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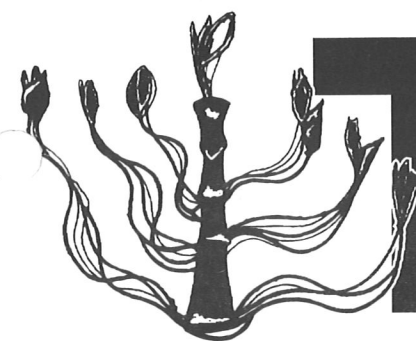


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Temple Israel Tidings

Shavuot – שבועות

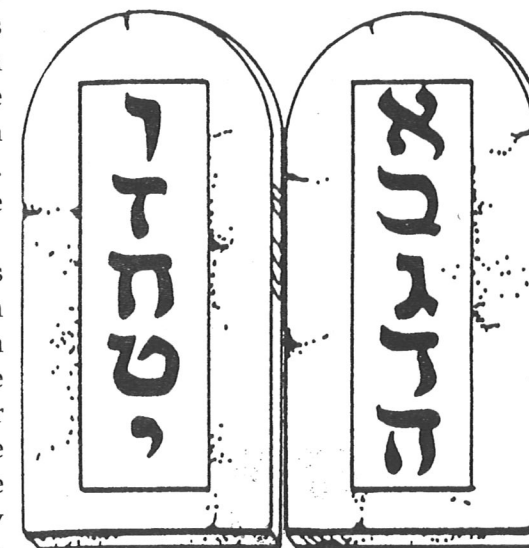
Shavuot Service and Book of Ruth Dedication

7 p.m. Thursday, June 5

When Sofer-in-Residence Rabbi Moshe Druin was here in April, he restored four Torah scrolls, but his work wasn't finished. Rabbi Druin was also commissioned by the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha (WRJ-O) to inscribe the Book of Ruth. It will be dedicated on Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks.

"The main idea in Judaism at this season," explained Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, "is that after the celebration of the Exodus from Egypt and the freedom in our lives (the Passover holiday), we need to arrive at a stage when choices need to be made. The meaning in our lives comes not only from the freedom to choose that we possess but also from the choices of the teachings that we need to carry on."

On Shavuot, Jews celebrate the giving of the Torah, including the Ten Commandments, at Mount Sinai. "This holiday of Revelation brings with it Jewish responsibilities that we need to inculcate into our lives," added Rabbi Azriel.



Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz, and Cantor Wendy Shermet are working with Katherine Finnegan and other congregants to plan the celebration of Shavuot when the Ten Commandments will be read in Hebrew and then translated by Temple's fifth grade class.

Temple's adult learners, Jews-by-choice, and those who donated to WRJ-O's Torah Restoration Project will be honored at the service.

After spending a brief time with their families in the sanctuary, children in third through sixth grade will be invited to attend a special age-appropriate program and study session of their own. Sitter service will be available for younger children.

Following the service in the sanctuary and a festive Oneg, the clergy and other staff members will teach a session on "The Six Remembrances" (Sheish Z'chiot). "We're going to teach and study the six Biblical verses whereby Jews are commanded to recall certain events," said Rabbi Azriel. "According to Kabbalistic literature, the purpose of this practice of remembrance is to keep these six major events in our history alive in our consciousness."

The evening is expected to conclude at 9:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, May 30
7:30 p.m.

Service of Confirmation/Graduation

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Arlene and Tony Adelson in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and by the Parents of the Confirmands

Saturday, May 31
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Jaclyn Harriet Adelson
daughter of Arlene and Tony Adelson

Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20

SHAVUOT
Thursday, June 5
7 p.m.

Erev Shavuot Service and
Book of Ruth Dedication

Friday, June 6
10:30 a.m.
Shavuot Service and Yizkor

7:00 p.m.
Tot Shabbat

7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Suzan and Jay Kenik in honor of
the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, June 7
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Samantha Elyse Kenik
daughter of Suzan and Jay Kenik

Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers 4:21-5:31

Friday, June 13
7:30 p.m.

Special Service Honoring
Cantor Emil Berkovits

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, June 14
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Rachel Alexandra Brodsky
daughter of Jodi and Joel Brodsky

Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers 6:1-7:89

Friday, June 20
5:30 p.m.

Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.
Family Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Suzan and Ian Crabb in honor of
the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, June 21
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Rebecca Joy Crabb
daughter of Suzan and Ian Crabb

Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Numbers 8:1-12:16

Welcome New Members

Florence Kricsfeld
Steven Eisenberg

Friday, June 27
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, June 28
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1-15:41

Two Worship Services June 20

5:30 p.m.
Union Prayer Book
Service

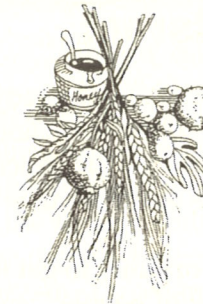
Come on your way home from
work; meet family and friends.
Those with special birthdays and
anniversaries will be invited to the
Bima for a special blessing.

This service is especially planned
so that, at its conclusion, you may be
home early to enjoy a Shabbat meal
and evening.

7:30 p.m.
Family Service
Birthday Blessings

Children and adults who
celebrate their birthdays during the
months of **June** and **July** will be
invited to the Bima for a special
blessing at the Shabbat Family
Service.

AS I SEE IT...



It is no easy task to remember.
But, without memory, life is hollow,
without memory even blind. On
Shavuot, our congregation will be
asked to remember, not to forget.

Remember Israel's covenant
which calls us to serve as witness to
a universe's moral underpinning we
call God.

Remember Sinai where an entire
people were summoned, men and
women, adults and children, from
every level of society, rich and poor,
to receive commandments which
invoked upon life the promise of
justice and peace.

Remember the response, an act
of commitment, our people's resolve
as they solemnly made an oath: "We
will do and we will harken."

Remember that fateful day: day
of burden, day of joy. It was then
Israel defined freedom as
responsibility, rather than freedom
as self-centered pleasure.

Remember the optimism of our
people's vision: a world of harmony
not by conformity, but by valued
uniqueness.

Remember the enduring hope: a
people forever in pilgrimage,
searching beyond despair and,
despite doubt, proclaiming the
beauty and glory of life's vibrant
aliveness and goodness.

Thus, through memory, may
good and blessing, joy and hope,
vision and faith be ours, this sacred
day of Shavuot, each of us the
precious diadem adorning Israel.

Hallelujah!

Angela Ziv

Cantor Berkovits to Join Cantor Shermet at Temple

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13

In honor of his years of service
and creativity in the Omaha Jewish
community, the congregation is
encouraged to come and celebrate as
Beth El Synagogue's Cantor Emil
Berkovits joins Temple Israel's
Cantor Wendy Shermet on the Bima
at Temple Israel.

Cantor Berkovits is retiring from

Beth El after 22 years. He also served
as cantor at Beth Israel Synagogue for
four years in the early 1960's.

Kol Rina will sing an extended
Kabbalat Shabbat worship service
with the cantors. There will be an
opportunity to thank both Cantor
Berkovits and his wife, Lili, at a
special Oneg following services.

Our Congregation Has Received an Extraordinary Bequest and Has Established the Margaret and Arnold Robinson Family Jewish Education Fund

Temple Israel's religious
education from pre-kindergarten
through 12th grade will be
augmented and enhanced because of
the very generous bequest of
Margaret Robinson who, along with
her husband Arnold, was a long-time
congregant.

Their family was educated in our
religious school, traveling regularly
between Norfolk and Omaha.

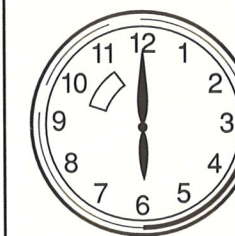
Margaret Robinson's passion for
education was well known, and she
served as a Regent of The University
of Nebraska for many years.

Some of the initial places the
funds may be directed toward
include Religious School, High
School, and Family School.

Our congregation greatly
appreciates the forethought and
dedication of Margaret Robinson.
May her memory be for a blessing.

Look What's New in Worship Next Year

Starting in September, the monthly Family Service, the
monthly Tot Shabbat Service, and the Monthly UPB
Service will begin at 6 p.m.



After careful consideration and with input from a
number of families, we have determined that this time
will allow people enough time to arrive at these special
Friday night services. We know that no single time is best
for everyone, but we believe that this half-hour change will
be more convenient for more of you. We look forward to
trying the new schedule. Please join us!

