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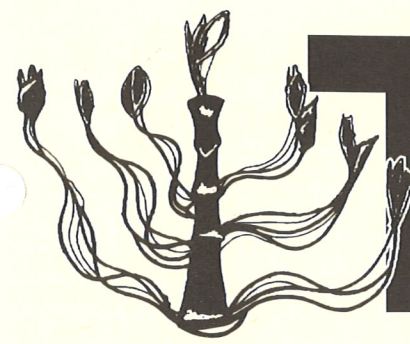
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Temple Israel Tidings

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Artist-in-Residence

Noa Baum

Features Stories of Palestinian and Israeli Women

Wednesday, May 2 - Friday, May 4

Elie Wiesel said, "People become the stories they hear and the stories they tell."

Surely Noa Baum, who has been performing and teaching in schools, libraries, festivals and many other settings for audiences of all ages since 1982, has become a bridge of peace and understanding as she weaves the story of her memories together with those of a Palestinian woman.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Arts from Tel Aviv University. An actress with the Khan Repertory Theater of Jerusalem, she was "cast out" when the theater experienced financial difficulties and was relegated to the Cinderella job of entertaining family audiences with stories and creative drama. Initially deeply disappointed, Noa soon discovered that there is a blessing in every curse and was intrigued by the healing power of stories and drama. She set out in search of more.

Upon completing her study of acting in New York, Noa received her master's in educational theater from New York University with an emphasis on drama therapy. She was awarded a graduate assistant fellow-

ship and worked in inner-city schools in New York.

Noa returned to Tel Aviv in 1986 and worked in a school for emotionally disturbed boys, combining storytelling and drama in her work there.

In 1990, Noa returned to the United States and has worked with many diverse groups. From Head Start programs to adult daycare centers, Noa has performed at the Mayo Clinic for Humanities in Medicine in Minnesota, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Jewish Museum in New York City and hundreds of schools, libraries, community centers and Jewish congregations across the United States and Israel.

Noa's recording, *Far Away and Close to Home*, won a Parents' Choice Recommended Award.

A resident of the Washington, D.C. area where she lives with her husband and two children, Noa is a member of the National Storytelling Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the art of storytelling.

Her residency is co-sponsored by the Special Donor Advised Fund of the Jewish Federation Foundation and the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.



Wednesday, May 2

6 p.m. - Share her story "A Land Twice Promised"

Thursday, May 3

10 a.m. - Storytelling Workshop at the Adult Study with the Clergy

Friday, May 4

1 p.m. - Guest Speaker at the WRJ-O Donor Tea

6 p.m. - D'var Torah at the Shabbat Service led by Grade 3.



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MANY STORIES...ONE CONGREGATION

Temple Architect Making the World a More Beautiful and Better Place

When Maurice (Moe) Finegold was a kid growing up in Providence, RI, his parents had a new house designed. "I was allowed to sit in," he recalled. "Kind of seen but not heard. The architect was over the top with excitement and passion." That energy contributed to Finegold's choice of professions.

Finegold's Boston-based company was selected to design the new Temple Israel. He earned a masters degree in architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Prior to beginning his professional career, Finegold spent the summers of his college years working as a laborer in construction.

He began his career in small firms in Rhode Island and then in Brookline, MA, "when I really learned to put buildings together and apply design techniques. I started independent practice in 1964." After partnerships with other architects, Finegold and Jim Alexander started Finegold Alexander + Associates in 1992.

More recent projects for Finegold Alexander involved developing the program and conceptual models for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in association with another firm, Pei Cobb Freed. They executed the building's design which Finegold described as "a profound experience."

Designing new synagogues became a focus of Finegold Alexander. "At one time in high school, I was very interested in studying for the rabbinate," Finegold revealed. "I've done a lot of research and continue to do research on the origin of the synagogue to understand more fundamentally how synagogue spaces serve the needs and purposes of congregations." He studies how the synagogue has evolved over time. "How do you create the ambiance of now and connect with the past?" he asked rhetorically. "What is valued from the past? How do you capture the spirituality of the place?"

Finegold attempts to get to know the needs of today and the projected needs of a congregation. "How does one create a vision of the future?" he asked. "You have to know where you came from to know where you're going. You try to create a place that is respectful of all that's gone before keeping in mind that the overarching theme in a synagogue is about the spirituality of the place. That separates it from all other design projects. It calls me to a higher purpose," he acknowledged.

Among synagogues that Finegold Alexander have designed are Beth El Synagogue in Omaha as well as synagogues in Minneapolis, San Antonio, Chicago, Memphis, Dallas, Boston and Munich, Germany.

In addition, Finegold Alexander has designed numerous educational institutions, libraries, museums, theaters, cultural institutions and recreational facilities, courthouses, federal and state buildings and public safety facilities.

Finegold believes "time has melted me; I'm a little softer around the edges than I used to be. I think I'm more comfortable letting the client into the design process without the integrity (of a project) being threatened. We create the vision and hold on to it. You have to become a really good listener and do that in a way that you can keep the idea intact," he explained.

