

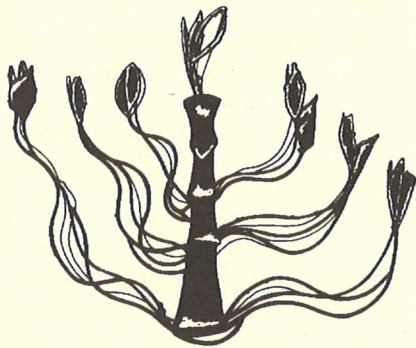
TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				JANUARY 1	2 Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m.	3 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
4 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon AOL 10 a.m.	5	6 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	7 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School & Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m.	8 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	9 Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	10 Trope Class 9:15 a.m. Grades 5/6 Shabbat Club 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Keith Graul
11 Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. Pre-Kindergarten PATT 10 a.m. Temple Tones & M'shor'rim 12-12:45 p.m.	12	13 Torah on Wheels @ Jeffrey Passer office 12:1-1:15 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	14 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	15 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	16 Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:30 p.m. Family Service 7:30 p.m.	17 Trope Class 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
18 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon AOL 10 a.m. Temple Tones & M'shor'rim 12-12:45 p.m.	19	20 Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	21 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	22 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	23 Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	24 Trope Class 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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FEBRUARY 1 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten 6 10-Noon Outreach Program 10 a.m. Temple Tones & M'shor'rim 12-12:45 p.m. OTYG Family Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m.	2	3 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	4 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School and Dinner Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	5 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 7 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	6 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	7 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, January 2
5:30 p.m.

D'var Torah
Rabbi Stiel

7:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 3
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27

Friday, January 9
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Diane and Lonnie Graul in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday, January 10
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Keith Nathan Graul
son of Diane and Lonnie Graul

Simcha B'Shabbat
(Text Study and Service in the Chapel)

Torah Portion: Vayechi
Genesis 47:28-50:26

Friday, January 16

5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.

Creative Family Service
(Members of Grade Three
will conduct the service)

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by parents of the
Grade Three students and by
the Temple Sisterhood

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BETWEEN US

Rabbi Debbie Stiel

What would you do if you were not born Jewish but believed that Judaism was really the right religion for you? Some non-Jews find themselves in just such a predicament. Every few months, someone new will come into my office and ask if there is a way for them to share in the Jewish heritage and religion. They often say that Christianity just does not make sense to them but Judaism does. Or they tell of experiencing the richness of Jewish holidays and the meaningfulness of our services with their Jewish spouse or fiancé. Sometimes it is an individual who wants to convert; other times it is a whole family!

To all of them, I am proud to be able to say that Temple Israel and Reform Judaism welcomes them with open arms. We take very seriously the call from Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." When people who want to study our religion and seriously consider becoming Jewish come to Temple, the clergy here are glad to work with them. The members of our congregation have been very accepting of those who choose to cast their lots with us. We even host special Outreach programs five or six times a year that are especially designed to help interfaith families, Jews by choice and those considering conversion.

This is as it should be. In fact, Judaism is clear in its teaching that a Jew

by Choice is to be considered a highly esteemed member of our community, for they are taking upon themselves the yoke of the commandments even though they were not required to do so from birth. And they accept, of their own free choice, not only the joys of being Jewish, but also the potential perils of affiliating with our sometimes abused minority.

More than one in eight of our Temple families includes a Jewish member who was not born Jewish. Those who choose Judaism are often among our most dedicated and involved congregants. How lucky we are that they have chosen to become part of our people. As some Jews move away from their Judaism, it is a Godsend that other people are joining our ranks.

If you know someone who might be interested in looking into Judaism, please encourage him or her to call Rabbi Azriel, Hazzan Contzius, or me. (or if you would like to do more study, please call us.) **And please make sure to join us the week-end of February 27- March 1 when Dru Greenwood, the National Director of Reform Jewish Outreach, will be our Scholar-in-Residence. She will share her thoughts with us about conversion, interfaith families, and Jewish identity today.**

(Please look on page 2 for a listing of three upcoming events.)

TORAH ON WHEELS

Call Temple Israel, 556-6536, today to reserve a spot at the next 12-1:15 p.m. session of Torah on Wheels, our study session for business people. Reserve a catered lunch for \$6.