Congregational Dinner and 132nd Annual Meeting

Honoring Michael Walts
Outgoing President

Presentation of awards
and election of officers and trustees

Musical presentation by Cantor
Wendy Shermet

Send in your reservation now!

Nominations Presented for Board of Trustees

The nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for approval at the Annual Congregational meeting to be held Sunday, June 8.

Officers to serve one-year terms: President: Gary Kaplan; Vice-Presidents: Ron Brodkey, Larry Gendler, Wendy Goldberg; Secretary: Rick Fox; Treasurer: Jon Meyers; Assistant Treasurer: John Lehr.

Trustees to serve three-year terms: David Gilinsky, Kimberly Robinson, Jeffrey Schweid, and Amee Zetzman.

Trustees to serve two-year terms: Kathy Beauchaine, John Waldbaum, and Judy Zweiback.

Trustee to serve a one-year term: Todd Hutton.

Annual Reports

Committee, Auxiliary and budget reports will be distributed at the June 8th Annual Congregational meeting.

If you are unable to attend this special evening, they will be available in the Temple office.

Dorothy Spizman Retiring After 20 Years with Temple Israel

When Dorothy Spizman accepted the position of administrator at Temple Israel in 1983, she said, "I'll do it for five years - tops." Now, seven rabbis (including associate rabbis), five cantors, 13 Temple presidents, and 20 years later, she is retiring on May 31.

"I grew to love this job. It grew and I grew. It wasn't anything I wanted to leave after five years," she acknowledged. After ten years, her titled was changed to executive director.

Dorothy and her husband, the late Phill Spizman, moved to Omaha in 1962 and joined Temple that same year. Phill was president of Men's Club while Dorothy became active in Sisterhood. They belonged to Temple's Couples Club. Their children were consecrated, became B'nai Mitzvah, and were confirmed at Temple.

Dorothy reflected on the changes she has seen over the years. There were building construction projects, increased adult education opportunities, the congregation has grown and so have her responsibilities. "As I became more knowledgeable and learned how Temple functioned, I was able to take on more."

She considers herself lucky to have been in a position to affect other people's lives. And they consider it most fortunate to have had her help. "She's helped me by being a friend," said Lisa Scheet. "I enjoy talking to her. Dorothy's always there but kind of behind the scenes. I think she's very efficient at what she does. She's helped me in a couple of tight spots. She's always so genuine — always has a smile on her face."

Margo Parsow, added that Dorothy "handles things with professional efficiency and sensitivity. She's a very knowledgeable person. Her own spirituality is put into everything that she does. We became

closer at a time of great tragedy in (my family's) life," Margo explained. "She guided us through the process. She also guided us through a time of great joy."

"The opportunity to get to know such a variety of people," according to Dorothy, "has been the most enjoyable part of my job." Retiring from it "hasn't been an easy decision."

Dorothy is looking forward to being able to spend more time with her family. "I've got a long list of things I'd like to do," she admitted. "I'll probably be lucky if I do a quarter of them!"

A dinner in Dorothy's honor is planned for Sunday evening, June 1 at Temple Israel. Her children, Randy and Julie from Phoenix and their two children, Mikaela, 14, and Jacob, 11; Dorothy's daughter, Beth from Omaha; and her sons David from Kansas City and Mark from Phoenix will all be attending the dinner. Relatives from Minneapolis and Moline, Illinois, are also coming.

"The work of the synagogue is so intense and so creative," remarked Rabbi Aryeh Azriel. "Having Dorothy as a loyal, devoted, energizing partner for 15 years on a daily basis has been a blessing to me and the congregation," he emphasized. He thinks of Dorothy as "a part of my family" and hopes she will continue to be.

"It's hard to put in words what Dorothy has meant to this congregation," commented Mike Walts, president of Temple Israel. "Her knowledge of the building, programs, and most importantly, the membership has been incredible. Her warmth, personality, and ability to relate to people are her greatest attributes. Although we'll miss her in her role as executive director, we look forward to many years of being together with her as a congregant. She is still a part of our Temple family."

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Shavuot Celebration **Thursday, June 5**
All families are invited to the Shavuot Service beginning at 7 p.m. Fifth graders will sing the opening prayer and read the Ten Commandments in English as part of the service. Students in grades 3-6 will also participate in their own program during the evening celebration. Club 56 will host an Oneg following the program. The evening will conclude by 9:30 p.m.