Finegold said, "I became an architect because I thought I could make the world a more beautiful place. That still drives me to this day." He's "honored and delighted and looking forward" to being back in Omaha. "The tri-faith initiative (of Temple Israel sharing a new campus with two other faith groups) adds its own layer of excitement to the project and I am pleased to be part of something to help society be better."

Committee Chair Transition Day Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m. - Noon

Temple Israel's Long Range Planning Committee will facilitate a Committee Transition Day. All outgoing and incoming committee chairs are urged to attend for an overview of how the committee structure works at Temple and who is involved in what. The tools will be provided to incoming chair people to access the information they need regarding their respective committees from outgoing chair people.

"We are trying to provide a framework to achieve consistency and structure to the way that the committees operate, report and relate to Temple initiatives," explained Amee Zetzman, chair of the Long Range Planning Committee with Orly Gilat. "It will be a great way for new leaders to start their committees and have some guidance about how to get things done at Temple," added Amee.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, outgoing Board President Wendy Goldberg, incoming President Jon Meyers and Treasurer John Lehr are also planning to attend.

"We are very excited to provide the structure to get everyone started on the right foot for the new year," Amee said.

Save the Date! Temple Israel Annual Meeting and Dinner Tuesday, May 15, 6 p.m.

Honoring

Outgoing Board President
Wendy Goldberg,
Outgoing OTYG President
Jackie Neesman, Kol Rina,
Caring Volunteer of the Year,
Social Justice Award Recipients.

Black-Jewish Seder Wednesday, April 4, 6 p.m. at Temple Israel

The Black-Jewish Seder is a tradition that was started about ten years ago by the Black-Jewish Dialogue, a small group of Jews and African-Americans who have met together regularly for years in the spirit of the civil rights movement to restore mutual trust and understanding to fight together for social justice across lines of faith and color.

This year's Black-Jewish Seder once again celebrates our shared heritage: liberation from slavery.

This special Seder, an activity of the Social Justice Committee, will be led by Temple clergy and other members of the Dialogue using a special Haggadah prepared by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Participants in the Black-Jewish Dialogue and their guests, Temple clergy and Board of Trustees and the Social Justice Committee will attend. Interested congregants should contact Dr. Magda Peck, magdapeck@hotmail.com, or the Temple Office, 556-6536, for more information.

67th Annual Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism Friday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Atif Khalil, assistant professor of Islamic thought, University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada, will be the guest lecturer at this year's Annual Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism for Christian Clergy. Every year, leaders of churches in Nebraska and Iowa are invited to Temple Israel for the Institute which has brought outstanding scholars to teach and inspire clergy of various denominations.

Professor Khalil's topic will be "Islam Meets the West." Born in Ontario, Canada, Khalil lived in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia before returning with his family to Canada shortly before the outbreak of the first Gulf War. He is currently completing a doctorate in classical Islamic theology, philosophy and mysticism at the University of Toronto's Centre for the Study of Religion. He has also studied at McGill University and at universities in Syria and Yemen.

His morning lecture is entitled: "The Vision of Islam: Understanding an Abrahamic Religion." In the afternoon, Khalil's topic is "The Medieval Islamic Intellectual Tradition and Its Dialogue with the West."

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Community Commemoration Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. at Temple Israel

This year's community-wide Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed at Temple Israel. Beginning with the lighting of memorial candles by Holocaust survivors who live in this area, the commemoration will feature the Nova String Quartet and Ann Kirschner, author of *Sala's Gift*.



Kirschner's book is the story of her mother, Sala Garnarcz Kirschner, who survived five years in five Nazi labor camps. She didn't tell her children about her war-time experiences until 1991. Right before entering the hospital for heart surgery, Sala gave her daughter a cardboard box containing 350 letters and a diary from the camps. Ann Kirschner will also speak to Jewish teens at a dinner for them at 6 p.m.

Presented by the Center for Jewish Education, the Yom HaShoah memorial service is sponsored by Temple, Beth El Synagogue and Beth Israel Synagogue.

Big Thanks For All Your Help!

Thank you to all who helped make the Purim Carnival a success! Special thanks and Mazel Tov to Jennifer Glazer, Kimberly Robinson and Louri Sullivan for all their hard work at the Purim Carnival. OTYG enjoyed staffing the booths and hopes you had a wonderful time playing games, socializing and celebrating Purim!

Thanks to all Temple youth who helped at the Purim carnival: Yaniv Azriel, Ashley Bernstein, Lashanna Bernstein, Aaron Bleicher, Haley Burns, Jessica Danon, Susan Freeman, Nimrod Ginsburg, Adam Goldberg, Joe Goldberg, Molly Goldberg, Scott Goldberg, Grace Hack, Haley Halsted, Max Halsted, Emily Katz, Sophia Miller, Jackie Neesman, Ben Noodell, Ben Ozeroff, Annie Rips, Brenna Robinson, Rachel Saferstein, Alexis Slutzky, Jordan Slutzky, David Trubnikov.

Adult Education

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

When Your Parents Hit Their 70's: What Every Adult Child Should Know
Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.

Just when you think you've figured out how to raise your kids, you discover that your aging parents need you too. How does the "sandwich generation" cope? What do you need to know to make decisions and support your parents as they age? What can you do now to prepare yourself and your parents for some of the challenges that may lie ahead?