Tuesday, January 13 - The host is Dr. Jeffrey Passer, 9300 Underwood Ave., Suite 520.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tuesday, January 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Temple Israel

We will provide the drinks - bring a Brown Bag Lunch.

Rabbi Azriel will lead a discussion of current issues and events.

Worship Continued

Saturday, January 17
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1

Friday, January 23
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the
Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, January 24
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Va'era
Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, January 30
8 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Jerry Kaye
"Why be Jewish? What's in it for Me?"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the
Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, January 31
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Esther and Bernard Bogdanoff
Sandra and Kenneth Freed

WELCOME

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome the following people who have recently chosen Judaism.

Amy Katz
Wendy Reiss

May they go from strength to strength!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Family Service
January 16 7:30 p.m.

Children who celebrate their birthdays during the month of January will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service. The Temple Tones and M'shor'rim choirs will sing at this special family service.

CONGREGATIONAL AND GRADE THREE SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 16

6:30 p.m.

\$7.50 - Adults

\$4.00 - Children grade 6 and under

No charge age 2 and under

Plan to join us for dinner following the 5:30 p.m. early worship service or preceding the 7:30 family service

Please phone the Temple office by
Monday, January 12, to make
your reservations.

TOT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 2
and
Friday, February 6

7:00 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families.

OUTREACH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"Our Non-Jewish Extended Family"
Sunday, February 1
10 a.m. - Noon

Does your non-Jewish extended family understand the significance of your child's bar/bat mitzvah service or other Jewish Life Cycle events? How can we increase understanding among faiths and reduce tension within our extended family? Join us for an open forum facilitated by a social worker and rabbi.

Rabbi Richard Freund on Mysticism
Sunday, February 15
10 a.m. - Noon

Rabbi Freund will speak briefly about mysticism, in general, and then talk at greater length about building holy, intimate relationships as discussed in the mystic text "Igrot HaKodesh." This program is co-sponsored by the Adult Opportunities for Learning committee.

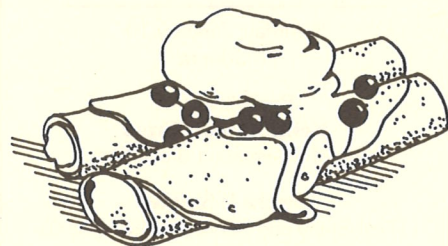
Scholar-in-Residence Dru Greenwood
National Director of Reform Jewish Outreach

and Synagogue Affiliation
February 27 - March 1

Dru will be speaking Friday night at services and Sunday morning. She will share her expertise with us on Outreach issues and on passing on a Jewish identity.

SISTERHOOD

Diane Graul



CALLING ALL BLINTZ ROLLERS!

Barring another storm, the BLINTZ COOKING CLASS will be held on January 25 at 10 a.m. Please call the office to sign up to learn how to make this wonderful, classic dish. Sign up will allow for sufficient material for hands-on practice.

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped with, and purchased jewelry at the Recycled Jewelry Sale. Proceeds go to the Sisterhood Tribute Fund. If you are interested in helping spend these proceeds on art work for Temple, please call Diane Graul, 391-5631.

If garlic isn't good enough self-defense any more, come to a joint MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD BRUNCH

Sunday, Jan. 11
10 a.m.

Two world-champion Muaitai Kick Boxers who teach men's and women's defense classes at their school, will demonstrate skills we can all learn.

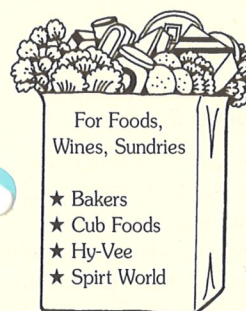
Join us for a delicious lox and bagel breakfast. Free for Men's Club and Sisterhood members; \$3 for non-members.

Omaha Archbishop Elden Curtiss spoke eloquently and forcefully from Temple's bimah Erev Shabbat, December 12.

In part, he said, "For surviving victims of the Nazi Holocaust and their children to be at peace, finally, with what happened to them, they need to know that many people in the world understand the causes of the tragedy, and take some responsibility for it."