Special Thanks To 2002/2003 Room Parents

Our Room Parents have made a commitment to our Religious School, they are always available to provide help with field trips and preparing for special events and activities in the classrooms. The efforts of these parents help to make Temple a home-away-from-home for all our children. *Cindy Stoneking, Kerry Hollst, Wendy Vann, Marcee Rogers, Jordana Glazer, Rosie Zweiback, Gretchen Radler, Deb Hale, Stacey Rockman, Helen Burns, Liz Adkisson, Helene Blair, Wendy Goldberg, Lesley Slutzky, Linda Sadofsky and Martha Frishman.*

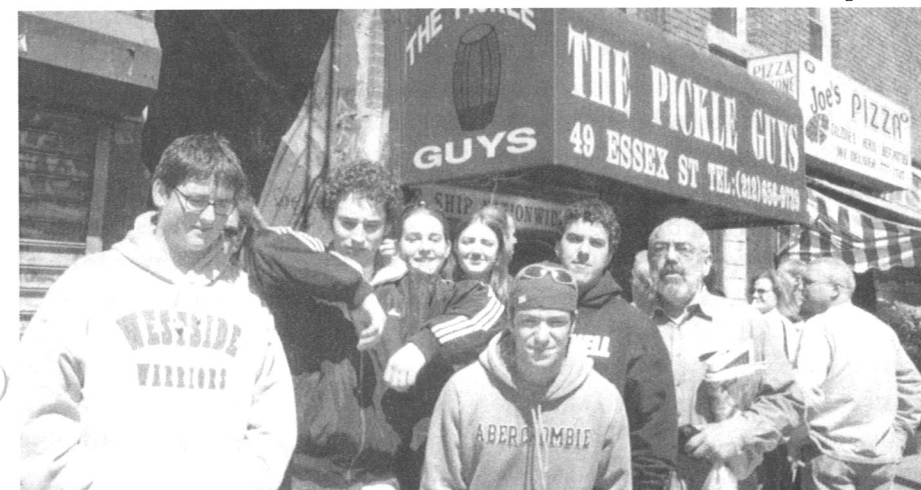
Special Thanks to Teachers

One of our greatest assets is our Religious School faculty. Our teachers really care and guide our students to grow more each year. A hearty THANK YOU to: *Lynne Jensen, Deborah Alpert, Dora Goldstrom, Deb Finnium, Leigh Goodman, Katherine Finnegan, Doris Parker, Jen Gates, Anne Joseph, Rini Gonsher, Patsy Wallace, Marvin Parilman, Elyce Azriel, Kim Schwartz, Maya Wertheimer, Steve Danon, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Eileen Clignett, Rita Paskowitz, Leslie Slutzky, Jayne Chaben and Jeff Taxman.*

Also, **Madrichim**, our teen assistants, make a big difference. Thank you: *Leora Azriel, Evan Baack, Jake Bleicher, Anna Clark, Jessica Danon, Naomi Fox, Josh Finnium, Angela Friedman, Aly Friedman, Samantha Friedman, Jon Gates, Megan Katelman, Nick Laudin, Molly Needelman, Aron Neesman, Joel Passer, Becki Smedlund, Sarah Spooner, Chelsea Taxman, Ben Taxman, and Brandon Thomas.*

An extra special THANKS to Dorothy Spizman for always supporting the Temple Israel Religious School and making a difference in the lives of our children. You will forever be in our hearts.

10th Graders' Jewish New York Trip



Tot Shabbat Services Friday, June 6 7 p.m. Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. **Come enjoy songs and a story with Rabbi Azriel.**

Sitter Service Summer Schedule

During the month of **June** Sitter Service will be available each Friday evening and Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. During the months of **July and August** Sitter Service will be available for the **5:30 p.m. Shabbat Services**, however, there will be no Sitter Service for the Shabbat Morning Services.

Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

The history, sights, and aromas of the Big Apple were magnets for, left to right: Jon Gates, Jordan Kenik, Meagan Katelman, Naomi Fox, Jake Finnium, Joel Passer and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel.

Summertime - And The Livin' is Jewish!



"Israel Matters" to Highlight Summer Services

Summer will open the door to a year of celebrating and learning about the State of Israel. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz, and Cantor Wendy Shermet will present various topics on the theme, "Israel Matters: Our Connection to Israel," at Shabbat worship services.

