bag and a beautiful sabbath challah cover made by my grandmother; apparently the Temple lost it a long time ago....

Thanks for inviting me to Shabbath services on August 23rd. I will see what happens. I drive to Omaha and Lincoln. My trips to Omaha usually are business appointments and visits to the Temple Israel cemetery!!

I appreciate your concern and am glad to know that Temple Israel does not forget their outstate members.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Shalom!

Hannie Weeg

**Subj: RE: caring committee report**  
**Date: 07/02/2002 10:07:45 AM Central Daylight Time**  
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**Reply-to: rzweiback@qwest.net (rzweiback@qwest.net)**  
**To: ShellsAble@aol.com ('ShellsAble@aol.com')**  
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Shelly - Thanks for the info!!!

As for numbers - no you didn't miss them. This is what I have  
 We tried to contact 160 couples/singles. We reached 138, and tried but missed 22. Of our original list of 250 congregants 75 and up, we made an attempt to speak with EVERYONE, except for those in nursing homes or who reside outside of Omaha.

I sent the postcard to those we haven't reached. It is attached to this e-mail.

Board meeting Tuesday 9th - would you like to give a report on what we accomplished with this project? If not, I will be happy to do it - I will be there anyway.

Finally - can you get me the comments and action plan TODAY from the surveys, please? Aryeh would like to see the list of who needs contacting. etc..

Thanks!  
 Rosie

-----Original Message-----

**From: ShellsAble@aol.com [SMTP:ShellsAble@aol.com]**  
**Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2002 9:44 AM**  
**To: RZweiback@qwest.net**  
**Subject: caring committee report**

here is the report. Hope its what you need. I still need numbers on our checking in project. Did you send them and I missed them? thanks again, Shelly << File: ATT00006.html >> << File: CARING COMMITTEE.doc >>

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