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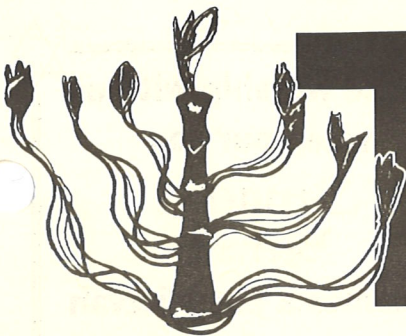
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Temple Israel Tidings

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Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi David J. Forman

“Israel in the Eyes of American Jewry”

Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29

Many North American Jews define their Judaism exclusively in religious terms. Diaspora Jewry has become faith-based. But Judaism is more than a religious expression. It includes land, people, state, and language -- a concept of *Klal Yisrael* (the entirety of the people Israel), explains Rabbi David Forman.

Founder of Rabbis for Human ghts (RHR), Rabbi Forman returns to Temple Israel this fall for an entire weekend of conversation and debate. When he was here in November 2005, he addressed Jewish schizophrenia in Israel. This time, he'll contrast the relationships between Jews in Israel, Jews and the Moslem world, Jews and the Christian community, and Israel and the Diaspora.

Sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning, Rabbi Forman will give the *d'var* Torah on “Four Major Concerns of the Jewish State” at the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat worship service on **Friday, October 27**. At Sparks Beneath the Surface at 9:15 a.m. on **Saturday, October 28**, he'll focus on “From Noah to Abraham: Universalism Versus Particularism.”

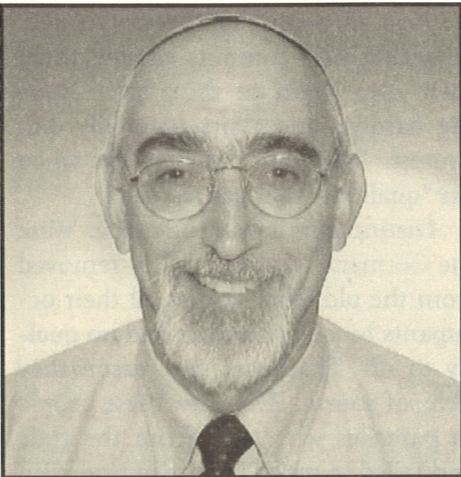
That evening, he'll be the guest at an Israel Lover's Dinner and *Havdallah* at 7 p.m. at the Mediterranean Bistro,

1712 North 120th Street. Enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine and conversation with Rabbi Forman about his experience making *aliyah* and juggling an American-Israeli identity. To conclude the weekend, Rabbi Forman, a veteran of the first war in Lebanon, will reflect on the recent war in Lebanon when he speaks at 10 a.m. on **Sunday, October 29**, in the Milder Center.

Rabbi Forman has held a number of key leadership positions during his rabbinic career including director of the Israel Office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism) where he led the struggle for religious pluralism in Israel. Prior to that, he was the chairperson of Interns for Peace from 1984 to 1986, founding chairperson of both the Jerusalem Council for Soviet Jewry and the Cincinnati Council for Soviet Jewry, vice-chairperson of Seminarians for Peace, and a member of Clergy and Laity against the War in Vietnam.

In 1964, Rabbi Forman joined the Freedom Riders in challenging southern America's Jim Crow laws and non-compliance with a U.S. Supreme Court decision that prohibited segregation in all interstate public transportation facilities.

Since he spoke at Temple Israel last



year, Rabbi Forman has served as scholar-in-residence at Washington Hebrew Congregation for a month, teaching a number of courses and giving lectures. He also met a number of times with the bishops of the National Cathedral while in Washington, D.C.

Rabbi Forman holds a Doctor of Divinity degree and received his rabbinic ordination and master's degree from Hebrew Union College. After making *aliyah* some 30 years ago, he served in the Israel Defense Force. Between 1977 and 1991, he was a Deputy Commanding Officer in the Artillery Corps of the Israeli Army and received a citation for meritorious service in 1990.

Author of numerous books, he has also written articles and columns that have appeared in *Jerusalem Report*, *Moment Magazine*, *Journal of Reform Judaism*, *Challenge*, *Forward*, *Davar*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *Ha'aretz*, and the Anglo-Jewish press.



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MANY STORIES...ONE CONGREGATION

AS I SEE IT...

I am troubled by the new catch-all old term "quality of life." Quality of life sounds wonderful but it can mean almost anything. For some "quality of life" is the distinction between a comatose person sustained on a mechanical life support system and death. For others "quality of life" suggests full capacity and complete mobility. Anything less lacks quality. Every once in a while, we hear of people in the early stages of ageing who commits suicide when their eyes begin to dim, their hearing hardens and stairs seem like Mt. Everest. They don't want to live when the "quality of life" has lessened.

Distinctions have to be made. Were the Germans right when they removed from the old folks' homes all their occupants because their life had no quality to it? That's not the reason they gave, of course. They saw these people as parasites who took from the state and failed to make a contribution. But one could as easily make the argument that someone confined to a wheelchair faces a life without quality.

Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929) was a significant Jewish German philosopher who lived during the early decades of last century. Shortly after the First World War Rosenzweig, then only 35 years of age, contracted a paralytic bone disease. He became bedridden and progressively lost control of his limbs. Ultimately, he was unable to move. Rosenzweig lived in that condition for another eight years. And during that period, though he lay on a mattress grave, he translated and annotated a volume of Judah-ha-Levy's poetry and worked with Martin Buber on a new translation of the Bible into German. Toward the end, he could communicate only by pointing to the keys of a typewriter board. His wife or someone at the bedside would press the indicated key. I doubt that Rosenzweig would make the same quality of life decision as many who speak facilely of its importance.

