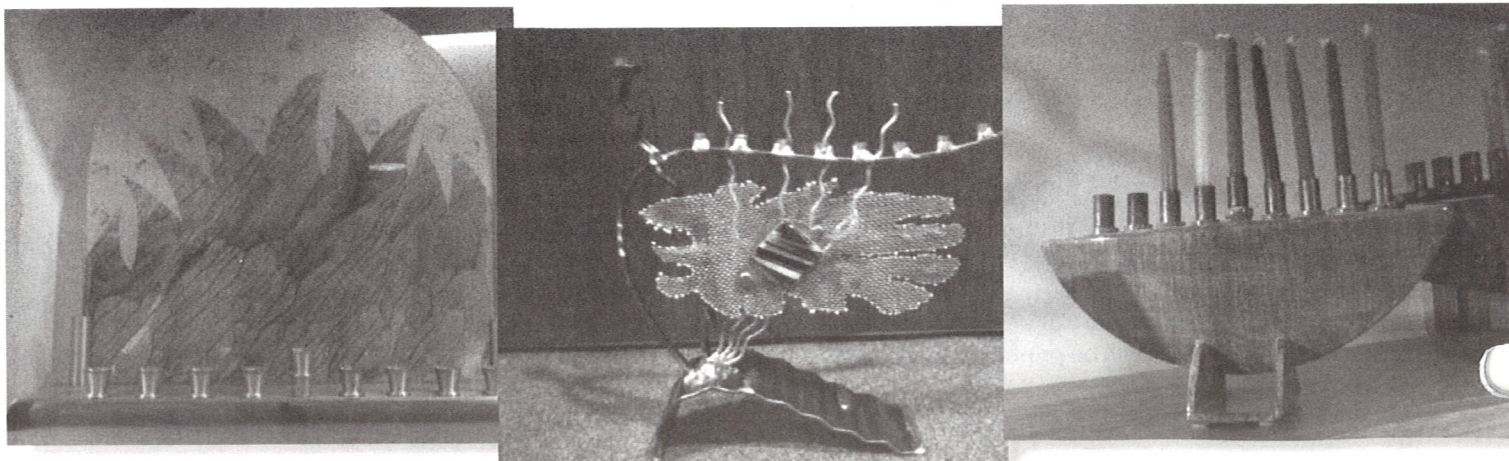


WRJ Gift Shop's Chanukah Open House

Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m.- Noon
Wednesday, November 10, 4-6 p.m.

Chanukah begins Wednesday night, December 1. The gift shop has dreidels, decorations, candles, menorahs...everything you need to celebrate the holiday while also supporting the Women of Reform Judaism.



Calendar

**Revitalizing the Festivals:
Chanukah with Rabbi Azriel**
Sunday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.

**WRJ Gift Shop's
Chanukah Open House**
Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m.-Noon
Wednesday, November 10, 4 p.m.

**WRJ Night at the Student Bistro
A Tribute to Brandon Thomas**
Thursday, November 11, 5:30 p.m.

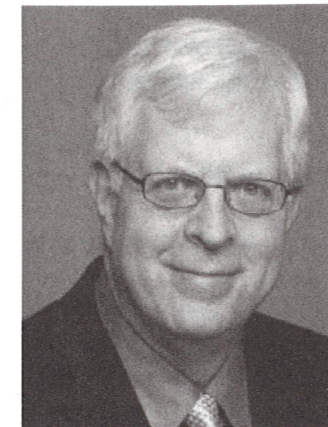
urs, Mine & Ours
Wednesday, November 17, 6 p.m.
at Dundee Dell

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Sunday, November 21, 5 p.m.
at First Christian Church

Shabbat Service Led by OTYG
Friday, December 3, 6 p.m.
Chanukah Dinner following

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Scholar-in-Residence

Dennis Prager

Friday, November 19 - Sunday, November 21

An American syndicated radio talk show host, Dennis Prager is also a syndicated columnist, an author, and a public speaker. He is noted for political and social views emanating from Judeo-Christian, Jewish, and American values. A Media Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, he taught Jewish and Russian history at Brooklyn College. He was also a Fellow at the Columbia University School of International Affairs.

"Encountering Dennis Prager will be of great importance to our congregants and the Jewish community of Omaha," emphasized Rabbi Azriel. "There are times when a meeting of the minds can produce divine sparks. Being aware of his many publications, I am sure Dennis Prager will not disappoint us."

Paul Rabinovitz, chair of Temple Israel's Adult Education Committee, acknowledged, "I was initially skeptical about the idea of Prager being invited to Temple Israel. His political viewpoint and our membership's are not particularly well aligned. But true learning comes when your point of view is challenged, and you open your mind to a wide world of possibilities. Prager is this type of teacher, and I am sure he will expose us all to new and thought provoking ideas. His unique views are sure to inform and enlighten."

A wine and cheese Oneg at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 19, will be followed by Shabbat worship services at 6 p.m. Prager will deliver the d'var on **Happiness is a Mitzvah - Not a Feeling**, pointing out that the Torah commands us to look beyond ourselves and consider the welfare of others. As he wrote in his 1999 book, *Happiness is a Serious Problem: A Human Nature Repair Manual*, happiness isn't a selfish act but might, in fact, be the ultimate mitzvah.

On Saturday morning at 9 a.m., Prager will join the Torah study group, Sparks Beneath the Surface, to explain **Why the Torah is My Guide**. With the Torah as an operator's guide for life, Prager, along with the clergy, will give examples on how to get the best results using Judaism's holy book. Worship services will follow at 10:30 a.m.