Our panel of experts featuring Shane Kotok of Jewish Senior Services, attorney Robert Freeman, Dr. Speedy Zweiback and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will help answer your questions and share stories from their first-hand experiences.

Shabbat Shalom, Welcome to our Home

Friday, April 27

It's not too late to sign up to host a "Shabbat Shalom" dinner as part of our tri-faith partnership. Please consider opening up your home for a special Shabbat evening with members of the Muslim and Episcopalian communities. Let's be like Abraham and welcome the "stranger into our tent!"

You provide the meal and a few open seats at your table, and we'll find some enthusiastic guests who want nothing more than to learn a little bit about Judaism, try challah and share stories of faith and identity. Feel free to co-host the evening with a friend. If hosting a dinner isn't your forte, volunteer to be a guest!

Please mail the form to Temple Israel, attention Rosie by **Friday, April 6.**

☐	Yes, I/we would LOVE to host a "Shabbat Shalom" dinner
☐	We would like to include people with children.
☐	The best ages would be: _____
☐	We prefer adults only
☐	How many guests would you like to host: _____
☐	I can't host a dinner, but I would love to participate as a guest.
☐	Name(s) of Host: _____
☐	Address: _____
☐	Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____

Made in America: the Story of Religious Pluralism

Begins Tuesday, May 1

Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaisms practiced in America are more alike in structure than American Judaism is to Israeli Judaism. The American experience affects various religions -- including Islam -- pointed out Dr. Bette Evans who will teach "Made in America: The Story of Religious Pluralism" at Temple Israel at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 29, and June 5.

Bette is a Ph.D. in political science and has been teaching at Creighton University for more than 30 years. She has written extensively on the constitutional guarantees of free exercise of religion and the prohibition of religious establishments. For approximately ten years, she has been teaching a course on religion and public life in America. About one-third of the class covers the Americanization of various religions.

Her students at Creighton find her class enlightening. "I think the subject is loads of fun," she added, "and I hope to be able to convey that to my Temple audience." She noted that "this is not a course in comparative theology (although theological ideas come into the picture)." Instead, she will "focus more on the social experience of the various religious groups" and how life in America has "indeed made us more alike."

To register for this adult education class, sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536, or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. The fee is \$18 for Temple members and \$25 for non-members.

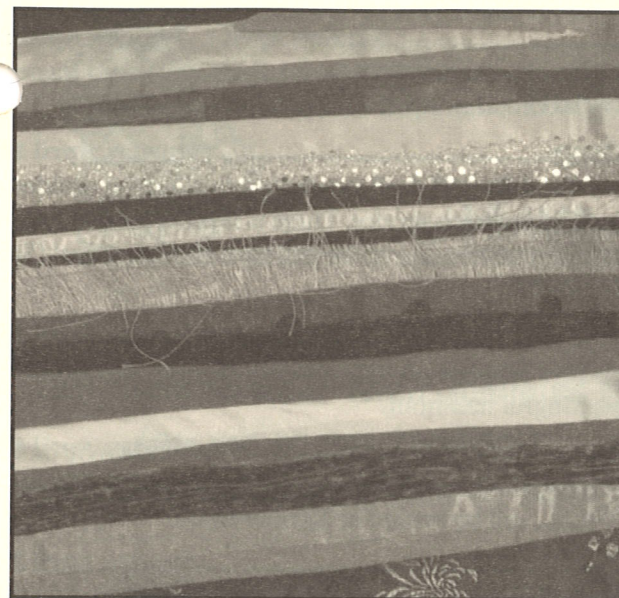
From the Center for Jewish Education

"Israel Nearing 60: Growing Pains or Mid-Life Crisis?" will be led by UNO Professor Moshe Gershovich. The five-week class will take a critical yet sympathetic look at certain trends in the history of Israel since its establishment. Emphasis will be on current perspectives with a bit of projection to the future. **The class will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, April 23, 30 and May 7, 14 and 21. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library.**

Some topics to be addressed include: "From 'Melting Pot' to Multiculturalism: The Changing Face of Israeli Society;" "Who is a Jew: State and Synagogue in Israel," "One of Every Five Citizens: Israel's Arab Population;" "From Iron Wall to Wall of Separation: Changing Perspectives of Israel's Security Concerns."

Course tuition is \$30 for Jewish Federation donors and \$38 for others. Contact Mary Sue Grossman, 334-6445, or mgrossman@jewishomaha.org to register.

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



Pictured left: Tapestry block by Jennine and Marvin Goldberg. "Being Jewish is like being part of an archeological dig. Your traditions and beliefs are a result of previous generations and are the building blocks for future generations. This square represents my past forefathers back to Abraham and the present generation, my family and all the strata in between. We are as important to the future of Judaism as every generation before us." For more information about the Tapestry Project, visit www.templeisrael-ne.org/community/tapestry.

Torah on Wheels

Thursday, April 12 at noon

Have lunch and fill up on Jewish law and commentary at Bergman Incentives (9411 F Street). This is hosted by David Gilinsky. Please make a reservation by calling the Temple office, 556-6536. Cost is \$6 for lunch.