Some years ago, a distraught woman came to my study. Her mother, a proud

and vain woman in her mid-seventies, had taken an overdose of sleeping pills. She had feared aging, what she called loss of the quality of life. The daughter was distraught. "Mother never trusted me. I wanted so much to take care of her, to help her. I wanted to bring her into our home. I wanted to support her as she had supported me. She never gave me a chance. There was so much I wanted to talk about with her. So much we could have done and now all this is denied me. She never trusted me." Quality of life judgments can be selfish judgments.

Platitudes are easily spoken. Thinking is a difficult and time consuming process, yet we need to think. Terms like life and death need to be defined in the light of today's realities. Our legal system needs to examine the question whether there is a right to die; to find ways to remove doctors from the threat of malpractice suits when they know that it's time to stop and to insure that hospitals will not become prisoners of administrative systems which make prisoners out of patients. After all, hospitals, presumably, were designed for our benefit. The medical profession needs to rethink its purpose. Must the doctor do all that can be done to prolong something called life? Must the dying always be put on machines? When can the machine be turned off? By whom? Difficult decisions must be made. Who should make them? And how much should the patient's desires affect such decisions? Do we not have a right to say: "No more; it's enough?" Do we flaunt God's gift of life, if at some point we say: "I cannot move, I cannot control my bodily functions; I cannot remember hardly a thing – enough?"

Remember, as we face these challenges: "An innocent, however well intentioned, cannot be a saint."

Aviyah Azriel

Please worship with us
when our son
Samuel
שמואל
becomes a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, October 21
at 10:30 in the morning
Cantor Wendy Shermet
and Len Burrell

Men's Club
Jessie Rasmussen
to Speak on
Ballot Issue
Sunday, October 22
10:30 a.m.

Temple Men's Club will welcome Jessie Rasmussen, early childhood policy director of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF), to speak about an early childhood education initiative that will be on the November ballot.

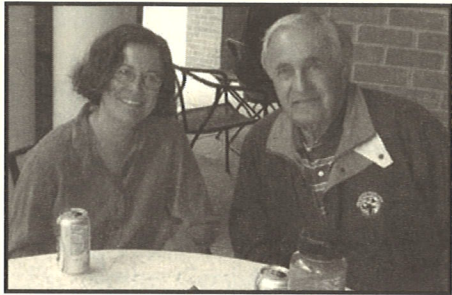
The initiative calls for the state to match a 20 million dollar private donation with ten million dollars to fund early childhood education programs. The proposal gives Nebraska an opportunity to be a model in this area for other states in the nation.

Rasmussen, a former Nebraska state senator, is the senior level representative for NCFF on state and national task forces, advisory committees, and coalitions. With more than 20 years of experience as a policy leader, advocate and consultant in early childhood education, Rasmussen has worked as advocate, a statewide trainer for early childhood professionals and as a Head Start preschool teacher.

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Welcome New Members!
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Erika Felt
Davi'd, 4th Grade
Armond, 4 months old
Erika, from Portland, Oregon, is returning to the Jewish community after a hiatus of over 20 years. She has been in Omaha for ten years and provides childcare in her home. Her son Davi'd attends Lothrop Magnet Center. Erika is an e-bay junkie! She runs a clearing-house of children's items and all proceeds fund field trips for her childcare children.
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Lawrence Kipperman
Originally from Rock Island, Illinois, Dr. Kipperman is a clinical psychologist working for the Veterans Health Administration counseling combat veterans. He wanted to connect to the Jewish community and a visit to Temple Israel helped him realize that "this was it. This was home!" He has two grown sons, one in Illinois and one in Wisconsin.
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Susan Long
Susan works in finance for Alegent Health. She has lived in Omaha forever. Susan loves to cook and she's pretty good at it. Her brisket is a specialty!
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Pam and Michael Rosen
Zach, 8th Grade
Mara, 6th Grade
Andy, 4th Grade
Wisconsin natives, the Rosens moved to Omaha this summer from Milwaukee for Michael's job with Homeland Security. Pam is an E.R. nurse with Alegent Health at Lakeside Hospital. Zach loves sports and music. Mara enjoys flute, piano and reading. Andy likes sports, science and math. Molly, the dog, is interested in long walks.
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Golf Outing and Raffle Sink a Winner for Temple Israel

Thanks to 120 golfers who turned out on a damp Monday afternoon at Ironwood Country Club, 61 sponsors, the 2006 Golf Outing Committee, and an untold number of raffle purchasers, the Golf Outing and raffle in late August combined with the raffle on the first day of Religious School raised about \$29,000. The proceeds are used to support Temple's Religious School, youth groups, and worship services.



Savoring the tasty cuisine and conversation, Cantor Wendy Shermet and Mike Erman (pictured above) prepare to take to the links. After the "start your engines" call, golf carts spilled on to the course, dodging raindrops and soaking in the fun.

We are grateful to the following Hole Sponsors: AAA Rents; AOI Corp.; Associated Underwriters; The Azriel Family; Bag 'n Save; Blackwell Sanders; Fran and Louie Blumkin; Chris and Ron Blumkin; Broadmoor Development; CB Richard Ellis/MEGA; Central Distributing; Alan and Marty Cohen/CBSHome Real Estate; Janey and Jerry Dann; Elliott Equipment Company; Mike Erman Family; ESI Communications; Toby Fellman; Frankel, Zacharia, LLC; Fraser Stryker Law Firm; Michael Goldstein, M.D.; Grace/Mayer Insurance Agency; Nancy and Don Greenberg; I-GO Van and Storage; JNL Enterprise, Inc.; John A. Gentleman Mortuary; Kutak Rock; Lexus of Omaha; Rabbi Eric Linder; The Lund Company; Nebraska Warehouse; Nebraska Wine and Spirits; Noddle Development; Omaha Compound Company; Omaha Paper Stock; Omaha Steaks; Pacific Realty; Parking Area Maintenance; Jeffrey Passer, M.D., P.C.; Paul Gerber Auto Sales; Pharmacy Express Services, Inc.; N. Pitlor and Son; PJ Morgan Real Estate; Republic Beverage Company; Seim Johnson; Sivi and Larry Roffman; The Schneiderman Family; Senior Market Sales, Inc.; Anne and Bruce Shackman; The Shermet-Burrell Family; Spirit World; Thermal Services, Inc.; UBS Financial Services; U.S. Optical; Wells Fargo Bank; and Wolf Brothers.