That evening at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Prager will speak to the Jewish community on the topic, **Do Secular Jews Have a Future?**

To their great credit, it was secular Jews, not religious Jews, who founded the State of Israel. But secularism does not have nearly as bright a Jewish future as it does a Jewish past. In this talk, Mr. Prager, who calls himself a non-denominational religious Jew, argues for why Jews need to commit to the Jewish "Trinity" of God, Torah, and Israel in order for Jews to survive, let alone prosper.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Bake for Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 21

Temple Israel will once again join other congregations from the community in an Interfaith Service. It will be at First Christian Church this year. If you would like to bake cookies or dessert bars for the reception after the service, please contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536. The cookies or bars will need to be brought to Temple Israel by 4 p.m. on November 21, so they can be delivered to the church in time for the service.

Chanukah Dinner Helpers Needed by Women of Reform Judaism

Friday, December 3

If you are available to set tables or serve food for the Chanukah Dinner at Temple Israel, please contact the Temple Israel office, 556-6536. Dessert bakers are also needed. If you have a time-tested family recipe or a new one that you would like to try, please bring the sweets to Temple Israel before 5 p.m. on December 3.

Light Candles with Jewish Residents of Remington Heights

December 2 - 9

If you or members of your family would like to join the Jewish residents of Remington Heights in celebrating Chanukah, please contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com. Each night during the Festival of Lights, Temple Israel clergy and congregants light menorahs and sing a few holiday songs together at Remington Heights. Brighten your life as you light up someone else's!

In the News

It has been announced by The Jewish Federation of Omaha that **Sharee C. and Murray H. Newman** were selected as Humanitarians of the Year. They were honored at the Federation Campaign Community Event that was held on Wednesday, November 3.

Another Jewish Federation honoree, **Judy Josephson**, was recognized as one of two recipients of the Phil and Terri Schrager Spirit of Federation Award and was honored at a reception in October.

Doris and Harry Alloy will also be honored as the Jewish Community Center Volunteers of the Year for 2009. They were chosen based on their participation, involvement and concern for the JCC.

Help us expand this section about our congregants. Let us know when you are in the news.

Ask the Clergy

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

From the Union of Reform Judaism

Q: Do you have any tips for helping children of interfaith families cope with the holiday season?

A: Whatever their position, it is pointless (and even harmful) to try to talk your children out of their feelings. Why try to get your child to "be reasonable" about Christmas, which itself is all about unreasonable expectations? If your child says, "I don't like Chanukah. I want Christmas," don't tell him he doesn't mean it. If she says, "I hate Christmas lights," don't defend them as pretty. Just listen and sympathize. Explain how you handle your feelings about the holiday.

It's fine to talk about why you like Chanukah and how it fits into a whole year of Jewish celebrations, but try to keep this from becoming an argument about which is better. Besides, your child's passionate position will change as she/he grows.

By the time they start grade school, most children understand that every family has its own way of doing things. So a parent might say, "I know Jane's Christmas tree is wonderful, but that's not part of our religion. We do Chanukah as part of a whole year's worth of Jewish holidays, including Shabbat."

Chanukah is an excellent time for reinforcing a sense of identity with Jewish life and history. "It's important for children to feel they have roots, to identify with the miracle of Jewish survival, to be familiar with the contribution of Jewish civilization. Psychiatrists have argued that a well-defined particular identity leads to a much healthier sense of self and to a greater ability to relate positively to others. This, in turn, means a better ability to cope with being an outsider."

Do you have a question for the clergy? Send it to templeisrael@templeisraelomaha.com.

Note From the President



John Lehr

Between preparing for and hosting our Scholars-in-Residence, diving into our new Religious School year, including our new Community High School, and celebrating holidays, we've also been hard at work making our dream of an up-to-date congregational home a reality.

Since we optioned our land, we have:

1. secured the \$5,000,000 Schrager Challenge – the most important gift in the history of our congregation
2. conducted extensive internal and external financial analyses to determine our capacity to manage the finances of our new building, led by Treasurer Katherine Finnegan
3. seated the Building Coordinating Committee, led by Vice-President John Waldbaum, to manage the processes of everything pertaining to the building itself, including an extensive review of *programming*, so that we can determine how much space we really need for each of our activities. Rest assured, John and his committee are ever mindful of the fact that each square foot costs money to build and maintain, so there's a constant balance and rebalancing among what we *need*, what we *want*, and what we can *afford*
4. named Stacey Rockman and Harley Schrager, Capital Campaign and Endowment Chairs. While most of their efforts so far have focused on major donor support (with very encouraging results!), every congregant can take comfort that the privilege of *Securing the Future of Reform Judaism* in Omaha will be extended to each of us soon
5. reaffirmed the selection of Finegold Alexander + Associates, Inc. by our Architectural Selection and Design Committee

While our path will not be without some twists and turns, we should all feel very excited with our progress to date and our outlook for the future!

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Building Coordinating Committee Update

John Waldbaum, Building Coordinating Committee Chair

Katherine Finnegan, Jon Meyers, Michael Silverman, Ted Zetzman, Committee Members

The Coordinating Committee has been successful in working with selected programming committee chairs over the last two months to ensure our plans and expectations meet our targeted building size. The message we have gotten from donors has been clear, "build a great building for the future, and just don't overdo it." The work of our committee chairs and staff has yielded a realistic square footage programming plan, free of excess yet more in line with today's and tomorrow's needs. We thank everyone who has helped in this process.