Temple Tapestry Project Workshops

- Sunday, April 22, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 6, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$18 is greatly appreciated to defray some of the costs.

From Generation to Generation:

Celebrating YOU!

Friday, April 20, 6 p.m.

Temple Israel congregants who are at least 75 years young will be honored at a Shabbat worship service celebration that will include music from several eras. The contributions, wisdom, Yiddishe cup, compassion, *seychel*, strength and stories of Temple's senior members merit this special recognition..

There are about 250 Temple congregants who are at least 75. They have been invited to the worship service by invitation. RSVPs are requested by **Tuesday, April 17**, by calling the Temple office, 556-6536. Rides will be provided for those who request them. Caring Committee members Lisa Epstein and Judy Josephson are organizing an elaborate appetizer Oneg complete with live music. Anyone who would like to help bake, please contact Lisa, 496-9159. Donations to help defray the cost of the instrumentalists and Oneg would be appreciated. Please contact Judy, 498-9328.

Let's demonstrate to our own "greatest generation" what they mean to us by filling the sanctuary and saluting our parents and grandparents with a show of our affection and admiration.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 6, 6 p.m.

Bring your young ones up to five years old or let grandma and grandpa bring them for some special time with those tots. There will be a dinner to follow. Please RSVP to Temple, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make a reservation for dinner. The cost is \$5 for adults and children are no charge.



Booksale Workday

Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. - Noon

Help organize hundreds of books for our booksale this summer. Volunteers can take home five complimentary books!

Cradle Roll

Sunday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.

Children 5 and under bring your mom and dad or come with grandma and grandpa to cradle roll. It's a great opportunity to see friends you have not seen in a while, have a snack and do a fun holiday activity.

WRJ-O Donor Tea

Friday, May 4, 1 - 2 p.m.

WRJ-O's annual Donor event chaired by Jamie Meyerson, Jenny Meyerson and Heidi Schneiderman will be held in the Milder Center. Come celebrate "Storytelling with Noa Baum." Her program: Marvelous Maidens, Incredible Crones-Stories of Women Wise and Bold is sure to delight and inspire.

Join us for refreshments and dessert. Invitations will be mailed soon. We greatly appreciate your support of WRJ!!

Youth & Education

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
We'll make
Mother's Day
fun, delicious,
(and easy) for you!

Sunday, May 13

Last day of
Religious School
(10 a.m. - Noon)

- ✿ Bagels & More Brunch
- ✿ Roses direct from Israel
- ✿ Scrapbooking supplies
- ✿ DeniZ jewelry & more
- ✿ Judaica from Temple Israel's Gift Shop
- ✿ Handmade goods from Yad LaKashish
- ✿ Last Prayer Assembly of the year led by Rabbi Joe Black!

Partnership With Home and School

As I checked student attendance on first semester report cards, I was ecstatic to find that most of our students have met the 80% attendance standard! Many students were only absent once or twice. What an accomplishment!

Consistency in attendance adds to the feeling of well-being as students achieve a level of competency – which leads to a greater success and confidence at school.

Of course, student attendance is directly related to their parents' responsibility for transporting them. THANK YOU for your dedication to the success of our children and school!

— Elyce

What's Happening In Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

No Religious School..... Sunday, April 1 - Sunday, April 8
Due to public school breaks and the observance of Passover, there will be no classes. School resumes after Passover on Wednesday, April 11 and Sunday, April 15.

Havdalah in Pajamas Saturday, April 14
Midwest regional educator Steve Brodsky will lead newborns to Grade 6 children (and their families!) in a lighthearted Havdalah service. There is no cost for the 5 p.m. "kid-friendly" buffet, but please make a reservation so we will have enough to eat! (See inside flyer for more details.)

Prayer Assembly Sunday, April 15
Our monthly Prayer Assemblies give families an opportunity to pray and sing together. Join us for a fun and meaningful half hour.

No Religious or Family School..... Wednesday, April 18
Due to the observance of Yom HaShoah, there will be no classes. A community service and speaker, beginning at 7 p.m., will be hosted at Temple Israel.

Grade 2 Parents Learning Coffee..... Sunday, April 22
This is one of the most important dates for Grade 2 parents. Join Rabbi Azriel and school director Elyce Azriel in the Milder Center for a bagel, cup of coffee and a review of the Grade 3 curriculum. Third grade is a key year for our kids – it marks the first time these students will attend Religious School twice a week.

Grade 1 Parent/Student Program..... Sunday, April 29
Parents will begin the morning together at 11 a.m. in the Milder Center – students and teachers will join us at 11:30 a.m. for a family-fun program with music and social activities.

Grade 3 Visit to the Blumkin Home Sunday, April 29
Students and teachers will meet at 10:15 a.m. at the main entrance of the Blumkin Home to share a Yom HaAtzmaut activity with the residents. Our visit will conclude at 11:45 a.m. so parents have time to pick up siblings from Temple Israel at Noon.

What's Happening in Middle/High School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Freedom of choice has been an important aspect of our new T.A.G. – YOU'RE IT! Middle/High School curriculum. In an attempt to be more responsive to the needs and wants of our teenagers, and a strong desire to keep more middle and high school students involved in Jewish education, this unique track has proven to be encouraging. The classes have been well supported by our congregational families – enrollment has grown over the past year, and we continue to see positive results.