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Without the golf committee and the following volunteers, our annual golf outing would not be the success it continues to be: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel; Elyce Azriel; Jim Farber; Rick Fox; John Glazer; David Goldberg; Wendy Goldberg; Misty Heller; Rabbi Eric Linder; Denise Meyers; Joe Meyers; Jon Meyers; Michael Miller; Steve Redler; Scott Schneiderman; Cantor Wendy Shermet; Mike Siegel; Jeff Smedlund; Adam Yale; and Rosie Zweiback.

Adult Education

What's the Buzz...

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



"Are the Jewish Stories My Stories?" Sunday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

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

"A Help Mate: The Art of Living Together in Stories of Adam and Eve" Sunday, November 5, 10:30 a.m.

Finger pointing, trust issues, failure to take responsibility~Adam and Eve weren't the only couple with problems but they might have been the first. Join Rabbi Aryeh Azriel to explore this narrative that can teach us how to be good partners and how to find healing and resolution in our own lives.

All 4 B's proceed our monthly all school prayer assembly at 10:00 a.m.

King David to Spark Weekly Sparks Beneath the Surface Saturday Morning Study Sessions 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Poet, warrior and king, David loomed large in myth and legend through the centuries, and he continues to haunt our collective imagination. His flaws and inconsistencies make him one of the most implausible of biblical heroes.

Robert Pinsky, former poet laureate of the United States, plumbs the depths of David's life, his triumphs and his failures in his book, *The Life of David*.

Starting **Saturday, November 4**, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will dedicate four mornings to this highly compelling book.

New learners, particularly lovers of great books, are always welcome to join Sparks Beneath the Surface for this special four-week study and throughout the year. *The Life of David* is available for purchase in the Temple office for \$13. Rabbi Azriel will also have copies available at the Shabbat morning class. If you would like *The Life of David* by Robert Pinsky, please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Share the Moment

Tuesday, October 17, Noon

"Share the Moment" with Lee Needelman. She will get the monthly magazine discussion group turning pages. Is there a magazine article you haven't read yet?

What's Jewish on the Web?

Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m.

Navigate your interest in all things Jewish on the world wide web. Learn how to access information including the latest news, blogs, podcasts, Torah commentaries and more. Wendy Goldberg, president of the Temple Board, has been operating a small business providing computer training for nearly 12 years. "This class is not about how to use a computer. It's an overview of Jewish resources such as websites about Jewish social justice. You don't need a laptop to participate. I will provide take-home information that any level of computer user will find useful," she said.

The class continues on November 1, 8, and 15. The fee is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members to enroll.

To register, send an email message to Temple's Program Director, Rosie Zweiback at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com or by calling her at 556-6536.

Big Love

Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will talk about a family with a lot of issues when he introduces "Big Love: The Troubling Family Triangle of Sarai, Avram and Hagar." It could be "kissing cousins" or "bloody foes," but it's "all in the family" when the rabbi examines four generations of ancestors who gave birth and provided life patterns to the Jewish people and to the other nations known as the children of Abraham.

Subsequent "therapy" sessions are on **October 31, November 7 and 14**. The fee is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Torah Keeps on Rolling

Thursday, November 2, Noon

Torah on Wheels will roll into Spirit World at 74th and Pacific for the second in a series of monthly Torah learning lunches. Denny Lewis will host the November get-together. Please make a reservation for lunch at the Spirit World Deli by calling Temple at 556-6536. Everyone is welcome to attend Torah on Wheels. Cost is \$6.

Classes are sponsored by the
Hermene Zweiback Center for
Lifelong Jewish Learning.

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Earn credits for Adult Jewish Study!
Set a goal of 100 hours of Jewish
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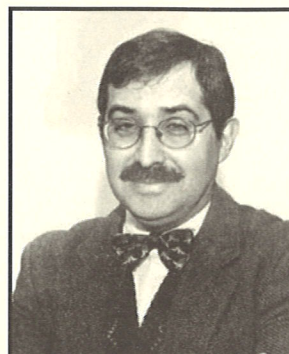
- 10 minutes of Torah
- participate in a kallah
- scholar-in-residence talks
- read Jewish books
- visit Jewish websites and more!

One hour of learning equals one KEVA credit. KEVA learning log are available from Program Director Rosie Zweiback or on-line at <http://urj.org/educate/adults/keva>.

Dr. Richard A. Freund "Did the Exodus Happen? Observations from Archaeology"

Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

"Many archaeologists, rabbis, historians, Egyptologists and Bible scholars have lined up on two sides of the question of whether the



Exodus happened the way the Bible tells it or not," said Dr. Freund, the Maurice Greenberg Professor of Jewish History and director of the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, Connecticut.

In his latest book, *Digging Through the Bible: People, Places, and Controversies*, to be published in 2007, "I have put all of the arguments together with some new archaeological insights with a surprising conclusion," according to Dr. Freund who has been a guest speaker at Temple numerous times over the past 17 years. He finds it "always a pleasure to return to Temple!"

His return in November is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

An ordained rabbi, Dr. Freund holds doctoral and master's degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America as well as several undergraduate degrees.

Welcome

"The giving of Torah happened at one specific time, but the receiving of the Torah happens all the time, in every generation."

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome Susan Long and Linden David Swensen who have recently chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!