As promised, we continue to evaluate not only a new building, but the more mundane things necessary to run and maintain a new building well into the future.

We have completed an engineering study of Temple Israel's current mechanical system versus a modern system that will be installed in our new home. Some of our equipment dates back to when Temple Israel was originally built. The study confirmed that the utility expenditures in a building of the size we are planning will be equal to or less than what we spend today due to modern, efficient equipment.

On the landscaping side, a larger and more accessible 14 acre site will require more attention than our current site. Our existing service provider has given us cost estimates based on sample site plans. We may also choose to enhance the outside environment for lifecycle events and social gatherings given our new ability to access outdoor spaces. At the same time, we have the opportunity to be sensitive to the environment and our budget by maintaining large sections of the site in low maintenance plant materials.

Finally, we have begun to evaluate the options for maintaining the interior of the building and supplementing our staff to provide a level which exceeds our current operation. Although we will have a new building with bright and shiny spaces, and equipment under warranty, we do expect more traffic and need to do what is necessary to maintain the facility in top shape for the many generations of Reform Jews in Omaha.

New Building Fund

We all have the opportunity to donate to the New Building Fund to honor and remember friends and family. You can donate online on the Temple Israel website or by contacting the Temple Israel office, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com.

Contact Temple Israel Staff

Contact information is available on our website templeisrael-ne.org/aboutus/.



Shabbat Evening

Friday, November 5
Service, 6 p.m.
November Birthday Blessings

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, November 6
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, November 12
Shabbat Comes to You at
Remington Heights, 4 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2 Family Service,
6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, November 13
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, November 19
Shabbat Comes to You at
Rose Blumkin Home, 2:30 p.m.
Service, 6 p.m.
Scholar-in-Residence
Dennis Prager

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, November 20
Sparks Beneath the Surface
with Dennis Prager, 9 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21, 5 p.m.
First Christian Church

Shabbat Evening

Friday, November 26
Service, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, November 27
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 3
Service led by JYG/OTYG,
6 p.m.
Chanukah Dinner following

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, December 4
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 10
Shabbat Comes to You at
Remington Heights, 4 p.m.
Service, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, December 11
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service led by Grade 5,
10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Family luncheon and
meeting to follow

Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 17
Service, 6 p.m.
December Birthday Blessings
Tot Shabbat, 6 p.m.
Dinner following

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, December 18
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 24
Service, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning

Saturday, December 25
Sparks Beneath the Surface,
9 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 31
Service, 6 p.m.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 21, 5 p.m., First Christian Church, 6630 Dodge Street
Hosting this year's annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, Reverend Rene Rodgers Jensen, co-pastor of First Christian Church, said the theme of "unity among the three faiths of Islam, Judaism and Christianity, will celebrate our common heritage as children of Abraham. Those attending will be encouraged to commit themselves to continuing interfaith dialogue."

Reverend Deborah McKnight, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving message. Representatives from each of the participating faiths will share in leading the service. In addition to First Christian Church and Temple Israel, the other participants include St. Margaret Mary's Church, the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture, Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church.

"We live in trying times," added Justin Cooper who attended last year with his wife Joan. The Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is an opportunity to take a slow deep breath, relax and re-center ourselves in the global world in which we now live."

All Temple Israel members are welcome to attend the service. Please contact the Temple Israel office, 556-6536, if you would like to carpool. Canned goods or monetary donations will be accepted for Together, Inc., which provides food, clothing and household items to thousands of families in need in the Omaha area.

A dessert reception will follow the service. If you would like to bake cookies or bars, please bring them to Temple Israel by 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

It's Time to Celebrate Chanukah with Latkes, Dreidels and Singing!

Friday, December 3, 6 p.m. Shabbat Worship Service followed by dinner
Omaha Temple Youth Group will lead Shabbat worship services on the third night of Chanukah followed by a dinner of brisket, vegetables and latkes. A vegetable pasta dish will also be available. There will be no charge for dinner! It's free for all members of Temple Israel. Women of Reform Judaism will provide dessert.

Please bring your menorahs to decorate the holiday tables. Just as we will light the room to celebrate the victory of the Maccabees in their fight to be free and worship as they believed, we will brighten the days of those in our community who need our assistance. Please bring non-food items such as laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, tissue, paper towels and dish towels which will be donated to the Jewish Family Service pantry.

Space is limited for the dinner, so please RSVP to the Temple Israel office, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com, as soon as possible.

Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the *Chanukiah* from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the *Shamash* - the helper candle - first using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָהּ הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melch haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderful deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחֲנִינִי וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ
לְזִמְנָהּ הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melch haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Ner Shel Tzedakah

("candle of righteousness") is a project in which families and individuals devote the 6th night of Chanukah to learning about the problem of poverty. They donate the value of the gifts (or the gifts themselves) that would otherwise be exchanged on that night to organizations that assist the poor, locally or globally. This year, the 6th night of Chanukah falls on Monday, December 6. By making donations on the 6th night of Chanukah, you will help our candle of righteousness glow brightly for those in need. *Don't let the light go out!*

How to Play Dreidel

Dreidels have four Hebrew letters on them, and they stand for the saying, "Nes Gadol Haya Sham," meaning "a great miracle occurred there." Playing with the dreidel is a traditional Chanukah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary.

Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:

1. Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, nuts, chocolate chips, raisins, etc.
2. Every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." Every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one piece in the pot.
3. Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel. Depending on the outcome, you give or get game pieces from the pot:
 - Nun (נ) The player does nothing.
 - Gimmel (ג) The player gets everything in the pot.
 - Hey (ה) The player gets half of the pot.
 - Shin (ש) The player adds a piece to the pot.
4. If you have no game pieces left, you are either out or may ask a fellow player for a loan.
5. When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over!
6. We suggest that if you use money to play the game, ask players to donate part or all of their winnings to *tzedakah* (charity). This way everyone wins and you can share the Chanukah gifts with those in need!

November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Grades 3-6, 4-6 p.m. Family School, 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8, 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Hebrew 101, 6:30 p.m. The Great Cantorate and Holocaust Music, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.		Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Placzek
Teachers Meeting 8:45 a.m. Grades PreK-6 10 a.m.-Noon WRJ Gift Shop's Chanukah Open House 10 a.m. Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Revitalizing the Festivals: Chanukah with Rabbi Azriel 10:30 a.m.	Omaha Community Sisterhood Event 7 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	WRJ Gift Shop's Chanukah Open House, 4 p.m. Grades 3-6, 4-6 p.m. Family School, 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8, 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Hebrew 101, 6:30 p.m. The Last Survivor 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. WRJ: A Night at the Sage Student Bistro 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. OTYG Hunting Havdalah 5-9 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Grades K-6, 10 a.m.-Noon Grade 5 @ Food Bank 10 a.m. WRJ Meeting, 10 a.m. Grade 3 Meets @ Kripke Library, 10:15-11:45 a.m. OTYG Board Meeting Noon	Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Yours, Mine & Ours @ Dundee Dell, 6 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Leadership Development 7 p.m.	Temple Israel's Cooking Demonstration @ Rose Blumkin Home 1 p.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2:30 p.m. Shabbat Service Scholar-in-Residence Dennis Prager 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface with Dennis Prager 9-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Ali Brehmer Dennis Prager @ JCC, 7 p.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Hebrew Teachers Meeting 9 a.m. Grades PreK-6 10 a.m.-Noon Scholar-in-Residence Dennis Prager 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Service @ First Christian, 5 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	No Religious School No Family School No Middle School	Thanksgiving Office Closed	Office Closed Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.	
28	29	30				
No Religious School Stephen Center Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	Middle/High School Dinner at the JCC 6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bible Quiz at the JCC 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.					

December

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Light 1st Candle Grades 3-6, 4-6 p.m. Family School, 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8, 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. 613 Mitzvot, 6:30 p.m.	Light 2nd Candle Chanukah Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	Light 3rd Candle Shabbat Service led by JYG/OTYG 6 p.m. Chanukah Dinner, 7 p.m. JYG/OTYG "Friday Night @ Temple Israel", 7 p.m.	Light 4th Candle Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jack Goldstein
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Light 5th Candle Grades PreK-6, 10 a.m.-Noon Chanukah Parties, 11:15 a.m. Club 56 Chanukah Party Noon Religious School Steering Committee Meeting, Noon JYG/OTYG Chanukah and Skating Party, 5 p.m.	Light 6th Candle	Light 7th Candle Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	Light 8th Candle Grades 3-6, 4-6 p.m. Family School, 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8, 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. 613 Mitzvot, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Leadership Development 7 p.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Grade 5 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Grade 5 Lunch and Meeting Noon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Teacher Meeting 9 a.m. Grades K-6, 10 a.m.-Noon WRJ Meeting 10 a.m. OTYG Board Meeting Noon			Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-8 6-8 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. 613 Mitzvot 6:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Social Justice Meeting Noon	Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Dinner following	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Elias Ginsberg
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Religious School		Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	No Religious School No Family School No Middle School		Office Closed Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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		Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.				

Congregation

New Members

Rachel Blum has lived in Omaha most of her life. A new member of Temple Israel, Rachel is the facilities coordinator at the Omaha Sports Academy, a 35,000 square foot basketball facility that hosts leagues, tournaments, select teams, academies, and camps among other events. Rachel and her son Charlie, a first grader at Columbian Elementary School, have a beagle named Della. "We love to take her to the dog park and make a stop afterwards at the adjacent playground for kids!" Rachel remarked. "We also love to play football in the yard and make s'mores around our fire pit."



Originally from Illinois, **Rachel and Gil Dysico** moved to Omaha six years ago. The family also includes daughters Hannah, seven, and Leah, four. Gil works for the Scitor Corporation as an analyst/systems engineer supporting

the Department of Defense. Rachel is currently teaching silversmithing at a local studio. As a U.S. Navy family when Gil was serving in the military, the Dysicos developed "a taste for traveling to new places and spending time in the outdoors." They were previously stationed in Seattle, WA, and in Colorado.

Native Omahans **Krista and Michael Endelman** have been married for 15 years. Michael went to Central High School and the University of Oklahoma. Krista attended Northwest. They are the parents of ten-year-old Claire who is in the fifth grade at Swanson Elementary School. Michael was with IBM for 30 years in sales management. Now he is vice president of software sales at MSI Systems Integrators, an information technology firm. Krista is a floral designer. As a family, the Endelmans enjoy gardening, bicycling and art projects. They have a four-year-old cat named Pearl. "We are excited about our new involvement with Temple Israel," said Krista.



Omaha will always be home to **Rand Engel** although he doesn't live here anymore. He spent the first 17 years of his life here before going to Brandeis University. He has returned to Omaha "every year of my life. Joining Temple Israel at this stage of my life is a reconnecting with roots and...responding to my enormous respect for

Rabbi Azriel and the part of me that he has touched." Director of a humanitarian program in Kosovo, in the Baltics, Rand enjoys writing, martial arts, bicycling, the mountains, swimming in lakes and listening to friends perform the music they have composed. He has lived in Kosovo for eleven years.