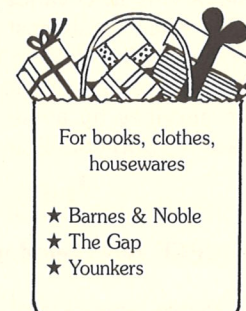
And, "As a moral leader in this community, and following the lead of Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, I recommend that Christians and Jews continue to explore together, not only the causes of the Nazi Holocaust, but the causes of intolerance and hatred which continue to plague the world."

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Proceeds go to our Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund.

HAZZAN NOTES

Erik L. F. Contzius, Hazzan

February sixth is Shabbat Shira or "Sabbath of Song." This is the Shabbat when we read from the Torah the "Song of the Sea" - "that which is sung by Moses on the shore of the Red Sea after our escape from Egypt and our entrance into the desert and freedom. It is from this song of Moses' that we get the Mi Khamokha - "Who is like You, God, among the gods that are worshiped."

Since this is called the Sabbath of Song, it has become a custom among many hazzanim to play up the role of music on this Shabbat. Certainly, this is a time of rejoicing over our freedom and should give us cause to sing.

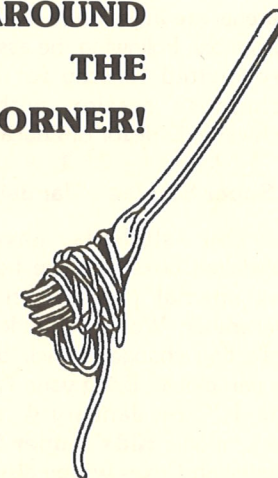
In honor of Shabbat Shira, Kol Rinah, our adult volunteer choir, the Temple Tones and M'shor'rim, our children's choirs, and a rollicking klezmer band will join us on the bima of Temple Israel to lead us once again in the musical liturgy of Jose' Bowen's "Klezmer Shabbat Service."

You may recall that this service last year was a great success. There will be much singing and dancing, and we all hope you can join us in this festive service in order to really experience the joy of Shabbat.

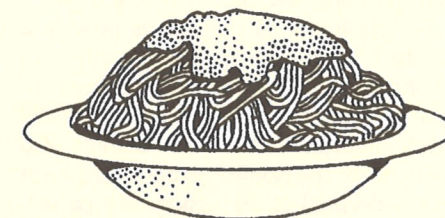
The word "Klezmer" comes from the two Hebrew words: "Kley" meaning instrument, and "zemer" meaning song. Put them together, and you have a recipe for the expressions of extreme joy, or even, sometimes, extreme sorrow.

So join us on February 6 at 8 p.m. (and bring your dancing shoes, as we'll have a bit of dancing at the oneg shabbat!).

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



OTYG SPAGHETTI DINNER And AUCTION



Sunday, February 1

5:30 p.m.

Adults - \$7.00
Children - \$4.00

An exciting Auction of
goods and services

Proceeds will benefit Camp Rainbow
(for terminally ill children)

Call the Temple office, 556-6536,
by **Monday, January 26**
to make your reservation

Tickets will also be sold
at the door for \$1.00 more!

If you can donate an item or a service to be auctioned, please contact the Temple office or Nikki Flatowicz, 333-3561, as soon as possible.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Classes Resume January 4

Classes resume Sunday, January 4. Parents are invited to a 10:10 a.m. Prayer Assembly. Following the assembly, parents are invited to stay for a coffee and schmoose session with Ann Kibel Schwartz, Director of Education.

Super Sundae - January 4, at JCC

Our students have decorated Tzedakah boxes to take home as part of the special project which began in December. We hope students have been collecting change in their boxes and plan to participate. Bring your Tzedakah box to the JCC on January 4, to the Jewish Federation's **Kids' Super Sundae** party. Tzedakah Boxes will be displayed and kids can enjoy all the fun of games, music, stories and crafts in the JCC auditorium, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions call Pam Monsky, Federation Communications Director (334-6431).