Creating pride in Israel, subjects such as Israel at 55, songs, poetry, politics, literature, and the people of Israel will be explored along with the relationship between American and Israeli Jews.

Summer services start at 5:30 p.m., beginning Friday, July 4.

WRJ-O

Women's Retreat Exploring Body-Mind-Spirit and Ritual

Remember that neat invitation you received in the mail this month? You know, the one designed to look like a knapsack?

It's time to dig it out of your mail pile, fill it in, and make your reservation to the WRJ-O Women's Retreat. A few spaces are still available, but hurry!

Come explore with us at the Creighton Spirituality Retreat Center on 150 beautiful wooded acres in Griswold, Iowa. Meet in the Temple parking lot at 5:15 p.m., Friday, June 27. You'll be home in time for lunch on Sunday, June 28.

Cost: \$85 double room, \$110 single.

Questions? Call Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or e-mail rzweiback@qwest.net.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

From July 4 through August 29, Shabbat Evening Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Morning Services will begin at the usual hour of 10:30 a.m. Bagels and Bible will continue at 9:30 a.m.

The TEMPLE TIDINGS will not be published during the summer months. The Temple office will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, as usual.

Summer Services in the Park July 11 and August 8 JCC Pavilion

Welcome Shabbat outside in the summer air amidst the sounds of nature. Bring your own picnic dinner at 6 p.m. to the pavilion behind the Jewish Community Center.

Worship services will be led by Rabbi Craig Marantz, Friday, July 11 and by Cantor Wendy Shermet, Friday, August 8. After you pray, get ready to play. Wear your outdoor sports clothes.

A sitter will be provided for young children.

Regular Shabbat worship services will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Temple in the Livingston Chapel.

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 25



Temple Israel's Annual Golf Outing will be held at Shadow Ridge. Mark your calendar and

get your twosomes and foursomes together now for a fun-filled afternoon of golf, followed by a terrific dinner and awards ceremony.

On Sunday, August 24, the day before the Golf Outing, the third annual Family Mini Golf Event will swing into action at Boulder Creek Amusement Park at 14208 "S" Street in Millard.

Watch your mail for more information.

Swim Wear ~ Skin Care ~ Picnic Fare

Use Temple Gift Certificates During the Summer for Many Things!

Proceeds Go To Temple's Jewish Camp Fund

Call Temple, 556-6536, to buy certificates from Albertson's, Bag 'n Save, Baker's, Barnes and Noble, Bookworm, The Gap, and Spirit World.



Amos Oz to Speak at Temple Israel Celebrated Israeli Author Featured Speaker in the 2003-2004 Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning

We are delighted to announce that one of Israel's most beloved writers will be speaking at Temple Israel next year as part of our yearlong study of Israel.

Amos Oz, an acclaimed poet, novelist and essayist, writes about the tumultuous history of his homeland. Born in Jerusalem in 1939, Oz has written about Israel under the British Mandate, the influence of the Holocaust on Israeli society, kibbutz life, and the Arab/Israeli conflict.

Whether you are well acquainted with Oz's work or new to his literature, you will not want to miss this extraordinary opportunity to hear one of the greatest Israeli writers read from his work.

To prepare for his November 19 visit, we are offering a number of study sessions, teach-ins and an evening book talk.

This summer, the clergy will devote three Friday night sermonettes to a discussion of Amos Oz.

July 18, Rabbi Marantz will offer an introduction to the man and his times.

August 1, Cantor Shermet will consider Oz's poetry. 15

August 22, Rabbi Azriel will explore Oz's political views on the Arab/Israeli conflict. Immediately following this service, all are invited to meet at the Sitar Restaurant in Westwood Plaza to share a Shabbat meal and discuss one of Oz's political essays. Watch your mail for further details or call Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 for more information.

For your convenience, we have asked the Bookworm in Countryside Village to stock a number of Amos Oz's books. They will offer them at a 20% discount to Temple Israel members. Additionally, we have six of his books for sale in the Temple Office where you can also enjoy a 20% discount. The titles available at Temple are *My Michael*, *A Perfect Peace*, *To Know a Woman*, *The Black Box*, *Panther in the Basement*, and *Israel, Palestine, and Peace: Essays*.

Save the Date for the Popular Adult Spirituality Retreat! September 12-13, 2003

Mark your calendars for the annual Spirituality Retreat for adults. It will take place Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City. Our spiritual leaders will be our own Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz and Cantor Wendy Shermet.