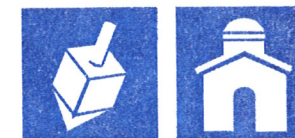
Sophie Ambrose has come a long way from the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas where she grew up. "We had an outhouse until I moved when I was 11!" she said. She's also lived in Kansas City and Los Angeles. In September 2009, she finished her PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Sophie has been in Omaha since

March after moving here to take a post-doctoral position at Boys Town National Research Hospital. A research scientist, "I study how infants with hearing loss learn language skills," she explained. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of North America, she also travels the country talking about how Birthright Israel impacted her life.

Temple Israel



Chanukah 2010



Celebrate Chanukah with Latkes, Friedels and Song

Chanukah, Shabbat Service & Dinner Friday, December 3, 6 p.m.

There is no charge for dinner.

OTYG will lead Chanukah and Shabbat worship. Be our guest for a traditional Chanukah Dinner, meal of brisket, vegetables and latkes, immediately following services. Our tradition teaches us to place our menorahs in the window, thereby "publicizing the miracle." We also need to spread our lights among

those in our community by bringing non-food items to donate to the Jewish Family Services Pantry. (i.e., laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, kleenex, paper towels or dish towels).

Bring your menorah to decorate the holiday table!

Contact the Temple Israel office 556-6536 or templeisrael@templeisraelomaha.com, to make a reservation by December 4

Space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible

Hannah Perry - planning?

Grace
Annel
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Temple Israel

The Reform Jewish Congregation of Omaha



TEMPLE ISRAEL, 7023 CASS STREET, OMAHA, NE 68132

Send a WRJ Tribute Card

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Fund promotes fellowship among women and supports Temple Israel's activities that enrich our connections to each other, to the broader community and to Judaism. A portion of the proceeds is devoted to the national WRJ Youth, Education and Special Service (YES) Fund that aids eligible students enrolled at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, development of the WRJ programs, and youth activities of the Union of Reform Judaism.

Below is a list of holiday greetings and lifecycle events in our congregation. Check the names of the congregants who you wish to remember by adding your name to their WRJ Tribute card. Each person listed below will receive a WRJ Tribute card listing the friends, relatives, and acquaintances who are thinking of them.

BIRTHS לידה

- ☐ Spencer Miller Weinstein 9-30-10
son of Jamie and Dan Weinstein

B'NAI MITZVAH בני מילה

- ☐ Phoebe Placzek 11-6-10
daughter of Kimberly and Matthew Placzek
- ☐ Ali Brehmer 11-20-10
daughter of Barbara and Steve Brehmer
- ☐ Jack Goldstein 12-4-10
son of Jill and Joe Goldstein
- ☐ Elias Ginsberg 12-18-10
son of Julie and Bennett Ginsberg

NEED TO SEND A THANK YOU, GET WELL OR JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU CARD?

Send a WRJ Fund donation card for birthdays, condolences, welcoming new members or wishing a speedy recovery. We will send a personalized donor card for an occasion for minimum donation of \$10 per card. Call the Temple Israel office, 556-6536, or complete the online form on the Temple Israel website to order a personalized donation card.

MARRIAGE נישואין

- ☐ Kari Sheldon and Alan Josephson 7-29-10
Debbi and Larry Josephson
Della Sheldon
- ☐ Diana Manvitz and Jason Williams 8-14-10
Wendy and Todd Manvitz
Gail Williams
Dr. Steven Williams
- ☐ Jodi Brodsky and Mike Levine 8-22-10
Joan Kern
Richard Bell
Nancy Levine
- ☐ Yesenia Osorio Rojas and Bradley Goldstrom 9-5-10
Dora Goldstrom
Mark Goldstrom
Mirna Gladis Rojas de Monterrosa
- ☐ Carrie Kaplan and John Gobel 9-11-10
Sally and Gary Kaplan
Patricia Gobel
Patrick Gobel
- ☐ Jamie Heller and Joshua Katelman 12-18-10
Nancy and Will Heller
Shelli Katelman
John Katelman

Please return this form with your check payable to Women of Reform Judaism by Monday, November 29, to Temple Israel, 7023 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68132.

Preferred Signature _____

- ☐ I would like to acknowledge all of the events listed above for \$25

_____ (qty) @ \$3 each for WRJ Tribute Cards





New Members



Another new resident of Omaha, **Millie Needelman** moved here from Morton Grove, IL, in August 2009. She and her husband, Joseph, had three children. Jerold is a veterinarian in Chicago, planning to retire soon and move to Wisconsin; Howard is a physician at Children's Hospital and Medical Center and the University of Nebraska

Medical Center in Omaha; and Hope is a sixth grade teacher in the Boston area. Millie and Joseph were married for more than 60 years before he died about five years ago.

"I was a school secretary in Morton Grove for about 35 years," Millie said. She outlasted eight principals. "Everybody thought I was the principal!" she quipped.

Now the energetic grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of four lives at Remington Heights Retirement Center and tries to take advantage of all the activities offered there.

B'nai Mitzvah



Ali Brehmer, daughter of Barb and Steve Brehmer, will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 20 at Temple Israel. A student at Buffett Magnet Middle School, Ali participated in the Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure for her mitzvah project. Ali has a sister and brother-in-law: Heidi and Aaron Gilliland.