At the end of each "mini-mester," the students fill out class evaluation forms. Comments that have come back have been totally positive due to the excellent quality of teachers, and the serious approach the students and teachers have given to the new concept. Some student comments are:

- "We are the last generation to hear a Holocaust survivor. We must remember and make sure this does not happen again."
- "The strengths in Lee Needelman's class, God Concept, were the many speakers of different faiths sharing their beliefs of God with us. The only thing I would do to improve the class is have more time. Ninety minutes isn't long enough!"
- "Gary Katz is great. We learned about Jewish literature without even a break during class. He taught us with his humor and his seriousness!"



Bring your mom, your dad and your little sister Sue...
Your aunt, your cousin and your whacky Uncle Lou.

Think of everyone you know
and give them an invite,
to **HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS...**
what a fun and special night!



Tell them to wear their jammies to Temple
(no, we're not teasing!)
and come enjoy a service-in-song, plus a dinner that's quite pleasing.



It's open to the community and everyone will be there.
You can bring your blankie, your binkie and your much-loved teddy bear!

Please let us know if you'll be here, so we'll have enough to eat.
Have your parents call 556-6536...WOW! This is such a treat.

**Havdalah in Pajamas
with Steve Brodsky
Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m.
Temple Israel
(7023 Cass Street)**



(There is no charge for the all-you-can-eat child-friendly buffet of mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, pizza bites, cheese sticks, milk and punch.)

HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS, sponsored by the Janis Yale Enrichment Fund of Temple Israel, is for families with children in the sixth grade and younger.



STEVE BRODSKY (pictured left) is a singer, songwriter, performer, Cantorial Soloist and Jewish music educator from Denver, Colorado. Steve cultivated his musical talents right here in Omaha at Temple Israel with his friends Josh Zweiback and Ken Chasen, in the highly popular group MAH TOVU. In-between performing with his bands (Steve Brodsky and Friends and Sababa), Steve is the regional educator for the Midwest Council of the Union for Reform Judaism, and is a marketing and support specialist for the CHAI curriculum and Mitkadem Hebrew Program (both URJ publications).

Worship Services

Friday~March 30

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 31

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Friday~April 6

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following

Saturday~April 7

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion
Exodus 33:12-34:26
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Friday~April 13

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to Remington
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~April 14

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Levinger
Daughter of Bonnie and Steve Levinger
Torah Portion: Shemini
Leviticus 9:1-11-47
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17

Friday~April 20

6 p.m.
Caring Shabbat Service

Saturday~April 21

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Fox
Son of Marta and Ira Fox
Torah Portion: Tazria-Metzora
Leviticus 12:1-15:33
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

Friday~April 27

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service / Shabbat Shalom

Saturday~April 28

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Davis
Son of Mary Kay Davis and
Henry Davis
Torah Portion: Achare Mot-Kedoshim
Leviticus 16:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Friday~May 4

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service led by Grade 3
6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following

Saturday~May 5

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Yizkor

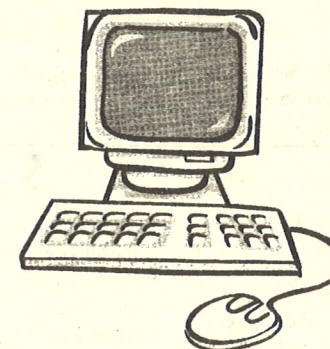
If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Monday, April 9**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names. Please phone by **Thursday, April 5**.

Birthday Blessings

Family Service

Friday, April 6, 6 p.m.

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



IT'S HERE! The Temple website is up-to-date and waiting for you. Check out the easy navigation and fascinating features. The Temple website is www.templeisrael-ne.org

Sitter Service

is available...

- each Friday evening service except when there is Tot Shabbat;
- Saturday mornings when there is a bar or bat mitzvah;
- Sunday mornings when there is Religious School.