New Parent-Toddler Classes begin January 8 and 9

Thursday and/or Friday classes 10-11:15 a.m., for parents and toddlers, (age 12-35 months) will begin January 8 and 9 at Temple Israel. These classes provide a variety of age-appropriate activities to enhance social and motor skill development of the children in an atmosphere which incorporates Jewish values and practices for the home. A portion of each class is devoted to discussion of a parenting issue relative to participants. Ann Kibel Schwartz, Director of Education for Temple Israel, will facilitate this class with the assistance of Joan Cooper. Rabbis and other Jewish professionals will serve as guest presenters. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Winter Session of Torah Tot Class begins January 8

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., a class for 3 and 4 year olds will begin its winter session. This class is designed for young children who are ready to experience classes independent from their parents. The student-teacher ratio is very small. Since class size is limited, parents are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. Stephanie Grossman is the teacher for this class which features stories, toys and activities which are geared to pre-school aged children. The class runs concurrently with Sisterhood Adult Education classes in order to provide an opportunity for par-

ents to continue their own Jewish education while their children enjoy the Torah Tot class. Call Ann Kibel Schwartz at 556-6536 for additional information.

Shabbat Club - January 10

Fifth and sixth grade students and their parents will participate in Shabbat Club, Saturday, January 10. We will begin with a 9:15 a.m. brunch, followed by a special program featuring Rabbi Debbie Stiel and members of the faculty. At 10:30 a.m., everyone will attend Shabbat services together. Shabbat Club experiences are designed to familiarize our students with the Shabbat Worship Service and to help them prepare for adult participation in community worship.

Pre-Kindergarten PATT - January 11

PATT, Parents Are Teachers, Too, is a program that involves parent participation in Religious School. The program includes perspectives on Jewish parenting, networking among parents, and interactive experiences with the children. The PATT will begin at 10 a.m. with a presentation by Rabbi Debbie Stiel. The day will include participation in a Jewish dance lesson as well as hands-on activities with the students in the classroom.

Grade 3 Family Shabbat/Dinner - Friday, January 16

Friday, January 16, 3rd grade families will enjoy a Shabbat dinner and service. The congregation is invited to participate. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The family service at 7:30 p.m. will be conducted by the 3rd grade students. By sharing Shabbat, families get to know each other better and strengthen our Temple Israel community. Please make dinner reservations in advance by calling 556-6536. Adult meals cost \$7.50 and children are \$4.00, children under 2 are free. Sitter service is available during the worship services by advance reservation; please call 556-6536.

SOUPER Bowl Sunday - January 25

Please bring cans of **SOUP** to be distributed to area shelters for the homeless.

OSRUI Camp Director Featured January 30, 31 and February 1

Jerry Kaye, Director of the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Summer Camp will be at the center of activities planned for January 30, 31 and February 1, at Temple Israel. **Erev Shabbat, Friday, January 31, Jerry Kaye will be the guest of honor at a camp reunion dinner at 6:30 p.m. and speaker at the 8 p.m. service.** At 4 p.m. Saturday, Rabbi Azriel will host a special Havdalah for 4th grade families.

Sunday, February 1, there will be a 9 a.m. session for religious school teachers. From 10:10-10:35 a.m., there will be an assembly for grades 2 through 6 parents and students. Following the assembly from 10:35 a.m. to noon, Jerry Kaye will be available to speak to parents about camp.

The 1998 camp brochures have been mailed. Additional copies are in the Temple office. A camp video is also available in the Temple office. Confidential camp scholarships are available.

Grade 5 Model Wedding and Havdalah - January 31

Fifth Graders will conduct a 5 p.m. Havdalah Service followed by a model wedding and reception on Saturday, January 31. This event will serve to highlight 5th grade studies of Jewish wedding customs, history, and religious practice. Students will play the roles of bride and groom and their families and friends. The reception following the model wedding will feature Jewish wedding dances performed by fifth graders under the guidance of Dance Specialist Cheryl Lerner. The refreshments will be provided by fifth grade parents. Friends and family of fifth graders are welcome to attend. **Note: The Religious School Calendar mailed last August, states 6 p.m. as the beginning time; however, the correct time is 5 p.m.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences - February 5

Thursday, February 5, 7-8:30 p.m., First Grade through Seventh Grade parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress. Eighth Grade parents are invited to a special parent/teacher and student session, Wednesday, February 4, 5 to 6 p.m.