Watch your mail for your registration form. Call the Temple office for more details!

Needed: Used Books

The Women of Reform Judaism will be holding their Used Book Sale during the summer of 2004. It's not too early to begin saving your books. Just bring them to Temple Israel or call the office, 556-6536, for a pick-up.

Mazel Tov! The fact that you saw something and turned the page over means you should consider taking the BEST volunteer job at Temple!

The Tidings needs YOU to lay out, edit, and (sometimes) help write. It's fun - and you hang out with dynamic people. Call Michelle Shkolnick, 556-6536, today!

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On the Arrival of:

Sophia Leona Kohll, daughter of Ivy and Louis Kohll. Grandparent are Helen and Jack Pesses, El Dorado, AR, and Sandra and Marvin Kohll. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Philip Pesses, Magnolia, AR.

On the Birth of:

Lauren Tiffany Friedman, daughter of Joan and Michael Friedman. Grandparents are Thelma Oventhal and the late Robert Oventhal, New York City, NY, and Eilene Friedman and the late Leonard Friedman, New York City, NY. Great-grandfather is Morris Levenson, Palm Beach, FL.

On the Engagement of:

Robin Hoberman and Dr. Brandon Becker. Parents are Cookie and Jerry Hoberman, and Eileen Ann Becker and the late Norbert Charles Becker, Chicago, IL.

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Adler. Mrs. Adler is the former Barbie Feldman. Parents are Judy and Mike Feldman, and Joan and John Adler, Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lake. Mrs. Lake is the former Sarah Needelman. Parents are Lee and Howard Needelman, and Marilyn and Tom Lake.

Jewish Federation Annual Meeting 7 p.m., Monday, June 9 JCC Theater

In 1903, the Jewish Federation of Omaha convened its first annual meeting. This year, the centennial meeting will honor Federation agency volunteers of the year and other community leaders.

The entire Jewish community is welcome to attend.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Lilian Patis, aunt of Howard Needelman;

Ethel Glusman, cousin of Arlene Moskovitz;

Freda and Jerome Bleicher, parents of Rebecca Bloom and Norm, Joel, Dan, Paul, Bob and Jon Bleicher;

Kirsten Budwig, wife of Larry Budwig, mother of Brianne Coco and Hannah, Sophie and Aleia Budwig, daughter of Dorothy and Vern Cornish, sister of Tom Cornish, and daughter-in-law of Susan Rothholz and Ron Budwig;

Marvin Clumpus, brother-in-law of Sandy and Fred Ostrow, and uncle of Ellie Militzer;

Lilly Joseph, grandmother of Larry Gendler;

Donald Weinstine, father of Marc Weinstine;

Yvette Weinstine, grandmother of Marc Weinstine;

Milton Parker, husband of Doris Parker, and father of Monica Nemani and Garret (Gary) Parker;

Edith Noddle, mother of Harlan, Allan and Jeffrey Noddle, and grandmother of Jay Noddle;

Celia B. "Cele" Schwartz, mother of Lois Stern and Gail Veitzer, and grandmother of Susan Kohll

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Tri-Faith Women's Group

First United Methodist Church, the Islamic Center of Omaha, and Temple Israel are working together to form a Tri-Faith women's group. The group will meet monthly for social activities and educational programs and is an exciting opportunity to meet new people.

If interested, contact Traci Kugler at 445-0419 or tkkugler@yahoo.com.

Three Cheers For Temple's Volunteers!

This Month's Stars Are:

- Ann and David Noodell
- Lesley and Jeff Slutzky
- Sandy Passer

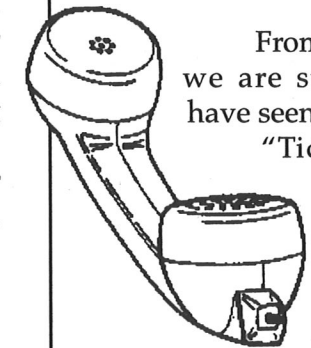
Healing

Mi Shebeirakh, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *mi shebeirakh* recited on your behalf, please call the Temple office (556-6536) before noon, 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.

We Want To Serve You

Will You Help Us Keep In Touch?