A Westside Middle School student, **Jack Goldstein**, will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 4. He is the son of Jill and Joe Goldstein and brother of Alex, nine. For his mitzvah project, Jack has been involved with Child Saving Institute whose mission is to prevent, intervene, and treat child abuse and neglect. Jack helped serve food at the organization's "Touch a Truck" event in September, is assisting with office projects such as sorting in-kind

donations and assembling development packets, and will lend a hand during a December fundraiser.

Births לידה

Hazel Clover and Arrow Drake Hoffman, twins of Mary Drake and Mark Hoffman. Grandparents are Mary Lou Drake, McCook, NE, Richard Drake, McCook, NE, and David Hoffman.

Isabel Emmalynn Vik, daughter of Jennifer and Erin Vik. Grandparents are Lynn and Danny Rubin, Jeri and Eric Mason, and Marilyn Vik, Jr. Great-grandparents are Betty Rubin and the late Elliot Rubin, Jane Laughrey, and Marian Vik.

Spencer Miller Weinstein, son of Jamie and Dan Weinstein. Grandparents are Bobbi Burgess, Del Ray, FL, Ken Burgess, Del Ray, FL, Evie Weinstein, and Barry Weinstein.

In Sympathy נחמה

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of our members' relatives...

Charles L. Carlson, grandfather of Wendy Reiss;

Richard Lewin, brother-in-law of Phyllis and Dick Glazer;

Henry Misle, grandfather of Asher Stoller;

Sylvia Summer, brother and sister-in-law of Charles and Cynthia Schneider

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ Gift Shop's Chanukah Open House

Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 4 p.m.

Shop at the WRJ Gift Shop before you shop anywhere else! You will find newly designed menorahs, Chanukah candles, decorations, wrapping paper, gifts for children, and Judaica such as mezuzot and dreidels. Plus you will be supporting WRJ at the same time. Get your "must-haves" and fulfill a mitzvah in one stop!

An Evening in Tribute to Brandon Thomas

Thursday, November 11, The Institute for the Culinary Arts at Metro Community College, Pegler Center, 32nd and Sorenson

Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Reception, 5:30 p.m.

Program and Cooking Demonstration, 6:30 p.m.

Tour of Culinary Arts, 7 p.m.

After 21-year-old Brandon Thomas, a member of Temple Israel, died in July following a car-motorcycle collision, a scholarship fund was set up in his memory at the Institute for Culinary Arts at Metro Community College. Cooking was Brandon's passion, and he had been a student there since 2008.

To honor Brandon's memory, WRJ is sponsoring a tour of the state-of-the-art culinary arts institute, and taste food prepared by the students who run the bistro there. A cookbook project, "Recipes in Remembrance," generously sponsored by the family of Stephen Simon, will be introduced during the event.

Hosts of this event are Stacie and Marc Brodkey, Beth and Ron Brodkey, Joi and Colin Brown, Michelle and Ron Bucher, Andie Gordman and Dan Fitzgerald, Elly and Bob Gordman, Danielle and Jeff Gordman, Kate Kaminsky and Joe Murphy, Susie and Mike Norton, Stacey and Jonathon Rockman, Sherrie and David Saag, Kathy Simon, and Mary Wampler and Phil Bierman. The event is open to men and women, and the cost is \$30 per person to attend.

WRJ Board Meeting

Sunday, November 14, 10 a.m.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Fund

This new fund was established as a way to financially support the efforts of WRJ, to promote fellowship among women, and to support Temple Israel activities that enrich congregants' connections to each other, to the broader community, and to Judaism. The new fund will be supported by congregants purchasing new WRJ tribute cards which will be offered four times a year. (See additional information about these tribute cards on page 15)

"WRJ was interested in exploring new avenues of income," explained Susie Norton, WRJ president. "This new fund gives people a way to acknowledge a lifecycle event or another occasion while supporting and enriching the lives of women, children and families at Temple Israel through WRJ."

Social Justice

Habitat for Humanity Day

Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We need 15-20 volunteers to meet at Temple Israel and carpool to a build site. No building skills necessary, they provide the tools, we provide enthusiastic volunteer labor and are each responsible for our own lunch. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Please contact Dan Gilbert, 203-2894, if you are interested or have questions. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds low-cost homes for families around the world. Locally, Habitat Omaha has built 300 homes for families in our community to date. Residents make mortgage payments on their homes which help support the cost of building other homes.

The Last Survivor

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., Temple Israel

A film by Michael Pertnoy and Michael Kleima. THE LAST SURVIVOR tells the stories of four genocide survivors and their struggle to make sense of tragedy by working to educate a new generation. The film presents a unique opportunity to learn from the lessons and mistakes of our past in order to have lasting social impact on how we act collectively in the face of similar issues today.

Breakfast at Stephen Center

Sunday, November 28

Breakfast will be served by Temple Israel members at The Stephen Center, 5217 South 28 Street. Please contact Don'L Dacey, 292-0757, or Larry Gendler, 339-1680, to assist. Volunteers are needed beginning at 7:30 a.m. to prepare and serve the food.

Keeping Temple Israel Green

Have you noticed the recycling bins stationed throughout Temple Israel? Please use them to dispose of paper, cans and plastics imprinted with any recycling number that you discard at Temple Israel. Think green!

Interfaith Families

Yours, Mine & Ours

Wednesday, November 17, 6 - 8 p.m., Dundee Dell

Yours, Mine & Ours is a discussion group for partners in interfaith relationships who wish to explore their feelings about religion and strengthen their communication. Cantor Shermet will lead the informal conversation and offer tips to survive the holiday season.