19th Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium

Sunday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. at
the Jewish Community Center

"Jewish Music: What is That?" with keynote speaker, Josh Jacobson, founder of Zamir Chorale of Boston.

Monday, October 30, 2:30 p.m. at
Creighton University

"The Making of a Cantor" with Cantor Wendy Shermet.

For more information or topics, visit <http://puffin.creighton.edu/klutznick>.



The Great Plains Hanukkah Concert Rededication to Our Children

Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m.

The Hanukkah Concert will feature our Great Plains children and draws from the synagogues of Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota and eastern Wyoming.

Celebrating both Hanukkah and Thanksgiving, the concert will be held at Beth El Synagogue followed by a reception.

Healing

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.

The Center for Jewish Education

Elie Wiesel - His Other Works will be taught by Kripke Jewish Federation Library Administrator, Gary Katz, on Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, from 11 a.m. to Noon in the Federation Library.

Survival in a Tough Neighborhood: Israel in the Middle East will be taught by Dr. Moshe Gershovich, University of Nebraska at Omaha. The class will meet Mondays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Center for Jewish Education classroom at the Jewish Community Center. The course will give an overview of the conflict between Israel and the Arab world and an assessment of the future of Israel within the regional context.

Derech Torah: Judaism 101 is a 25-session introduction course to Judaism. It begins on Monday, October 16, and will be taught by the Center for Jewish Education (CJE) Executive Director Professor Guy Matalon. Books for the course are *Jewish Literacy* by Joseph Telushkin and the JPS Tanakh. Class times are 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of a grant from the Robert I. Lappin Charitable Foundation, there will be no charge for tuition for this year's class. Participants are responsible for the cost of materials.

Jewish Ethical Wills, taught by Dr. Guy Matalon, will meet on Mondays in November from 11 a.m. to noon. The goal of an ethical will is to bequeath sacred guidance for future descendants. The course will examine ethical wills from the time they are developed until modern times. The last session will involve writing an ethical will.

Eye on Israel continues to meet on Tuesdays in November, January, March and May from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Federation Library. Dr. Matalon and various guests lead the discussions on current happenings in Israel and the Middle East.

CJE sponsors these classes. For tuition costs and to register, please call 334-6445.



Celebrate Sukkot Friday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Bring the baby, grandma and grandpa, and your friends!
And **BE SURE** to bring a potluck dish to share!
Family Worship Service and Birthday Blessings at 7 p.m.
It's free but reservations are needed.

Tot Shabbat and Cradle Roll Worship Service Saturday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.

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

And that's not all!

Simchat Torah

Consecration of Kindergartners and Other New Students Friday, October 13, 7 p.m.

Rejoice with Torah, the Fabrangens Fiddlers, dancing, singing, hakafot and an ice cream Oneg to top it off.

Endowment Fund Maintains Three Cemeteries

Temple Israel's Cemetery Endowment Fund assists in the operation and maintenance of the Temple Israel Cemetery. Our congregation also maintains the upkeep of B'nai Jacob and B'nai Shalom, Orthodox cemeteries adjacent to the Temple Israel Cemetery.

"The cemetery fund pays for such tasks as maintaining the integrity of the headstones, shoveling the walks, mowing, watering and fertilizing the lawns, and landscaping," said Dennis DePorte, Executive Director of Temple. "In recent years, expenses have risen. We have greatly depended on the interest income from the cemetery fund to help meet those increasing costs."

Minimum contributions of \$6 will help sustain the cemetery fund. Call the Temple office, 556-6536, or email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make a donation in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one.

Your Story...Many Stories...One Congregational Tapestry

Imagine a tapestry that tells the story of Temple Israel through color, symbols, texture and collage. Picture a tapestry that represents the members of this *kehilah kedosha* (holy community) and how they connect to each other, to Temple and to Judaism. Envision a work of art for our new building that congregants create themselves, one square block at a time.

On a 10-inch by 10-inch fabric square, tell your Jewish story. Your fabric block can be representational or symbolic, bold or muted, multi-layered or simple. It can be something that symbolizes or represents your family. Limited only by your imagination, you can use embroidery, stitchery, beads, monogram, findings, appliqué, quilting, photo transfers, fabric paints, buttons, ribbons, fiber, crochet, crewel, needlepoint, permanent markers....you get the idea. Please leave a one-inch border all around the square to protect the integrity of your design.

When your block is complete, write a brief explanation of what the symbols, colors, etc. mean and what you are communicating about yourself, your family and your connection to Temple Israel. Each block will be connected to 17 other squares and assembled by the Tapestry Committee of Marge Bresel, Ducky Milder, Lee Needelman, Wendy Manvitz, Jennine Goldberg, Sandy Passer, Esther Bogdanoff, Doris Alloy, Kim Placzek, Cheri Ginsburg and Rosie Zweiback. They will create as many tapestries as needed to include all the squares so that everyone who wants to participate will be included.

These expressions of Jewish community, belonging and family connections will be used in our new synagogue as an artistic expression of our history, diversity and unity.

For more information, you can attend a workshop at Temple at 10 a.m. on **Sunday, November 12**. Blocks of fabric will be available at Temple during office hours. A suggested donation of \$18 will help defray the expense of creating the tapestries.

Roster Updates Needed!

Does Temple have your current email address, mailing address, or phone number?

It is time to get a current congregational roster compiled and printed for your blue Temple binder. Information included for all Temple families is:

- Names (including children)
- Home Address
- Home Phone Number
- Adult Email Address

To verify the data we have on file OR if you would prefer not to have any of the above-listed information printed in the roster, please contact the Temple office at tisrael@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536 by **Monday, October 16**.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha



Sukkot Dinner

Friday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Will you be joining us for our Sukkot box dinner? It is right around the corner and we hope you can help us make our *sukkah* a special shelter under the stars! Please call Temple, 556-6536, by **Tuesday, October 3**, to make your reservation.