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Itinerary

Day 1, Sun., June 28, 1998: Departure from United States on our overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2, Mon., June 29, 1998: Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and proceed to our hotel in Tel Aviv. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 3, Tues., June 30, 1998: Caesaria, Haifa, Akko, Rosh Hanikra, Tiberias, Dinner cruise on the Kinneret. Overnight in Tiberias.

Day 4, Wed., July 1, 1998: Golan Heights, River rafting, Jeep tour. Overnight in Tiberias.

Day 5, Thurs., July 2, 1998: Morning tour to Beit Shean, Safed, Haas Promenade. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6, Fri., July 3, 1998: Morning tour to Old Jerusalem, tunnels under the Wall. Afternoon at leisure. Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner, Z'mirot. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7, Sat., July 4, 1998: Morning at leisure. Afternoon Hebrew Union College Shabbat Study, evening concert at Liberty Bell Park. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8, Sun., July 5, 1998: Morning JNF Tree Planting and tour of New Jerusalem. Yad Vashem, Valley of Communities, Jerusalem Concert. Overnight Jerusalem.

Day 9, Mon., July 6, 1998: Full day tour to Masada and Dead Sea, B'nei Mitzvah. Evening concert at Mt. Herzl. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10, Tues., July 7, 1998: Morning dig afternoon at leisure. Closing banquet festivities. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11, Wed., July 8, 1998: Depart for home.

Day 12, Thur., July 9, 1998: We arrive home. The memories last forever!!!

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTNOTES

Elyce Azriel

Often, Jewish educators keep their eyes focused on trends only in the Jewish educational field. However, it's also important to look at developments in secular education in order to benefit from current research and trends. A recent Carnegie Report article, "Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the 21st Century," focuses on middle and upper grade schools and offers many recommendations that are applicable to Jewish schools.

The report calls for schools to foster the health and fitness of young adolescents by providing a health coordinator in every school, counseling services, and a health-promoting school environment. It is apparent that counselors in supplementary schools would certainly be beneficial. In response to this, the high school department recently hired two "Teen Issue" facilitators for its school.

Grades 9 to 11 will be part of a twice-a-year group activity per grade centering around the issues of self-concept, Jewish identity, family identity, etc. The "Teen Issue" facilitators will help these adolescents begin to set goals for themselves of healthy living. The best time to build a relationship with a teenager is before a crisis arises. It is known that it is difficult to build a "successful" relationship with an adolescent. At these times, they need guidance, approval, encouragement and, sometimes, a firm response at home and elsewhere. To affect lives, to help children grow and develop, we must build trusting relationships that will allow us to connect with the adolescents who reach out to us. The best place to have this happen is within the walls of Temple Israel.

The two "Teen Issue" facilitators who have been hired for the 1997-98 school year are: Todd Ephraim, M.S., Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy and director of Jewish Family Service and Donna Greenberg, Master Teacher, Papillion school district and master degree candidate in counseling at Creighton..

We look forward to having them work with our students and helping them to grow. It is our hope that the program will enable us to deal with our students as total persons - not just as students.

SAVE THE DATE... WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

For our second all-school parents and student involvement program.

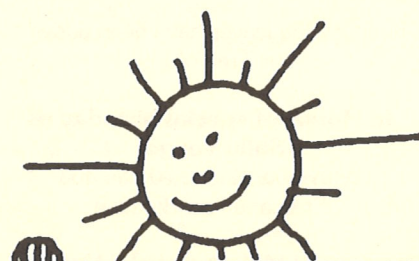
"A JOURNEY INTO ADDICTION: An opportunity for parents and students to gain knowledge, perspective, understanding and support."

The issue of chemical substance abuse is very much a concern to individuals and to society today. This workshop will be conducted by Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, a leader in the development of innovative Jewish education and author of over 30 books and hundreds of articles in a variety of fields. He is a Jewish educator of children and adults and is also a pioneer in the area of the Jewish Twelve Step program.

Stephanie and Barry Grossman are on board in assisting Max Sparber with the OTYG and JYG programs at Temple Israel. Stephanie and Barry will be involved this year mainly with helping plan programs for JYG and assisting with some of OTYG's larger events. If anyone has a question, please contact them at 556-4596.

JOIN THE GROUP - DON'T MISS OUT! GOING TO CAMP!