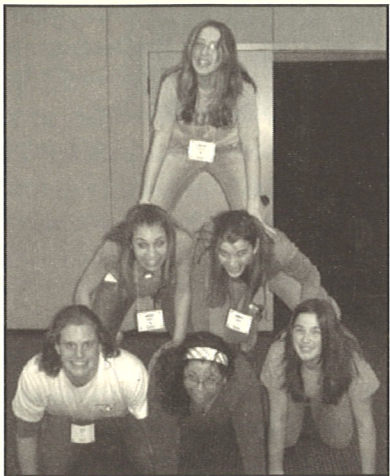
Advance reservations and a \$5 donation are appreciated. Please email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					30	31 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	2	3 <i>Pesach</i> Office Closed Passover Service 10:30 a.m. Congregational Seder 6 p.m.	4 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Black/Jewish Seder 6 p.m.	5	6 Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	7 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
April 8 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	9 <i>Conclusion of Passover</i> OFFICE CLOSED Service and Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	10 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	11 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m.	12 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. Torah on Wheels at Bergman Incentives Noon	13 Shabbat Comes to You at Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	14 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Levinger Havdalah in PJ's with Steve Brodsky 5 p.m.
15 Teacher Learning Coffee 9 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Four B's 10:30 a.m. Club 56 Picnic and a Mitzvah Noon	16 Brooks Lecture at UNO 7:30 p.m.	17 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.	18 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL Community Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service 7 p.m.	19 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. Long Range Planning Meeting Noon	20 Minister's Institute 10 a.m. Caring Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	21 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Alex Fox
22 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K-2, 4-6 10 a.m. - Noon WRJ Booksale Workday 10 a.m. Tapestry Workshop 10 a.m. Grade 3 at Blumkin 10:15 a.m. Grade 2 Parents' Meeting 10:45 a.m.	23	24 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	25 Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. JYG Mexican Meseeba 5 p.m. Scrapbook Club 5 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7 - 12 6-8 p.m.	26 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. RSSC Meeting Noon	27 Shabbat Service Shabbat Shalom 6 p.m.	28 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Davis
29 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grade 1 Parent Meeting 10 a.m. Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon LRP Committee Training 10 a.m. Cradle Roll 10:30 a.m.	30	1 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Made in America with Bette Evans 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m. May	2 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m.	3 Adult Study with the Clergy Noa Baum 10-11:30 a.m. Torah on Wheels at Krieger & Krieger Law Offices Noon	4 WRJ Donor Tea with Noa Baum 1 - 2 p.m. Grade 3 Shabbat Service and Dinner 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner following 6 p.m.	5 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Maria Harding Flute Concert 7:30 p.m.

Junior Youth Groupers Hit Denver in a Storm of Fun

Yaniv Azriel, Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Grace Hack, Emily Katz, Jordan Kohll, Ben Noodell and Alexis Slutzky bonded in a nutty way at the NFTY Junior Youth Group Chavurah in Denver, CO, March 9-11. Chaperones Leora Azriel and Jeff Gates joined in the fun. The theme for the weekend was "Mo-Valley: It's Time to Grow," and our group grew to become good friends.



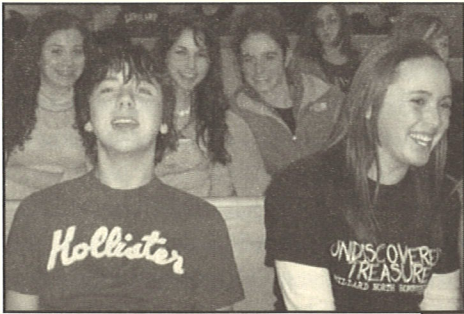
After Learning From a Pro, We Put Thought Into Action



"Mitzvah Maven" Danny Siegel (pictured left with Rabbi Azriel) returned to Omaha in February to re-spark Temple's middle and high schoolers' commitment to tikkun olam and gemilut chasadim.



The next week, Grades 11 and 12 students (including Aaron Passer, Jessie Danon and Amy Schweid, pictured right) made journals and decorated frisbees and visors for Camp Rainbow and Camp CoHoLo campers.



Grades 9 and 10 students delivered over 100 pounds of clothes and toys to the Open Door Mission. Pictured left, front: Zach Spooner and Amanda Bucher. Back: Brenna Robinson, Zoe Vann, Amy Levinger and Hannah Grossman.

Grades 7 and 8 visited Quality Living. Sandy Nogg, the "Gift Shop Lady" and evening storyteller, read the book *The Keeping Quilt*, by Patricia Polacco, and the students and residents shared their stories of important memories and keepsakes. Pictured right, l to r: Sandy Nogg, Jacob Lehr and Steven Vinci display the quilt that the Quality Living residents made.



All 5th & 6th Graders are invited to the



Club 56 Picnic & a Mitzvah Day!
Sunday, April 15
Noon - 2 p.m.

We'll have some crazy races and play some whacky games... eat a great picnic outside on the lawn... and then make some bagged lunches to share with an area shelter!
Cost is \$5
Please RSVP to
Leora Azriel, 960-5796 or
Lori Bennett, 556-6536.

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solar races and more!
Cost is \$5.

Please RSVP to Leora at
960 5796.



Day of Interfaith Youth Service (DIYS)

Sunday, April 29

Join OTYG and participate in a community service project with your Episcopal and Muslim peers! This event is part of the Tri-Faith Initiative at Temple and was inspired by the international service organization, the Interfaith Youth Corps.

Learn more about DIYS events occurring across the country in April and about the Interfaith Youth Corps at www.ifyc.org. Or, contact Temple Israel OTYG advisor Amy Cotton, acotton@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536, for more information.

Save the Date!

11th Annual Shabbat Across America

Friday, May 4 at Beth El Synagogue

Join tens of thousands of Jews across America as we come together with other ninth through twelfth graders in our community to eat, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate!

Watch for upcoming details.

HEY all you Temple Israel 8th graders!

Going into 9th grade isn't all about changing schools...it also means you can become an official OTYG member and go to all the really fun and cool events and chavurot!

Get ready to attend our Rush Party in May. We're planning an awesome time...we'll let you know when and where!



A Voice From Israel

Sarah Bleicher

Shalom from Israel! I am currently attending a NFTY program called EIE - the Eisendrath International Exchange. The program is for four and a half months. I've been here for weeks already and I'm loving every moment!