Simchat Torah Oneg Friday, October 13

Simchat Torah is one of our happiest holidays, which means our oneg is going to be bursting with joy! Please come to services on that special night and stick around for laughter, dancing, and rejoicing with friends, old and new.

Baking Season!

When the weather gets chilly, our ovens come alive. This fall, when you bake a batch of melty chocolate chip cookies, crisp ginger snaps, or soft snicker doodles (mmm...), consider doubling the recipe and bring half to Temple. Let's work together to keep our freezer stocked with goodies!

Knitting is Cool Again!

Monday, October 30, 7 p.m.

String of Purls in Countryside Village

Come spin some yarn with us for "Knitting Night". Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll leave after two hours with something to be proud of. We'll have a raffle with fantastic prizes and you can enjoy wine, cheese and other delectable treats while schmoozing with friends. String of Purls is located at 8721 Shamrock Road and they are generously giving us a 10% discount on all items that evening. The cost is \$7.00 and includes knitting instructions. Please come and join the fun!

Welcome to Our New WRJ-O Member:

Mimi Rogers

Bar or Bat Mitzvah Gifts

We have a few ideas, most of which can be purchased at Temple Israel's Gift Shop:

- Yad-Torah pointer
- Dreidel
- Shofars
- Candlesticks
- Chanukah menorahs
- Havdalah sets
- Mezuzahs
- Spice boxes
- Kiddush cups
- Tzedakah boxes
- Judaica Jewelry
- Jewish books
- Book donations to a Jewish library
- Israel bonds for college
- Donations to environmental causes

Shop...Eat...Help Temple Israel, Too!

Gift certificates in denominations of \$10 to \$25 for Whole Foods, Baker's, Kwik Shop, Bag 'N Save and The Bookworm are available in the Temple office. Buy them and keep them handy for shopping at these stores which are gracious enough to return a percentage to Temple. The reimbursements are used for camp scholarships. If you have children attending Religious School classes on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings, Toby Fellman makes it convenient to buy the gift certificates by selling them in the foyer.

Community Worship / Ritual Conversation

Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Join us for a conversation about worship, sacred and holy spaces and a vision of the future.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 3, 6 p.m.

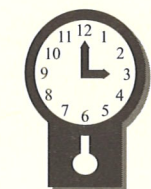
Join us for this short service of song and prayer. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. Afterwards, stay for a family-friendly Shabbat dinner. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536, or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com. Cost is \$5 per adult; no charge for children. Hope to see you there!

Did You Know?

• For just one year, it costs \$40,500 to maintain and mow the Temple Israel Cemetery grounds.

• Temple Israel is open approximately 70 hours per week. Something is always going on -- Religious School classes, adult classes and study sessions, worship services, committee meetings, choir practice, informal education opportunities for tots to 90-somethings, Omaha Temple Youth Group and Junior Youth Group meetings and activities, Women of Reform Judaism and Men's Club events -- to mention a few!

October 29 is the Time to Fall Back!



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, October 29 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour!

Youth & Education

OTYG Leadership Jumps Into New Year

OTYG Board members Jaclyn Adelson, Ashley Bernstein, Sarah Bleicher, Sarah Spooner, LaShanna Bernstein and Jackie Neesman attended the NFTY Leadership Training Institute (LTI) in St. Louis, MO, September 15-17. LTI is a great way for youth group board members to get a jump start on programming for the year, ask advice about fund-raisers and make connections with



other boards in the region. The best part – our representatives came back pumped for the fall MoVTY chavurah and ready to get other ninth through twelfth graders involved in the fun events they have planned!

Our thanks to Amy Cotton, a recent Brandeis University graduate and Beth El alum, who chaperoned for the weekend.

Accounts Set Up for Madrachim to Attend Jewish Events

Madrachim, teaching assistants, at Temple Israel not only receive a small compensation for their valuable work at Religious School, but an account is set up for each of them with matching funds to attend Temple, NFTY (North American Temple Youth), URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) events, trips to Israel -- just about anything Jewish. The only requirement is that the accounts must be used by the summer after high school graduation.

What's Happening In Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Prayer Assembly Sunday, October 8 and November 5
Parents, please remember that the assembly is a wonderful time for our children to come together as a community and feel comfortable praying in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to join our prayer assemblies! (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

Final Kindergarten Consecration Rehearsal Sunday, October 8
Parents are invited to join their Kindergartners at 11:30 a.m. for the final Consecration rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Consecration Friday, October 13
Consecration marks the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education, leading to Confirmation at the end of twelfth grade. Kindergartners and older children who have not yet been consecrated will participate in a special service to be held **Erev Simchat Torah** at 7 p.m. (Photos are at 6:30 p.m.) Parents will be called to the *bima* for blessings and a special presentation.

No Family and Religious School Wednesday, October 18

Grade 2 Visits Gifford Farm Sunday, October 22
As part of their year long study of mitzvot, the second graders will get a "hands on" experience of *Tza'ar Ba'alay Hayim*, kindness to animals. We will depart by bus promptly at 9:45 a.m. Second grade parents are asked to have their children at Temple by 9:40 a.m. We expect to return by 12:30 p.m. If you need childcare until 12:30 p.m. for another sibling attending Religious School, please call Lori immediately. Remember to dress your second grader in appropriate clothing for the weather outside!

Grade 5 Visits the Food Bank Sunday, October 22
We have a great opportunity to take a tour of the Food Bank and learn the mitzvah of sorting and stacking cans of food we bring. This is a very critical time for the Food Bank - they will be feeding hundreds of people who cannot afford to feed themselves over the Thanksgiving holiday. Please bring a sack to school on October 22 filled with as many cans of food as you can carry. Wear comfortable clothes!