Interfaith issues impact entire families - grandparents, parents and children all face challenges posed by differing religions and cultures. The most important thing to remember is that you are not alone. We are here to serve as a resource for you and your extended family.

If you are a member of an interfaith couple or family, we invite you to find a spiritual connection in our congregation. Please contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, to RSVP.

Ongoing

Revitalizing the Festivals: Chanukah

Sunday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Please join Rabbi Azriel for a conversation about Chanukah.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

Saturdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Milder Center

Shabbat morning Torah study, followed by worship services at 10:30 a.m., with Temple Israel clergy. Enjoy a bagel, juice and coffee while discussing the portion of the week. Newcomers are always welcome.

Scholar-in-Residence Dennis Prager

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After his presentation, the clergy from Omaha's congregations will join Prager for a panel discussion, followed by a dessert reception. "We look forward to a lively conversation that will spur thoughts on this controversial topic," commented Rabbi Linder.

To wrap up the weekend, Prager will talk about **Judaism's Five Greatest Lessons** on Sunday, November 21, 10 a.m. at Temple Israel. He'll outline a roadmap to support his belief that "Judaism will give you - to the extent you choose - God, membership in the most ancient and arguably the most influential group in history, and a lifelong and life-filling purpose."

Having known Prager since 1983, Omahan Joel Alperson stated, "No one I have known brings more contemporary meaning and purpose to Judaism than Dennis Prager. He explains how a 3,000-year-old religion has very practical applications in our daily lives and he does it in a way which is not judgmental. He simply wants Jews to better understand and ultimately be more influenced by the brilliant system we have inherited."

613 Mitzvot with Rabbi Azriel

Wednesdays, December 1 - 15, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Rabbi Azriel will address the philosophical underpinnings of the commandments, practical Jewish law governing their observance, and present a summary of the commandments' applicability. Participants can anticipate discovering some intriguing and fundamental precepts of Judaism as the class explores *Sefer ha-Chinuch*, or the Book of Education, a work that systematically examines the 613 commandments (*mitzvot* in Hebrew). Published anonymously in 13th Century Spain, the book's enumeration of the commandments is based upon Mainmonides' system of counting weekly Torah portions.

Fee is \$18 for members of Temple Israel, \$25 for non-members, no charge for Family School parents. Contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, to register.

Grades 1 & 2 Family Shabbat Service

Friday, November 12, 6 p.m.

Students in the first and second grades will help lead this meaningful service through song and a story. A dinner for students and their families will immediately follow. Contact Maureen Kube, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com, for dinner reservations.

Grade 3 at Kripke Federation Library

Sunday, November 14, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., JCC

Students and teachers will meet at the JCC library to discover all that this wonderful community resource has to offer. Master storyteller Rita Paskowitz will join the class for some added fun.

Grade 5 to Visit the Omaha Area Food Bank

Sunday, November 14, 10 a.m.

This annual trip is a great opportunity for us to learn the mitzvah of *Peah leket shicha'chah*, feeding the hungry. This is a very critical time for the Food Bank – they will be feeding hundreds of people over the Thanksgiving holiday. Everyone is encouraged to bring sacks filled with non-perishable food items for donation. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes – we will be helping to sort donations the Food Bank has received.

Please meet in your homeroom classes at 10 a.m. for attendance. We will divide into carpool groups for the short drive to the Food Bank and then return to Temple Israel by Noon.

Come to the 25th Annual B'nai B'rith Bible Quiz Sponsored by the Henry Monsky B'nai B'rith Lodge

Tuesday, November 30, at the JCC

6 p.m. dinner for high school students

7 p.m. Bible Quiz

This year's questions are from the Books of Genesis and Jonah. Temple Israel students that are participating are Joe Hack and Hannah Perry. Support our community high school students as they compete for prize money that can be used for college tuition, a trip to Israel, or for a camp or educational program sponsored by a Jewish organization.

Grade 5 Shabbat Morning Service and Family Luncheon

Saturday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.

Grade 5 students will lead the service under the direction of Cantor Shermet and teachers Mor Sheinbein and Patsy Wallace. Following the service is a family luncheon and the much-anticipated meeting where Cantor Shermet divulges the class Bar and Bat Mitzvah dates. Watch for upcoming RSVP information.

Calendar

No Religious School, Family School, Middle School

Wednesday, November 24

No Religious School

Sunday, November 26

Religious School Steering Committee

Sunday, December 5, Noon

Contact Religious School Steering Committee chair Sharon Comisar-Langdon, scomisar@mpsomaha.org or 496-7202, to get involved in this great parent/school partnership.

It is Time for the Elinor A. Whitman Book Contest!

All Temple Israel children in grades Kindergarten through six are eligible for this annual Jewish book appreciation contest offered by the Kripke Federation Library.

Grades K – 2 can enter their own unique and original illustrated book jacket of their favorite Jewish book. Grades 3 – 6 students' entries should be in the form of a book report. Final entries are due in the Religious School office by January 9.

For students in Morah Patsy's fifth grade class, the book report is a requirement of their Judaic studies in Religious School. Rough drafts are due to Morah Patsy by Sunday, December 5.

Entry forms have been sent home to all students. If you need another form, or if you have any questions, please contact Religious School Coordinator Lori Bennett, 556-6536 or lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com.

Omaha Jewish Chai School at the JCC

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration information for second semester will be mailed soon. Questions? Contact Omaha Jewish Chai School Director Miriam Gross, mgross@jewishomaha.org or 334-6445. Scholarships are available.