From time to time, we are sure that you have seen the following "Tidings" copy: "The rabbis and cantor visit the sick when notified and are available for

any service which they may be in a position to render."

One of the responsibilities of a synagogue is to console those who are mourning and to visit those who are ill, either at home or in the hospital. There are times, however, that the families involved assume that the congregation is aware of their situation, when, in fact, it is not.

Please do not hesitate to let us know when there has been a loss in your family or someone is ill.

In the event you or a family member are hospitalized, a new privacy law requires your permission to release that information to clergy. Please advise the hospital admissions office of your consent so that we can perform the services that our membership should be accorded.

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Friday, June 6**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names. Please phone by **Wednesday, June 4**.

A Peek at Next Year's Adult Education Highlights

Watch for details about these programs in the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning brochure that you'll receive later in the summer.

Scholar/Musician-in-Residence Weekends

Jerusalem Lyric Trio **September 20**
This unique Israeli ensemble highlights the religious and cultural heritage of the Jewish people. They've been performing imaginative, dramatic programs throughout the world since 1995 and will usher in the High Holy Days with their music on Selichot.

Rabbi Earl Grollman **February 20-22**
A pioneer in the field of crisis intervention and author of 27 books, Rabbi Grollman was cited for his work with families and volunteers after the Oklahoma City bombing. He will present a series of discussions on "Living with Loss - Healing with Hope."

Rabbi William Cutter **March 19-21**
This weekend will focus on poetry, modern Israeli society, and how political issues are explored in the secular arts.

Ida and Samuel Kaiman Scholar-in-Residence **April 30-May 2**
Save the date for this always stimulating speaker.

Classes

History of Israel
taught by **Dr. Moshe Gershovitz**
History of Israel, Biblical and
Pre-Modern Foundations
(fall session)

Israel in the Middle East - Modern
and Contemporary History
(spring session)

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Adult Hebrew Class

Adult Study with the Clergy

Special Lectures

Bob Cohen **October 12**
"Literature of the Holocaust"

Rabbi Uri Regev **Oct. 31-Nov. 2**
The executive director of the World Union of Progressive Judaism will discuss "Who Cares About the Rest of the Jews in the World?"

Amos Oz Coming to Temple Israel **November 19!**
Amos Oz is one of Israel's most beloved writers, an acclaimed poet, novelist, and essayist. He will read selections from his works.

Susan Aizenberg **March 9**
An assistant professor, Creighton University English Department, creative writing program, Susan will present "Poetry of the Holocaust."

The Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing & Bagels

For the second year, this popular program will present parents with learning opportunities one Sunday a month while children are attending Religious School.

2003 UAHC Biennial
November 5-9 in
Minneapolis, Minn.

Voices of the Generations:
Teaching the Holocaust
Yom Ha'Shoah Service
April 21
at Temple Israel
featuring Julie Kohner

Outreach

Summer Sizzler Barbecue
August 16

An Afternoon in the Park with Pets
(a Jewish Perspective on Pets)
November 2

Rabbi Azriel Unplugged
January 17

A Jewish Scavenger Hunt
April 24

Middle/HighSchool Family Workshops

"Sex 'n Drugs 'n Rock and Roll: A Workshop on Communication Between Parents and Adolescents" presented by Jerry Kaye, director of Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute. **October 15**

"More Than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence Against Women" with Jackson Katz, creator of the award-winning educational video "Tough Guise" and co-creator of "Wrestling with Manhood," and "Spin the Bottle." Katz is also the founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program. **March 10**

Watch for Jewish Journey Groups

June 2003 – Sivan 5763

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MAY 28 "The Writings of Maimonides" 8:30 a.m. Religious School Grade 12 6:30-8 p.m.	29 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	30 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Confirmation/Graduation	31 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Adelson
JUNE 1	2	3	4	5 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	6 Shavuot Service and Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	7 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kenik
		Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Erev Shavuot Service and Book of Ruth Dedication 7 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	
8	9	10	11	12 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	13	14 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Brodsky
Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting 6 p.m.		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	
15	16	17	18	19 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	20	21 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Crabb
		Conversation with Rabbi Azriel 12-1 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m.	
22	23	24	25	26 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	27	28 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. WRJ-O Retreat at Creighton Retreat Center
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. WRJ-O Retreat at Creighton Retreat Center	
29	30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5
WRJ-O Retreat at Creighton Retreat Center		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.				