Religious School Steering Committee Thursday, October 26, Noon
We are off to a great start this year. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to be a part of the Religious School Steering Committee and Volunteer Corps.

No Family and Religious School Wednesday, November 1

Summer in Winter Sunday, November 5
Please see article on page 9 for full details.

Pizza and OSRUI Camp Recruitment Sunday, November 5, Noon

Grade 6 Parents' Meeting Sunday, November 12

JYG Honored at S'lichot



(Pictured, left) Patrick Jensen and Jeff Schweid help (pictured right, counterclockwise) Vince Long, Sam Burrell, Alex Fox, and Jordan Jensen change the Torah Scroll covers to their High Holy Days' whites. Junior You Groupers and JYG advisor Leora Azriel hung out in the youth lounge and enjoyed a pizza dinner before services.

Come Celebrate

Consecration

Erev Simchat Torah

Friday, October 13, 7 p.m.

Consecration is the formal commitment by students and their families to their Jewish education. Come wish a happy "Siman Tov and Mazel Tov" to the following consecrants:

Jacob Arnold

Spencer Arnold

Zachary Arnold

sons of Brenda & Barton Arnold

Charles Cohen

son of Marla & Bob Cohen

Alec Folsom

son of Jill & Jim Folsom

Gabriel Gilinsky

Lilly Gilinsky

Simon Gilinsky

sons & daughter of
Patty & Kevin Gilinsky

Caleb Horner

son of Angela & Paul Horner

Leslie "Howie" Kroll

son of Angie & David Kroll

Elijah Marburg

son of Deb & Dan Marburg

Aaron Norton

Leo Norton

sons of Susie & Mike Norton

Robert Osborne

son of Ann & Don Osborne

Nina Pfrenger

daughter of Bonnie & Jochen Pfrenger

Jack Rubin

son of Erica & Barry Rubin

Isabella Seina

daughter of Tanya & Craig Seina

Leah Simpson

daughter of Debbie Meiches-Simpson
& Jim Simpson

Lana Singer

daughter of Heidi & Mark Singer

Brooke Wilczewski

daughter of Allyson & Chris Wilczewski

Destiny Wiseman

daughter of Sarah Wiseman

Sydney Yudelson

daughter of Stephanie & David Yudelson

A "Cool" Time at Jewish Summer Camp

Alex Fox, 12, was a first time camper at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Wisconsin this past summer. During his four weeks at camp, Alex enjoyed sports as well as art and media (making movies), his favorite activity. "It was really fun!" he said. The seventh grader, who will become a Bar Mitzvah within the year, also kept up his Hebrew studies and attended services twice a day. And yes, he would like to go to camp again next year.

Another first timer, Emily Katz, 13, spent her summer camping experi-

ence at Shwayder Camp in Colorado. She went horseback riding, hiking in the mountains, enjoyed an overnight outside, did the ropes course and hung out with her cabin mates. She only knew one person when she arrived at camp. The new friends she made "were really cool," she said.

Emily's favorite part of camp was Shabbat services. "They were fun. Really cool," she insisted. Each cabin got to lead an outdoor worship service. Emily would like to go back next summer -- "Definitely!"



Attention All Campers:

It is now time to liven up the bulletin board at the end of the hallway. Please send your camp photos to Lori Bennett in the Temple office or email them to her at lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com.

Never Mind the Weather...Start Thinking Summer!

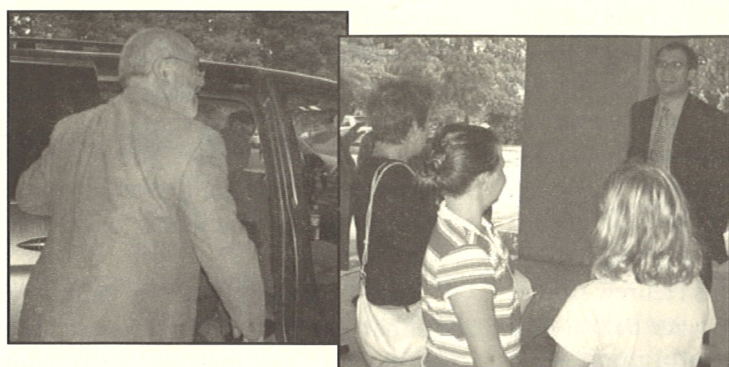
Summer-in-Winter Day — Sunday, November 5

It's almost Thanksgiving, but at Temple, the Religious School will be celebrating Summer in Winter. On **Sunday, November 5**, kids can wear Jewish camp clothes to Religious School, make s'mores, watch a camp video, learn some Israeli dances, harmonize at a song session and share a camper reunion pizza lunch at Noon. You might consider it too soon to think about summer 2007, but think again...Jewish summer camps fill up early.

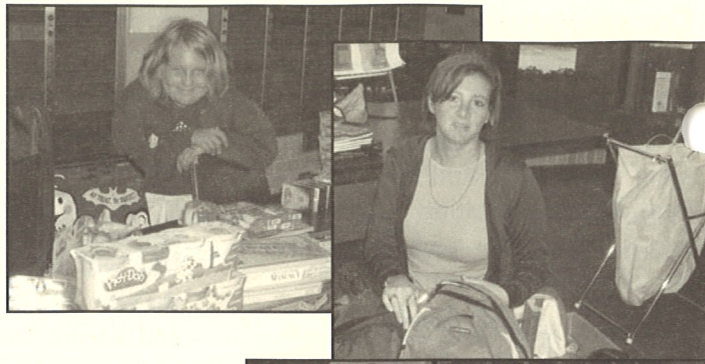
Representatives from Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute will be on hand to answer questions from 10 a.m. to noon, and camp information will be available for you to take home.

All Temple members are eligible for a \$1,000 Eisenberg campership for their first Jewish camp experience. The Jewish Federation also offers \$500 to all *B'nai Mitzvah* who attend Jewish camps the summer before and the summer after their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, and has financial aid scholarships for summer camps. Additionally, some camps themselves offer financial help.

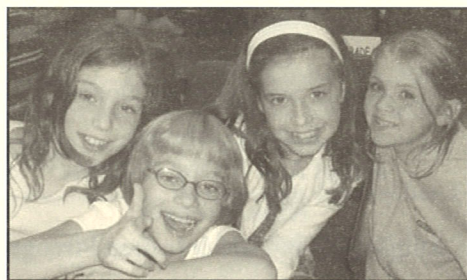
First Day of Religious School was a Beehive of Activities!



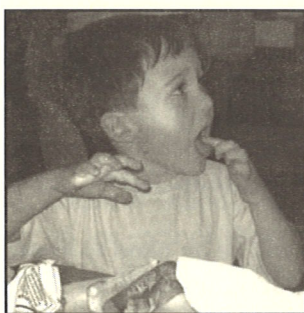
(Pictured above, left) Rabbi Azriel and Rabbi Linder (pictured middle) were excited to start the new school year and met families outside to welcome them. (Clockwise, above) Inside, Caroline Rockman collected toys for Israeli refugee children, Mimi Silverman packed donated backpacks with school supplies for Omaha's Darfur community, and Susan Freeman and Jordan Jensen sold Israel-inspired products to raise money for Israel firefighters in the Western Galilee. Ann Noodell modeled the very popular Coca-Cola t-shirt.



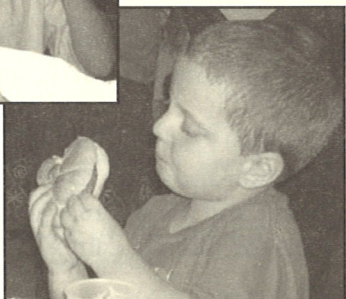
The busy day continued with the first Prayer Assembly of the year. (Pictured left) Bennett, Eden, Elias and Julie Ginsberg enjoy the music along with Isaac Rogers and Courtney Bierman. After the Prayer Assembly students and teachers headed for class while parents attended different grade-level orientations. (Clockwise) RSSC Volunteer Corps co-coordinator Jenn Tompkins-Kirshenbaum talked with parent volunteers about the various school events on the calendar. Ethan Workman, Rosie Zweiback and Susie Norton participated in "Cantor Unplugged: Everything You Wanted to Know About Bar/Bat Mitzvahs" for fifth grade parents. Rabbi Azriel shared Kindergarten insights with parents and students.



Everyone had a great time hanging out with friends at the BBQ presented by Temple's Golf Committee. (Above, l to r) Madison Bierman, Courtney Bierman, Shaylie Hollst and Madison Eisenberg. (Below left, l to r) Jack Gilinsky, Josh Sullivan, Seth Norton and Justin Norton. (Left, l to r) Ariel Kohll, Hannah Perry, Rachel Sullivan, and Hannah, Aleia and Sophie Budwig check out the raffle prizes at the BBQ.



Many thanks to the Golf Committee for providing a fun and delicious barbeque and raffle to celebrate the start of school. The hotdogs and hamburgers were a hit with Armon Seina (left) and Howie Kroll (below).



Club 56 Going GA-GA!

Club 56's "kick"-off event for the new year is just that – Hebrew Kickball! Club 56 will sponsor the Wednesday, October 11 school day, and in addition to kickball, fifth and sixth graders will play a rousing game of Ga-ga – sharpening Hebrew skills and having fun at the same time. If you've never played Ga-ga, this is your chance to learn what all the "gaga" is about!

Comfortable clothes and shoes are the only things needed to participate. There will be lots of chances to win prizes and trophies during the fun!

Here's a look at what other cool stuff is coming up:

• Sunday, December 17

Noon-2 p.m.

Chanukah Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Party

• Sunday, January 21

Noon-2 p.m.

Meshuganah Bowling – Subs and Sodas

• Wednesday, March 28

5-6 p.m.

Chocolate Seder

• Sunday, April 15

Noon-2 p.m.

Picnic and a Mitzvah!



Did you know this about Our Religious School?

- There are 152 students in Kindergarten thru sixth grade and 112 in seventh thru twelfth.
- There are 35 students, 13 siblings and 41 adults in Family School representing 26 families in our congregation.
- We have 29 madrichim who work in the classrooms with a teacher, assist in the office or work at the Information Table. If you don't know about the Information Table, just ask Lori or Elyce.
- And the winner is: the seventh grade class! With 35 students, the largest class in Religious School this year is the seventh grade!
- We have nine Prayer Assemblies that parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or a very special person in your child's life can attend with them.
- Rabbi Linder will make six appearances wearing a different Biblical costume each time in Grades Kindergarten through six.
- We will be working with the residents of the Blumkin Home four times and working also with Yachad.
- The Religious School Committee (RSSC) meets once a month under the direction of Katherine Finnegan. Email Katherine at kfinnegan@cox.net for the meeting schedule.
- We have 61 volunteers in the RSSC volunteer corps. working in the K-6 classrooms under the direction of Jenn Tompkins Kirschenbaum and Wendy Vann.
- Our new Middle/High School is called "T.A.G. You're It!" (Torah, Avodah and Gemilut Chasadim). There are 30 different classes being offered during the three "minimesters."
- The new JCC Shalicha, Zohar Winer, will co-teach Grade 4 Israel with Leora Azriel, and will teach Ulpan Hebrew with Orly Gilat in the Middle/High School.
- The "Karing Kids" (Jewish cooking class) with Lisa Epstein, will be preparing food and delivering it to our congregants.
- We provide dinner EVERY Wednesday when school is scheduled for Family School, Middle/High School, or anyone who wants to join us after Wednesday afternoon Religious School.
- Danny Siegel, "The Mitzvah Man", will be visiting our Middle/High School on Wednesday, February 14.
- Every Sunday morning in the main hallway there is a table and chairs set-up for parents to enjoy a cup of coffee, a bagel and the New York Times.

Annual Youth Group Haunted Havdalah a SPOOK-tacularly Fun Time!

Saturday, October 28, 7:45-11(ish) p.m.

Everyone in grades seven through twelve is invited to meet at Temple Israel for a night of chills, screams...and a shrieking good time! The evening will start with a very scary Havdalah in the Milder Center, then a bus ride to a haunted house or two. We'll wind up back at Temple for some ghoulish treats. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and most scary costumes – or just for remembering to wear one!

The cost of \$5 for OTYG members, and \$10 for all Temple seventh and eighth graders and non-OTYG members includes haunted house entries, bus ride, pizza and snacks. (It is not too late to join OTYG and save!) Please RSVP to Sarah Bleicher (990-3996), Jackie Neesman (660-2362) or Leora Azriel (960-5796) by Saturday, October 21.



Please-Remember to turn off your pagers and cellular phones before entering the sanctuary or chapel.



Voices from the Pews: Imagining a Synagogue for the 21st Century

“Temple Israel is doing a great job of welcoming people,” said **Dora Goldstrom**, who has been a member of the congregation for about 35 years. She believes that’s an important facet of the synagogue of the future. Learning is also essential, said Dora who has been a Religious School teacher for more than 20 years. She currently teaches first grade. She’s also a former president of Sisterhood and is currently the WRJ co-vice president of Religious Living.

There should be programs for all ages “from Cradle Roll to senior citizens,” Dora added. “I think Temple’s doing a very good job of that now.”

Judy Feigin, who has served on the Religious School Committee as a room parent and as “the kitchen go-fer” for Sisterhood, thinks the synagogue of the 21st century should be “an extension of what is at the heart of Temple. The congregation as a whole should have a core of people who are dedicated to study and community involvement and be warm and welcoming. That’s what draws me in,” she remarked. A member of Temple for about 17 years, Judy regularly attends Sparks Beneath the Surface at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday mornings at Temple.

“Our kids went to Religious School at Temple and celebrated their *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* there,” recalled **Joel Finkel**, who with his wife, Lois, has been a member of Temple for 35 years. He feels the synagogue “has to have the facilities to accommodate young kids” referring to formal Religious School classes as well as informal activities.

“The clergy has to be in tune with current events -- which they are,” Joel said. “You have to be aware of modernizing when it comes to the building itself,” he continued. “It’s still a very nice building, and we have a nice feeling when we’re there.”



Tree of Life

*Commemorating the joyous
moments in families’
and friends’ lives.*

The following leaf has been
added to the Tree of Life:

In Celebration of
the Life of
Stanley Passer
The Slosburg Family

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

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On the Engagement of:

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are Dr. Elton and Karen Strauss, East Hills,
NY, Iris and Marty Ricks, and Sandi and
Marc Scholnick, Portland, OR.

Our Sympathy

*The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of...*

Patricia Kipperman, wife of Dr.
Larry Kipperman;

Nancy Robinson, daughter of
Carol and Harvey Roffman;

Margaret “Margy” Schneider, wife
of Greg Searson, mother of Jay and
Todd Searson, daughter of Charles and
Cynthia Schneider, and niece of Babe
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*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*

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8 Teacher Learning Coffee 9 a.m. Grades K -6 10 a.m. - Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. 4 B's 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Final Consecration Rehearsal 11:30 a.m.	9	10 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	11 Religious School Grades 3-6 Club 56 Day 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7 - 12 6-8 p.m.	12 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	13 <i>Erev Simchat Torah</i> Consecration 7 p.m.	14 <i>Simchat Torah</i> Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service/Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Haley Burns
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22 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grade 2 @ Gifford Farm 10 a.m. Grade 5 @ Food Bank 10 a.m. Grades K,1,3,4,6 10 a.m. Men's Club Speaker 10:30 a.m.	23	24 Share the Moment Noon Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Big Love 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	25 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Scrapbook Club 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m. Jewish Web 7 p.m.	26 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 -11:30 a.m. Religious School Steering Committee 12 p.m. Community Worship Conversation 7 p.m.	27 Shabbat Service Rabbi Forman 7:30 p.m.	28 Sparks Beneath the Surface Rabbi Forman 9:00-10:15 a.m. Morning Service 10:30 a.m. JYG / OTYG Haunted Havdalah 7:45 p.m.
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Worship Services

Friday~October 6

Erev Sukkot

6 p.m.

Family Potluck Dinner

7 p.m.

Family Service

Saturday~October 7

Sukkot

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat / Cradle Roll

10:30 a.m.

Morning Service

Friday~October 13

Erev Simchat Torah

7 p.m.

Consecration

Saturday~October 14

Simchat Torah

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Morning Service & Yizkor

Friday~October 20

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~October 21

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of Sam Burrell

Son of Cantor Wendy Shermet

and Leonard Burrell

Torah Portion: Bereshit

Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:11

Please call Temple, 556-6536, by Friday, October 13 to have a loved one's name read at the Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor on Saturday, October 14.

Friday~October 27

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi David Forman

Saturday~October 28

9:00-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Noach

Genesis 6:9 -11:32

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Friday~November 3

6 p.m.

Family Service - Grades 1 and 2

6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Dinner immediately following

Saturday~November 4

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Miller

Daughter of Jennifer and Paul Miller

Torah Portion: Lech Lecha

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

Friday~November 10

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Dr. Richard Freund

Saturday~November 11

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Anna Eirinberg

Daughter of Teresa and

Lewis Eirinberg

Torah Portion: Vayera

Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

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Family Service

Friday, November 3

6 p.m.

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