Dates: November 10 and 17
December 1 and 8



OTYG members Hannah Perry (left) and Sophia Miller enjoyed a beautiful day planting trees on Ellie and Jon Bleicher's farm.

A Big Thanks!

Thank you to the participants for Yom Kippur service: Dru Beach, Hannah Budwig, Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Zane Fletcher, Grant Glazer, Sophie Goldberg, Grace Hack, Joe Hack, Haley Halsted, Jordan Jensen, Maddie Jensen, Emily Katz, Ariel Kohll, Morissa Miller, Sophia Miller, Justin Norton, Alex Pachman, Hannah Perry, and Rachel Scheet.



The OTYG Board hard at work during the board meeting on October 10. Pictured (l-r): Rachel Scheet, Sophia Miller, Hannah Perry, Morissa Miller, Jordan Jensen, Sam Burrell, Sophie Goldberg, Hannah Budwig and Zane Fletcher.

Omaha Temple Youth Group

NFTY Missouri Valley Regional Conclave

November 19-21, Overland Park, KS

Depart from Temple Israel on Friday, November 19 at 12:30 p.m. and return on Sunday, November 21 at 2:30 p.m.

We are going to have a magical weekend filled with a Dr. Seuss theme, worship, learning, singing, Tikkun Olam activities and an awesome social event!

You may still register until November 9. The fee is \$160. After November 9, late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis. Please email a copy of your registration to Amy Katz, amykatz9120@hotmail.com. Financial assistance is available. OTYG will cover the travel expenses. Contact Amy, 321-0515, to discuss confidential financial assistance.

Hunting Havdalah

Sunday, November 13, 5-9 p.m.

Meet at the Old Market Passageway

- Scavenger hunt
- Dinner at Zio's
- Havdalah

Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Amy Katz, 321-0515 or amykatz9120@hotmail.com.

NFTY National Convention

February 18-22, Dallas, TX

FIVE days, HUNDREDS of new and old friends from NINETEEN regions across North America, and YOU experiencing the ultimate NFTY community. Make plans now to spend this President's Day weekend in Dallas with NFTY. You will sing, laugh, learn, pray and have the time of your life. See you in Texas! Please contact Amy Katz, 321-0515 or amykatz9120@hotmail.com, with questions and to discuss confidential financial assistance.



Donations

IN MEMORY OF:

Beatrice Appel: Anne and Alan Cohen, Phyllis Fried and Ellen Fried-Kopp, Lisa and Denny Lewis

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IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF:

Rosalie and Milton Saylan: Rose Pitlor

IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF:

Jodi and Mike Levine: Phyllis and Dick Glazer

IN HONOR OF THE WOMAN OF VALOR AWARD:

Debbi Josephson: Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Denise and Jon Meyers, Margo, Aaron and Charles Parsow

IN HONOR OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:

Toni Hernadez: Lourdes Secola

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCIENTIST:

Dr. Jessica Lee: Lourdes Secola

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rebecca and Brent Bloom: Lourdes Secola

Glenn Davis: Lourdes Secola

Cheri Ginsburg: Lourdes Secola

Susan Rothholz: Lourdes Secola

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Jeff Taxman: Lourdes Secola

Gift Cards - An Easy, Convenient Way to Support Temple Israel

Using gift cards doesn't cost you anything. If you shop at Bag N Save, Baker's, The Bookworm, or Whole Foods, you can purchase gift cards online or in the Temple Israel office. You can use the gift cards just like cash in the designated stores. Five percent of the sale is returned to our congregation. What could be easier?

"They don't cost participants a thing," said Mike Norton. Temple Israel will send you the gift cards in the mail, and "you can then use them just like cash. You just pay Temple Israel instead of the merchant. The merchant pays Temple Israel a fee for shopping somewhere you were going to shop in the first place. I find it actually makes shopping at Whole Foods easier since Whole Foods does not accept checks."

"I keep them in my car so anytime I go to the grocery store I have them with me," reported Jeff Schweid. "I use them exclusively for Temple Israel's benefit, have them mailed to my house, and paid for through my Temple Israel bill. It does not get any easier than that."

"It is such a simple way to raise a little extra money for Temple Israel," added Sally Kaplan.

WRJ Offers New Tribute Cards

In this issue of the *Tidings*, you will find a flyer from WRJ to promote the sale of tribute cards. This flyer will be sent to you four times a year. Proceeds will benefit the new WRJ Fund. A portion will also be donated to the national Women of Reform Judaism YES (youth, education, and special projects) Fund. Tribute cards cost \$3 each.

Formerly called uniongrams, the newly designed WRJ tribute cards will give congregants an opportunity to add their names to congregational holiday greetings to the clergy as well as mazel tov to others who are celebrating special occasions in their lives such as B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, engagements and births.

Debbi Zweiback has sent greetings from Temple Israel "as a way to recognize the relationship between the recipient and their interaction with Temple Israel." Her daughters enjoyed receiving the cards "when they had their Bat Mitzvah and were confirmed," Debbi said. "Perhaps it is the sweetness of that memory that keeps me sending them."

Temple Israel New Donor Cards Available

By a vote of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, the minimum donation will now be \$10. These cards are all personalized and can be designated to benefit any of Temple Israel's funds. Many congregants use the donor cards to recognize various lifecycle events or to honor the memory of a loved one or a friend. The names of those who purchase donor cards will be printed in the *Tidings*.

Temple Israel Funds

Your contributions to the following funds ensure the continuation and support of many vital activities of Temple Israel. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

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