We live and go to school on Kibbutz Tzuba, located in the Judean Hills - about 10 minutes outside of Jerusalem. I'm taking all of the same classes I take at home, plus Hebrew and Jewish History. My Hebrew has improved in so many ways since I've been here - I can read, write, and speak so much better! We have Jewish History for three hours each day. We also go on trips at least once a week for Jewish History class. It's so cool that we can use Israel as our classroom.

In EIE we go on three big trips. We just returned from the first! We visited the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, Masada, Eilat, the Red Sea, and we also participated in Gadna, a five-day basic training for the Israeli Army. I loved it all!

In about two weeks we leave for a pilgrimage to Poland to learn all about the Holocaust. Right after that we have a five-day hike called Yam l'Yam (from sea to sea). We will hike from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean Sea! We also have t'fillot everyday and sometimes on site when we have trips. Not only are we praying but we are also learning about the services, and other traditions of Judaism.

The people are all so nice and I have made so many new life-long friends. I am loving every moment I spend here and I would highly recommend this program to anybody.

Three Generations of Temple Youth at Chavurah

NFTY alumni and Temple Israel JYG Advisor Leora Azriel chaperoned her brother, Yaniv, on his first JYG chavurah. The two met up with fellow NFTY alum Marci Brookstein (daughter of Debbie and Spencer Brookstein), a special education teacher in Denver. Marci is currently working on her masters in counseling.



OTYGers Attend NFTY Convention in Philadelphia

Youth groups, including OTYG, from across North America attended the Bi-Annual National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) National Convention, the largest gathering of its kind, February 16-20, in Philadelphia, PA. It was an opportunity to learn about, connect with, and have fun experiencing different aspects of Judaism together. OTYGers Jackie Neesman, Molly Goldberg, and Annie Rips (pictured below l-r) attended. All three had "a great time!" and the best five days of their lives!

One of the highlights of the Convention was a visit by Jewish celebrity and NFTY Social Action Award Winner Scott Wolf with a Sudanese guest to encourage action against genocide in Darfur and to inform NFTYites about the Chier Foundation. "Chier" means "the North Star" in a Sudanese dialect. The Foundation provides college scholarships and guidance for Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan who have settled in Utah (www.chierfoundation.org).

Amy Cotton, OTYG advisor, attended the Union for Reform Judaism Youth Workers Conference while the students attended the Convention. Amy learned about networking and sharing ideas with clergy and Jewish youth programming personnel from across North America.



Welcome New Members!

Tim and Denise Kully
Cameron, Kindergarten
Sydney, age 4

Tim had his Bar Mitzvah in 1985 at Temple; he works at the First National Bank of Omaha. His hobbies include golf, ping pong and hanging out with his kids. Denise works at the Nebraska Medical Center and enjoys going to movies, art, fishing and playing with her kids. They joined Temple to continue their kids' Jewish studies that began at the CDC. Cameron loves to play sports and he enjoys painting, music, fishing, camping and being completely silly. Sydney loves playing with dolls, listening to music, playing games, doing puzzles and being around her big brother.

Gold Members Club Stories of Members Who Have Belonged to Temple Israel for 50 Years or More

Bernie Altsuler has been a member of Temple Israel since 1956. He and his late wife Shirley and their two sons, Jeffrey and Scott, lived close enough to Temple to walk. But it wasn't the close proximity that drew Bernie to Temple. He joined because he enjoys the Reform Movement, he liked the rabbi and his brother Harry had been a member. Over the years, Bernie became close friends with Rabbi Sidney Brooks. Bernie also recalled that the congregation back in the 1950s was small. "I've seen it grow," he acknowledged.

Bernie especially enjoys attending High Holy Day services at Temple. Some of his happiest memories are attending the weddings of his children at Temple. Nowadays, Bernie spends a lot of time volunteering at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

Symphony Flutist Maria Harding and Cantor Wendy Shermet in Concert Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.

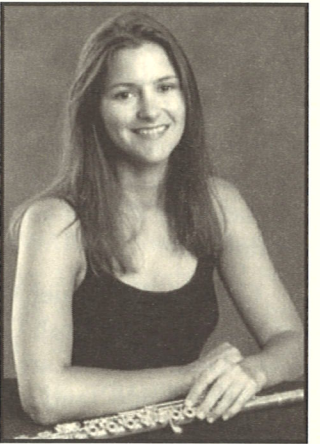
"One of our greatest assets..." Maria Harding, principal flutist with the Omaha Symphony for eight years, "shines as a star among stars," said Victor Yampolsky, Omaha Symphony music director emeritus. May 5 is *Lag b'Omer*, the one day during the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot when Jews are permitted to celebrate.

"I love singing with Maria," Cantor Shermet remarked. "Maria's an excellent musician and singing with her is a rare treat."

Maria, currently on leave from her permanent position with the Omaha Symphony, lives in Kansas City with her husband Nestor Herszbaum who is playing his second season as principal flutist of the Kansas City Symphony. In between caring for her two young children, Uri, seven, and Mila, four, Maria is active as a soloist and a teacher. "I do love traveling to play in other cities," she said, "and most of my work offers these past two years have been from out-of-town orchestras and touring companies. I have to turn many of them down in order to dedicate myself more completely to my children!" She hopes the touring can wait until they are older.