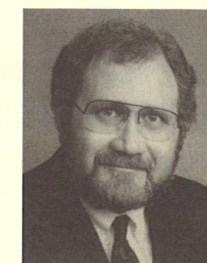
Thirty Temple Israel students have already signed up for OSRUI. Get your applications in soon so you can join the following campers: Julia Angalet, Leora Azriel, Jacob Bleicher, Josh Bleicher, Joe Goldberg, Nate Joseph, Alex Wolf, Rebecca Clark, Lauren Feigin, Allyson Freeman, Alexis Freeman, Lauren Freeman, Adam Gerber, Melissa Josephson, Diana Manvitz, Molly Needelman, Jamie Skog, Becky Smedlund, Hannah Wolf, Anna Patkovsky, Olga Patkovsky, Forrest Rogers-Marcovitz, Max Rogers-Marcovitz, Aaron Passer, Joel Passer, Lisa Roth, Adam Skog, Ben Taxman, Chelsea Taxman, and Whitney Taxman.



CAMP WEEKEND 1998

HE'S BACK! JOIN OSRUI DIRECTOR JERRY KAYE FOR THE 1998 CAMP WEEKEND

January 30-February 1



January 30
6:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

January 31
4 p.m.

February 1
10:35 a.m.

10:35 a.m.

Guest of honor at Camp
Reunion Dinner

Mr. Kaye will give a
sermon to delight all.

Special Havdallah for
Grade Four families at
the home of Rabbi Azriel

Assembly for grades 2-6
students and parents

Jerry will meet with
interested parents.

Jerry Kaye has a myriad credentials, post-graduate degrees and wide honor and recognition among his colleagues.

A gifted speaker who loves to tell stories, Jerry is the enormously popular director of the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute.

We welcome Jerry Kaye back for another very successful weekend.

ICE STORM SEQUAL

Each Synagogue 2000 meeting begins with a D'var Torah by one of the committee. Suzanne Singer's words at the November 20, 1997 meeting were a moving reflection upon the recent storm and its aftermath:

I heard there was a healing service in Omaha last week. I don't know where it was or who was there - only that it was held. It was a healing service for the trees. At first I had a vision of all these flower children holding hands in a circle. But as I thought of it, I really felt it was a beautiful thing to do.

I thought of those trees after the storm with their broken limbs, branches sagging to the ground. Some were lost, but others that we thought were damaged beyond saving are now reaching again towards the sun. Arborists are saying that many of them will indeed grow strong once again.

I think many of us have gone through times where we felt we were broken, our spirits sagging to the ground. But in time, like the trees, we were able to straighten up and reach towards the sun.

In this week before Thanksgiving, I hope we contemplate the good in our lives and thank God for giving us the strength that we need.

Rabbi Azriel's colleague, Rabbi Joseph M. Forman of Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA sent a check to our congregation to help "with the rebuilding and replanting" after hearing about the severe damage to Omaha's landscape following the recent storm.

If you wish to contribute to a fund to replace lost bushes and trees and to restore our campus, please call the office, 556-6536.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY MORNING CHAPEL PRAYER SERVICE
January 11
9:15 a.m.

This service gives members of the congregation an additional opportunity to pray and recite kaddish.

FRIDAY, EREV SHABBAT
January 16
5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Union Prayer Book Service

Come on your way home from work; meet family and friends. This service is especially planned so that, at its conclusion, you may be home early to enjoy a Shabbat meal and evening or join the congregation for a Shabbat meal at Temple.

HEALING

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

If you know another person who needs the same, please ask the individual in need before calling the office.



TREE OF LIFE

Commemorating the joyous moments in families' and friends' lives.

The following leaves have been added to our Tree of Life:

In Honor of special birthday of Sally Venger
With love, Roz Friedman and Fran and Lou Blumkin

Dr. Daniel Miller's special birthday
From Ducky and Mike Milder, Rosalie Friedman and Fran and Lou Blumkin

An additional fund is now available for your donations. The Dorothy Spizman Discretionary Fund will be administered by Temple's Executive Director.

PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Temple's East entrance has 3 handicap parking spots - and, no steps into Temple.

SITTER SERVICE

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening, Saturday mornings when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and for Sunday morning programs. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly.