Among her awards, Maria won first place as a soloist in a major competition with the National Flute Association in 1989.

Following the concert, there will be a wine and cheese reception. Tickets for this event are \$12 in advance and \$18 at the door. Patron tickets are \$36 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Temple.



UNO Brooks Lecture Speaker to Discuss Jewish Experience in Muslim World Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

W.H. Thompson Alumni Center

Daniel J. Schroeter, professor of history, School of Humanities and Teller Family Chair in Jewish History at the University of California in Irvine, will speak about "The Jewish Experience in the Muslim World." He'll be the guest lecturer at the annual Rabbi Sidney Brooks Lecture at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The public is welcome to attend at no charge.

Seeking to integrate the history of the Jews of Africa and Asia into the experience of the modern Jewish world, Dr. Schroeter is particularly interested in the history of Morocco and its Jewish minority. His first book, *The Sultan's Jew*, focuses on urban society in Essaouira, Morocco's principal seaport in the nineteenth century. He studies the history of the Jewish community of Essaouira in an effort to understand the transformation of Moroccan Jewry. His book raises new questions about Muslim-Jewish relations and the relationship of Jews to the state in Morocco.

Dr. Schroeter also has studied Jewish communities among predominately Berber populations in rural Morocco revealing the coexistence of Muslims and Jews and the intermingling of their cultures.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Turner James Bostick, son of Jennifer Feldman and James Bostick. Grandparents are Pete and Becca Thomas, Hamburg, IA, and Angela and Mark Bostick. Great-grandparents are Marilyn Treller and the late Edward Treller. Great-great-grandparents are Charlotte and the late Samuel Kaplan, and Marion and the late Harry Abramson.

Camden Nathaniel Martin Cooper, son of Laurie and Josh Cooper, Aurora, CO. Grandparents are Susie and Jeff Cooper, Linda and Larry Rhoten, Coldspring, TX, and Ronda Suvalsky Thompson, Scottsdale, AZ.

Voices from the Pews: Sharing Our Stories

"I went to Sunday School at Temple and got married there in June 1994," said **Craig Saylan**. "I'm a people person and love ushering -- helping people," he added. Craig has great memories of Rabbi Sidney Brooks. "He was a wonderful man and a very good rabbi."

Jeff Slutzky and his wife Lesley have been members of Temple for about 12 years. They have three children: Justin, Jordan and Alexis. Jeff has helped cook for Temple events and been to numerous speaker events. He will always remember how Temple's former rabbi, Craig Marantz, "was with us three or four times a day when my mother (who was from Lincoln) was passing away. When my mother was buried, we had Rabbi Azriel and rabbis from Lincoln and from Beth El with us, too."

"I enjoy going to services. I used to go all the time," remarked **Merrian Spiegel**, a member of Temple for eight or nine years. "I find that certain people are extremely nice and I've made a lot of nice friends there."

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Ruth Altsuler, mother of Arnie Altsuler and Carol Cohen, sister of Willard Friedman, and aunt of Howard and Tom Friedman, Sue Millward, Dodi Redler, and Anne Shackman;

Irene Carter, mother of Joan Rosen, grandmother of Adam and John Rosen, and aunt of Sandy Epstein and Rocky Lewis;

Bernice Harris, aunt of Claudia Sherman;

Barbara Kantor, sister of Carol Goldberg, and aunt of Marla Cohen and Bruce and David Goldberg;

Abner Krasne, husband of Beverlee Krasne, father of Mark and Howard Krasne and Terri Martin-Schweer, brother of Edythe Kavich, and uncle of Linda Gordman and Larry Kavich;

Liza Laykin, grandmother of Tanya Seina;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Did You Know?

• Lonnie Williams, who has been on the staff the longest of any current employee, has worked at Temple Israel since 1972. His father also worked at Temple for eight or nine years, and for several years, they worked at the synagogue together.

• Doris Parker and Dora Goldstrom also hold some longevity records. They have been teachers in the religious school at Temple longer than any other instructors. Dora has been a Temple teacher for about 24 years. Doris has taught Religious School for 58 years -- 21 of those years at Temple. In fact, Doris was Dora's teacher at Beth Israel Synagogue!

• The *Temple Tidings* had its origin in 1913 and with the exception of brief periods during the Depression, the publication has been in print continuously since then.

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

If you wish to contribute to any of these funds at a different level, please advise the Temple staff.

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

Keep Us Informed

Changes in privacy laws now restrict hospital chaplain offices from notifying Temple about congregants who are patients. We want to visit our members. You can help us keep in contact by:

1. Calling Temple prior to a scheduled hospital stay.
2. During admissions, inform the hospital staff of your Temple affiliation and give permission for your name to be released to the Temple office.
3. If you are unexpectedly admitted to the hospital, ask a family member or friend to call Temple.
4. Call and tell us if someone you know is ill or in the hospital and might be helped by a visit or telephone call.

Help us keep in contact with our Temple family!