Cost is \$1.00 per child. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

OUR SYMPATHY

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Ruhana Rubin Lewis, granddaughter of Suzy Rubin;

Rose Novicoff, mother of Elaine Nachman and Don Novicoff, sister of Sally Hassel, and sister-in-law of Judge Ben Novicoff;

Jennifer Lynn Soshnik, granddaughter of Miriam and Joe Soshnik;

Ruth Margolin Bernstein, mother of Tom Bernstein, sister of Dorothy Platt, Margarette Yudelzon, Susie Papilsky, Bertha Weiner and Harold Margolin;

Ida Meyers Gassner, mother of David and Bernie Meyers and Patti Sacks, grandmother of Jon Meyers and Vicki Perlmeter, sister of Ann Bronstien;

Rose Cohen, sister-in-law of Ruth Cohen and Elberta Cohen, aunt of Robert Cohen;

Paul Richard (Dick) Kuklin, husband of Catherine Kuklin, father of Gregory, Blake and Mark Kuklin and Tracy Thompson, son of Kate Ferer, brother of Arlene Moskovitz;

Sherman Sugarman, brother of Audrey Saphir;

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Jack Bennett Goldstein, son of Jill and Joe Goldstein. Grandparents are Nancy Hornstein and the late Bennett Hornstein and Judi and David Goldstein. Great-grandparents are Sally Venger, Adelle Hornstein, Lillian Ban and Ruth and Art Goldstein.

Elias David Ginsberg, son of Julie and Bennett Ginsberg. Grandparents are Felicia and Stan Schrier and Marilyn Ginsberg and the late Eddie Ginsberg.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wigodsky. Mrs. Wigodsky is the former Tereza Alden.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH DONATIONS THAT REMEMBER AND HONOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN MEMORY OF: Ruth Bernstein:

Bettie Fisk, Barbara and Dean Frankel, Hermene and Speedy Zweiback, Maxine and Milton Simons, Jodi and Joel Brodsky, Judi and David Goldstein, Judy and Jim Farber, Phyllis and Dick Glazer; **Aaron Epstein:** Margo, Jay, Aaron and Charles Parsow; **Eileen Erman:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Stephen Falk:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Meyer Ferer:** Helen and Joe Stern, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Rosagene Baron; **Henry Fisher:** Betty Fisher; **Al Fox:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Ida Gassner:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Marcia and Jack Cohen, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robinson, Mary Ann and Tom Belford; **Harold Karp:** Lucille and Harold Brodkey; **Sadie Kohn:** Kay Smith; **Sara (Honey) Krasne:** Lucille Katelman; **Ada Mann:** Judi and David Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robinson, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Jodi and Joel Brodsky, Hermene and Speedy Zweiback; **Sam Marvin:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Rose Novicoff:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Max Osten:** Barbara and Dean Frankel, Molline and Fritz Cassman; **William Pachman:** Aon Risk Services, Inc., HDR, Inc., Joan and Milton Marcus; **Esther Rice:** Sarah and Ted Seldin; **Ida Kohan Rosenberg:** Molline and Fritz Cassman, Kathleen Meyerson, Phyllis and Donald Brod, Margie and Marlon Somberg, Bev and Abe Krasne, Sarah and Ted Seldin, Ajon and Carol Farber, Susie and Mike Norton, Soralee and Jerry Cohn; **Mary Rudd:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Saul Scharf:** Sarah and Ted Seldin, Mary and Perry Nadler, Rose Nadler; **Philip Shelton:** Bess Aronoff, Soralee and Jerry Cohn, Joan and Milton Marcus, **Jennifer Soshnik:** Shirley Kulakofsky, Tham and Willard Friedman, Barbara and Dean Frankel, Leslie and Bill Kully, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Nancy and Harlan Noddle, Edith Epstein, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Bettie Fisk, Esther Canar, Hermene and Speedy Zweiback, Etta and Howard Epstein, Adele Hornstein, Harold and Lucille Brodkey, Pauline and Milton Abrahams, Lil and Louis Hurwitz, Janice and Shelly Harris, Bea Schimmel, Aileen and Leo Eisenstatt; **Theone Sprelhan:** Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lipp; **Martin Sugarman:** Audrey Saphir; **Elinor Whitman:** Norman Whitman

IN HONOR OF MARRIAGE OF: Dr. Jane Kercher and Donald Yale: Leslie and Bill Kully

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Jacob Austin Belzer: Suzi and Ray Somberg; **Jack Bennett Goldstein:** Barbara and Dean Frankel, Lil and Louis Huwitz, June Goodbinder; **Great-grandson of Shulamis Kutcher:** Babe Aronoff; **Phoebe Nicole Placzek:** Suzi and Ray Somberg, Andi, David, Amy and Allie Willensky

IN HONOR OF B'NOT MITZVAH OF: Leora Azriel: Dr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, Nan and Earl Katz, Arlene Beber, Leslie and Bill Kully, Mr. and Mrs. James Shamberg, Shirley and David Goodman, Miriam and Joe Soshnik, Sarah and Ted Seldin, Susan and Jeff Perlmeter, Jan and Les Schneiderman, Helen and Joe Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lipp, Litzie and Yale Trustin, Mickey Krupinsky, Shirlee and Norm Smeerin, Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, Synagogue 2000 Committee, Renee and Morris Handleman, June Goodbinder, Helen and Leonard Finkel, Helen and Mort Soiref, Lois and Carl Herman; **Emily and Rebecca Sternberg:** Deb, Mark, Ben and Sarah Sherman

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF:

Jerry Alloy: Maxine and Milton Simons; **Norman Batt:** June Goodbinder, Carol and Ajon Farber; **Mollie Delman:** Carol and Ajon Farber; **Julie Egermayer:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Barbara**

Frankel: Maxine and Milton Simons, Sarah and Ted Seldin; **Ronald Herzoff:** Leslie and Bill Kully; **Norman Lincoln:** June Goodbinder; **Nate Mandell:** Maxine and Milton Simons; **Henry Monsky:** Carol and Ajon Farber; **Stacey Rockman:** Hermene and Speedy Zweiback, Nancy and Harlan Noddle

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Eve Bernstein: Leona Kasin, Ducky and Mike Milder; **Beth Brodkey:** Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Ruth Erman:** Darlynn and Tom Fellman; **Leonard Krasne:** Florence and Jack Brody, Joan and Milton Marcus; **Dr. Dan Miller:** Gigi and Syd Osten, Molline and Fritz Cassman, Holly and Steve Abrahamson; **Norman Plotkin:** Lois and Norm Wine; **Sally Venger:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Ducky and Mike Milder, Barbara and Mike Platt, Hazel and Max Turchen

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Cohn: Barbara and Marshall Kushner; **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirshenbaum:** Shirlee and Norman Smeerin, Barbara and Dean Frankel

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IN HONOR OF CONVERSION OF: Amy Katz: Suzanne Singer, Andi, David, Amy and Allie Willensky; **Wendy Reiss:**

Terri and Dick Zacharia and kids, Trickle Milder

IN HONOR OF GRADUATION OF: Amy Frankel: Barbara and Marshall Kushner

IN HONOR OF REDICATION OF TEMPLE'S TREES: Lois and Carl Herman

IN HONOR OF: Barbara Frankel: Judy and Buddy Roffman

IN APPRECIATION OF: Steve Danon: Mitzi Delman; **Julie Sandene:** Kol Rina Choir

IN APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Hazzan Erik L.F. Contzius, Ann Kibel Schwartz, Dorothy Spizman

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF: Ruth Bernstein: Nancy and Don Greenberg; **Meyer Ferer:** Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman; **Ida Kaiman:** Noni and Hal Selner; **Granum Kaplan:** Babe and Leo Nogg; **Ida Rosenberg:** Babe and Jerry Cohn; **Jennifer Lynn Sosnik:** Helen Kulakofsky

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: Stacey Rockman: Fran and Louie Blumkin

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Leonard "Chris" Krasne: Rhoda and Pete Milder and family; **Dr. Dan Miller:** Rose Ziegman

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: Mr. and Mrs. Bus Rubin: Fran and Louie Blumkin

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Jack Bennett Goldstein: David Krantz

SISTERHOOD ART BEAUTIFICATION

IN MEMORY OF: Paul Kuklin: Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin, Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Mother of Lois Margolin:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Jennifer Soshnik:** Marilyn and Marty Warren

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Jack Bennett Goldstein: Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin, Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren