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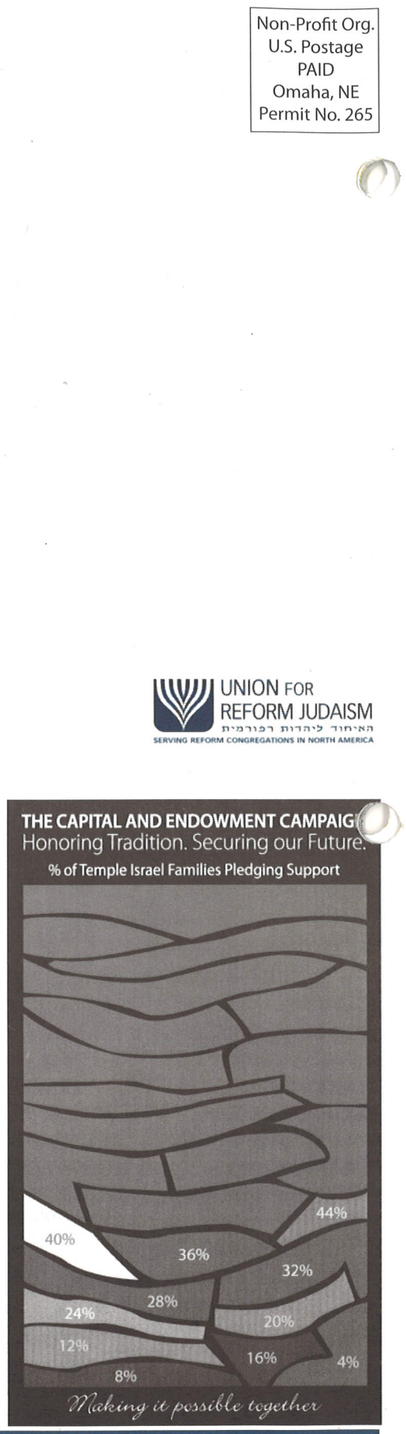
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Tidings

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As I See It...



Rabbi Azriel

Dreamers are not very beloved in the world of cold reality. When Joseph approached his brothers, they knew exactly what to call him in order to give vent and voice to their hatred and their scorn. They said, "Behold the dreamer cometh," and with those words they managed to express their deep resentment, their frustration, their anger, their disgust. "Behold the dreamer *cometh*!"

Well, we too are the dreamers of dreams. We took the dreams of the prophets and made them our own. Those ragged men on the street corners crying out that a life of decency and compassion and concern for one another were the only way to worship God; the words inside the temple were only promises, but what happened outside the temple really told the story. We took the ethics and the justice that they preached, translated them into our world and into our time, and spoke them from the pulpit. All of a sudden the words became alive and challenging, threatening and real. Some people were disturbed, and cried out, "Stick to religion!" But that is religion. Some of us do not keep silent. Our pulpits are alive and vocal. And we will get into trouble. "Behold the dreamer cometh!" And what are they all about, those dreams of ours?

We dream of a Judaism that is free - free of fear, free of guilt, free of superstition. We dream of a Judaism in which the quality of our lives is the crucial matter - our compassion, our concern, our willingness to stand up and be counted to defend the dignity of men, to safeguard the sanctity of life. We dream of a Judaism that loves its heritage, studies and understands it and rejoices in it, but refuses to live in the past. We dream of a Judaism that reaches out to every Jew and calls him brother knowing that we have a common fate and a common future and that we need each other. But we also dream of a Judaism that reaches out to every human being and calls him brother, knowing in the last analysis that we – all of us – have a common fate and a common future, and that we need each other. We dream of a Judaism proud and clean, and strong and real, the kind of faith our faith could be. We don't know what the future holds or what we will look like a hundred years from now. We only know the path we walk, the path of dreamers, dreaming of a better world and ways to reach that world, with a religion free of fear, free of guilt and free of superstition, a religion that speaks to the best in us.

It is said that when God dreamt, the world was born.

Now, it's our time to dream!

L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu!

WDSCU2D?

What Does the Shofar Call You to Do?



Rabbi Linder

The Shofar is an ancient alarm clock. Before the iPhone, we used non-electronic means to wake up and gather as a community. The ram's horn, the Shofar, is such a tool.

Maimonides teaches that yes, the sounds of the Shofar focus our attention(s), alerting us and waking us up. But more than that, it is a spiritual alarm clock. It wakes us up to life, to God, to each other. And ourselves.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a culmination of the month of *Elul*, a month of introspection and self-struggle. During the 10 days of Awe, we renew our promise to become who we want to be and who we need to be.

During this year's evening Rosh Hashanah service, we will be asking, WDSCU2D? What Does the Shofar Call You to Do? Will it call you to be a better friend? To be more forgiving? Less selfish? More giving? Happier?

We pray that we may be inscribed in the Book of Life. Our tradition suggests that God does not willy-nilly pick who is inscribed and who is not. It is based on our daily deeds, on our relationships, on our work. The Shofar is an inspiration for each of us to merit the inscription of each of our names in that book.

So, now is the time to start thinking ... WDSCU2D?

Considering Sound



Cantor Shermet

School starts here in the Plains in mid-August, whether the temperature is 118 degrees real-feel or a cool 88 degrees. Band camp, football, tennis and soccer practice all commence without regard to bodily comfort. And there is one other aspect of preparing for school that most of us don't consider, and that is safeguarding our voices.

I am concerned about this as a cantor, of course, but consider this paragraph taken from www.voiceacademy.org:

Old schools have noisy heating and cooling systems, poor acoustics (concrete walls and hard floors reflect sound causing conflicting echoes), and buzzing lights. The high pitch of children's voices, noise from the halls and the streets, ear infections in young children and increasing levels of hearing loss among students make it even more difficult for teachers to be heard. **15% of 6-19 year olds have signs of hearing loss.** Research has shown that students learn best when the teacher's voice is at least 15dB above the ambient noise in the classroom. Young children especially, need to hear every word as their language skills are not yet equipped to "fill in the blanks." Although the standard decibel measurement for an empty classroom is 35dB, most measure around 50dB. This means that teachers need to speak around 65dB to 70dB. For comparison, the dB level in a factory is approximately 70dB.

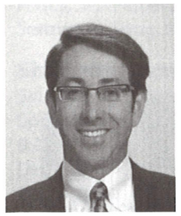
When we move into our new building it will be wonderful because it will be acoustically sensitive. We can't rebuild all the schools, but we can have both teachers and students learn to breathe properly, have a sufficiently healthy diet, talk instead of yell, and even have fun doing vocal drills. Our voices express song, conversation and prayer. Let's safeguard them!

What Does the Shofar Call You to Do?

Judaism asks. What is your answer?

We are creating an online community art project, asking the question "What Does the Shofar Call You to Do?" (WDSCU2D?) Your answers will combine a picture and text in a creative way. From now until Yom Kippur we will be taking pictures of our members with their answers and posting them on our social media sites. Upload your picture to the Temple Israel Facebook Page or tweet your image and text to @WDSCU2D. Learn more on the Temple Israel Blog, templeisraelomaha.wordpress.com/WDSCU2D. We are happy to help you participate in this on-line project. If you're not able to upload a picture from home, we will make sure you contribute when you come to Temple during the month of *Elul!* May we be inspired by each other's answers to inspire ourselves, to grow, to learn and to be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Note From the President



John Lehr

Along with our clergy and professional staff, president-elect Sally Kaplan and I recently spent 7 ½ hours in successive 30 minute meetings with the chairpersons of 12 of our 14 standing committees. Each chairperson discussed his or her goals for the coming year, what other assistance would be helpful in reaching those goals, and the committees' perpetuation and succession plans. Once again I was struck by the quality and quantity of all that we do, thanks to the passion, commitment, and expertise of our staff and legions of volunteers. While our new synagogue is what occupies most of my Temple time, meetings like I just experienced were a great reminder that who we are and what we do will endure long after the newness of our new building fades.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, I think how exciting it will be to weave the "who we are and what we do" into the building which will fittingly update the reflection of our entire congregation's passion, commitment, and expertise. With each report from our myriad of building committees and design professionals, I'm getting a clearer view of how beautifully our new congregational home will reflect our faith – borne of a hundred generations, yet still modern, relevant, and vital. What an honor and privilege it is for each of us to be able to freely forge our own link in our people's chain in this most special of times!

May we all enjoy a l'shana tova, filled with joy, prosperity, hope, faith, and shalom,

Temple Israel Staff

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

In the News

All Makes Office Equipment, a fourth-generation family owned business, was named the 2011 Best Place to Buy Office Furniture in the "Best of B2B" competition and the winner of the Hi5 National Dealer of the Year Award. **Jeff Kavich** is President/CEO in Omaha. **Amee Zetzman** is Executive Vice President/CFO in Omaha and President/CEO in Lincoln and Urbandale, IA.

Attorney **Ann Moshman** was awarded the Robert M. Spire Pro Bono Award at the Barristers' Ball for her service through the Nebraska State Bar's Volunteer Lawyer Project.

Catherine Rawlings started as an instructional designer at Union Pacific Railroad in May.

Ted Seldin received the Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Friedel Jewish Academy honored **Bob Eisenberg** at the school's annual tribute celebration in May.

Cleo Rogers, 16, performed as a fairy in Ballet Nebraska's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Rose Theater.

Omaha Westside graduating senior, **Grace Hack**, was named to the Omaha World-Herald's 2011 All Metro Academic Second Team.

At the Inclusive Communities 2011 Humanitarian Dinner in June, **Martha and David Slosburg** were honored for their service to the community and commitment to Inclusive Communities' mission.

Denise Meyers was chosen as a Jewish Community Center Volunteer of the Year while **Sydney Robinson** was a recipient of a JCC Maccabi Team Award. **Sam Burrell, Haley Halsted, Sam Noddle, Cole Schrager, and Alison Slosburg** were named Jewish High School Athletes of the Year.

Tom Fellman was one of the honorary chairs of the Boys & Girls Clubs benefit event which was dedicated to longtime supporter, **the late Phil Schrager**. His wife **Terri**, son **Rick**, and brother **Harley** accepted a plaque on Phil's behalf.

Among this year's Elinor Whitman Book Appreciation Contest winners were **Adam Folsom, Ian Schrier, Kathleen Kirshenbaum, Laura Kirshenbaum** and **Mia Vinci.**

Eve and Fred Simon are among the principal benefactors of the Harold and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Quilt artist **Marge Bresel** displayed textile work at the JCC Gallery in July.

Ernst & Young LLP announced that **Jeff Gordman** is among the Entrepreneurs of the Year for his accomplishments in retail.

Jordana Glazer has been named the Jewish Federation's first Chief Financial Officer.

Steve Chasen has been named a full-time teacher at Safe Haven School in North Omaha.

Introducing Our New Temple Israel Staff

Cassandra Hicks



If you've read the eTidings and the website recently, you've already admired the work of Cassandra Hicks, a graphic designer, who joined the support staff this summer. She also works on the Tidings layout and Shabbat supplements.

Originally from Sloan, IA, Cassandra moved here in 2006 to attend Creighton University. She graduated last year with majors in graphic design and photo journalism. "I love photography," she said. She also enjoys movies, spending time with friends and reading biographies as well as books on history.

Lachisha Sherrod



You'll meet Lachisha Sherrod when you walk into the office. As the administrative assistant she covers the switchboard. She's also involved in other day-to-day operations.

Originally from St. Louis, Lachisha has lived here since 1991. She's pursuing a business administration degree and has worked at Midco Supply Company and the Archdiocese Conference Center.

She likes spending time with her kids, DeJuan, 14, and Darci, 6, and being involved in church activities. She also enjoys "waking up everyday and coming to work."

Clifton Garrett

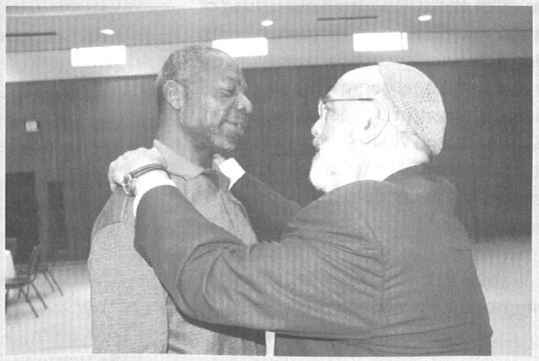


Working in the maintenance department, Clifton joined the staff in August. With Building Supervisor Scott Anderson, they're responsible for keeping everything from restrooms to classrooms clean and general building maintenance. After just a few days, he said he enjoys working at Temple Israel because "the atmosphere is really nice."

Originally from Houston, Clifton has lived in Omaha since he was six. He and his wife Paris have two children: Cherish, four, and Caden, three, who enjoy recreational activities like go-carting.

Shalom Lonnie!





Temple Israel honored Lonnie Williams at Shabbat worship services on August 5. Lonnie worked at Temple Israel for 37 years before his retirement this summer. "I want to thank everyone for coming to Temple Israel that night and for their generous gift," said Lonnie. He will be missed by clergy, staff and congregants all!

Shabbat Evening
Friday, September 2
Sermon in Song, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning
Saturday, September 3
Sparks Beneath the Surface, 9:15 a.m.
Looking Back, Looking Forward, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Evening
Friday, September 9
Shabbat Comes to You at Remington Heights, 4 p.m.
Tot Service, 6 p.m.
Service, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning
Saturday, September 10
Sparks Beneath the Surface, 9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.,
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Saag

Shabbat Evening
Friday, September 16
Write Yourself into the Book of Life, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning
Saturday, September 17
Sparks Beneath the Surface, 9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.,
Bat Mitzvah of
Rachel Zetzman

Shabbat Evening
Friday, September 23
Going Deeper, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning
Saturday, September 24
Sparks Beneath the Surface, 9:15 a.m.
Service, 10:30 a.m.

S'lichot
Saturday, September 24
S'lichot Service, 7 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, September 28
Rosh Hashanah Service, 7:30 p.m

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 29
Children's Service, 9 a.m.
Tot Service, 9 a.m.
Morning Service, 10:15 a.m.

Shabbat Evening
Friday, September 30
Why Does Rosh Hashanah Come Before Yom Kippur?, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Morning
Saturday, October 1
Sparks Beneath the Surface, 9:15 a.m. Service, 10:30 a.m.
Tashlich, Noon

Kol Nidre
Friday, October 7
Service, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 8
Tot Service, 9 a.m.
Chidren's Service, 9 a.m.
Morning Service, 10:15 a.m.
Readings and Meditation, 12:30 p.m.
The Shofar Calls You to Tell a Story, 12:30 p.m.
Moments of Remembrance, 2 p.m.
Sermon Discussion, 3 p.m.
Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Neilaha, Havdalah, 3:45 p.m.

Erev Sukkot
Wednesday, October 12
Sukkot Service, 6 p.m.

Sukkot
Thursday, October 13
Breakfast in the Sukkah, 9:30 a.m. Service, 10:30 a.m.

Erev Simchat Torah
Wednesday, October 19
Consecration/Service, 6 p.m.

Simchat Torah
Thursday, October 20
Service and Yizkor, 10:30 a.m.

S'lichot with a Twist

Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m.
The evening will begin with Havdalah. Our service will feature music from around the world, along with personal meditations and thoughts that will be sprinkled throughout. We will then examine several animated shorts that explore the themes of forgiveness and growth. We will conclude with a delicious chocolate oneg.

Hop! Hop! Hop to the Sukkah Hop!

Sunday, October 16, Noon to 4 p.m.
"It's a great family event," said Saundra Clarke who attended last year's Sukkah Hop with her husband Kevin and their sons, Isaac, seven, and Yonatan, two. "The thing I loved about it was that it incorporated all three synagogues and the Blumkin Home. It kind of brought all of Omaha's Jewish community together."

Sukkah Hop Schedule:

Beth El	Noon	Appetizers
Beth Israel	1:15 - 2 p.m.	Lunch
Temple Israel	2:15 p.m.	Ice Cream
Rose Blumkin	3:15 p.m.	Music and Socializing

There are activities for children at each stop. Saundra "loved that there were things for children as well as adults," and she's "excited" to think the Sukkah Hop may become an annual event.

Volunteers are needed at Temple Israel that day. Please contact Temple Israel, 402-556-6536, if you can help.

Consecration of Young Students

Erev Simchat Torah
Wednesday, October 19, 6 p.m.
One of Judaism's most jovial holidays, Simchat Torah starts out with Tuffy Epstein and his fiddlers welcoming congregants into the sanctuary. Another highlight of the holiday is kindergarten consecration marking the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education which leads to Confirmation. Kindergartners as well as older children who have not yet participated in this ceremony will celebrate on Simchat Torah with an all-participation hakafot through the aisles with the Torah, apples, and flags.

Parents have made it a tradition to decorate a handmade mantel on which rest child-size Torahs to be presented to each consecrant. Many B'nai Mitzvah students enjoy bringing their little Torahs back for this service.

Parents of all consecrants are requested to attend a Consecration Checklist meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 10:15 a.m. at Temple Israel.

New Members



Parents of three sons, **Jaime and Brian Nogg** are busy with Jordan, 5, Cory, two, and Taylor, 2 months. When they have time, they all like to go to the park and to the pool. Jordan and Cory also like to help their parents take care of Taylor and even entertain him with short theatrical performances and plan to show him how to "shoot hoops" as soon as he's old enough.
Brian, who was born and grew up in Omaha, is a business owner with his brother Jeff and father Steve of I-Go Van and Storage Company. Jaime, whose degree is in early childhood and special education, is from St. Louis where the couple lived until 2004 when they moved to Omaha. Jordan is a kindergartner at Aldrich Elementary School, and Cory attends the Child Development Center at the Jewish Community Center.



Retired now, **Pearl Giventer** was born and raised mostly in Omaha. However, she has also lived in Los Angeles and Palm Springs, CA. She and her husband Ned were in the home improvement business. In the 1960s, they opened California Carpet at 15th and California where they worked for 15 to 20 years. Pearl and Ned were married for 41 years until he died 25 years ago.
As a retiree, Pearl has volunteered at the Hadassah Bargain Box at the Dr. Philip Sher Home, and the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. Her "biggest hobby," according to her daughter, was "playing the stock market."

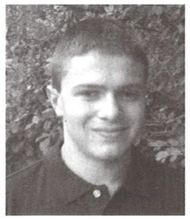


Rebecca Fuehrer and Jeff Friedman are getting an early start on their membership at Temple Israel. The engaged couple plans to marry in the fall of 2012. Jeff, originally from New York, moved to Omaha when he was 12. He is now a manager at Midas. Becky was born in Imperial, NE, graduated from high school in Crete, attended Peru State College, and moved to Omaha in 2009. She is currently working at Hyatt Reservations. Between them, Becky and Jeff have two cats, Patches and Skittles, who are former farm felines, and a new dog, Jake. Just the beginning of a new family!

B'nai Mitzvah בני מצוה



On August 20, **Naomi Teetzel** celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah. An eighth grader at Beveridge Magnet School, she is the daughter of Sarah Teetzel and Erik Teetzel. Naomi's brother, Nathaniel, is 15.
All summer, Naomi volunteered at HETRA, the Heartland Equine Therapy Riding Academy, a horseback riding program for young people with special needs. "She loved it!" said her mother. While the riders were on horseback, Naomi assisted with games they played while riding.



Solomon Marburg, who attends Westside Middle School, became a Bar Mitzvah on August 27. He and his brother Elijah, ten, are the sons of Deb Marburg and Dan Marburg.
For his mitzvah project, Solomon coordinated a weekly fresh food drive by collecting food at the Omaha Farmers Market at Aksarben Village and the Bagel Bin and then delivering the donations to the Stephen Center.



On September 10, **Jordan Saag**, will become a Bar Mitzvah. A student at Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, Jordan is the son of Sherrie and David Saag. Jordan's sister, Rachel, is 15.
For his mitzvah project, Jordan conducted an athletic shoe donation drive on behalf of the NIKE Reuse-A-Shoe campaign. The non-profit drive recycles old athletic shoes into new playgrounds and running tracks for schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods.



Rachel Zetzman, who will turn 13 on September 9, will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on September 17. The daughter of Amee and Ted Zetzman, Rachel attends Westside Middle School. She has a sister, Katie, who is 15.
Rachel is fashioning fleece blankets for Children's Hospital and Medical Center for her mitzvah project.

Births לידה

Moriyah Miriam Fererman, daughter of Whitney Elesheva and Dan Fererman, Yaakov, Israel. Grandparents are Soshana and Bo Feferman, Mishawaka, IN, and Sherry and Jeff Taxman. Great-grandparent is the late Barbara Taxman.

Henry Lynn Fredricks, son of Jill and Jeffrey Fredricks. Grandparents are Nan and Jerry Halverson, Rapid City, SD, Sally Fredricks and the late Terry Lynn Fredricks. Great-grandparents are Roma and Bob Halverson, Waconda, SD, Beverly Burtz, Winner, SD, and Arlene and David Fredricks.

Mia Pearl Green, daughter of Lisa Coren Green and Lt. Col. Brad Green. Grandparents are Fran and Mickey Coren.

Henry Bauer Kramer, son of Rachel and Alex Kramer, Dallas, TX. Grandparents are Ellen and Richard Slosburg, and Susan and Allyn Kramer, Dallas, TX. Great-grandparents are Stanley Slosburg, and Katherine Bauer, Dallas, TX.

Taylor Andrew Nogg, son of Jaime and Brian Nogg. Grandparents are Judy and Craig Goldford, St. Louis, MO, and Patty and Steve Nogg. Great-grandparents are Audrey Silverman, St. Louis, MO, and the late Bob Silverman, the late Harvey Rosen, Marvin Goldford, St. Louis, MO and the late Iris Goldford, Jeanie and Allen Parelman, Kansas City, MO and Aspen, CO, the late Si Lee, Bud Studna and the late Betty Studna, and the late Ernie and Adalynn Nogg.

Emma Naima Rosen, daughter of Kate Koester and Daniel Rosen, Seattle, WA. Grandparents are Susan and Bob Koester, Chicago, IL, Margo Rosen, and the late Bill Rosen. Great-grandparents are the late Rose and Ben Rosen.

Elliot Loggia Spizman, son of Karen Loggia and David Spizman. Grandparents are Betty and Tom Loggia, Leawood, KS, Dorothy Spizman and the late Phillip Spizman.

Engagement אירוסין

Allison Lepp and Adam Freeman. Parents are Karen and Robert Lepp, and Karen and John Freeman.

Rebecca Fuehrer and Jeffrey Friedman. Parents are Lisa Fuehrer, Denver, CO, Kurt Fuehrer, Imperial, NE, and Joan and Michael Freidman, Beaver Lake, NE.

Sara Jacobson and Bart Haney. Parents are Nancy and David Jacobson, and Bea and Roger Haney.

Erin Ziff and Jacob Slosburg. Parents are Barbara and Thomas Ziff, Atlanta, GA, and Ellen and Richard Slosburg.

Ashley Marie McClure and Aaron Jacob Wolfson. Parents are Julia and Robert McClure, Burnsville, MN, and Sara and Doug Wolfson.

Marriage נישואין

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Robinson. Mrs. Evan Robinson is the former Amy Redich. Parents are Arlene and Jeff Redich and Betti and Dick Robinson, Norfolk, NE.

In Sympathy נחמה

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

Ronald Archer, father of Jill Idelman;

Ruth Brown, mother of Joi Brown;

Harry L. Freeman, brother of Jerry Freeman and uncle of Ellen, John and Robert Freeman;

Myrna Kirshenbaum, wife of Kevee Kirshenbaum;

Alexander (Al) Mehr, father of Lois Linder and grandfather of Rabbi Eric Linder;

Rosalie Meiches, wife of Maurice Meiches and mother of Deborah Meiches-Simpson;

Rochelle "Roie" Meyers, wife of Bernie Meyers and mother of Vicki Perlmeter;

Leo Meyerson, father of Darlynn Fellman, grandfather of Scott Meyerson, Troy Meyerson, Heidi Schneiderman and Louri Sullivan;

Rosetta "LaVerne" Mitchell, mother of Natha Waldbaum;

Dr. Sherwood Patrick Peartree, father of Laura Schrager;

Dorthy C. Riekes, grandmother of Stacey Atlas;

Barbara Taxman Rips, mother of Harlan Rips and grandmother of Anne Rips and Sara Rips;

Selma Shamburg;

Shalene Sosland, cousin of Miles Remer;

Harriett K. Sperling, wife of Sherman C. Sperling;

Marvin Taxman, husband of Barbara Taxman, father of Jeff Taxman; brother-in-law of Alice and Yale Trustin, uncle of Jane Rips;

Agnes Trick, mother of Rose Bernstein and grandmother of Ashley, LaShanna and Sean Bernstein;

Susan Marie Vann, granddaughter of Judy Vann and niece of Wendy and John Vann and Tom Vann;

David Wallace, brother of Lisa Scheet;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Rabbi Eric Linder led an early start to Shabbat on July 29 at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. Among those Rabbi greeted were Mark Kazor (left) and his great-aunt Sarah Kaplan, a resident of the Home.

Caring Committee Honoring Temple Israel's Senior Citizens

Friday, September 23, 8 a.m.

Honey cakes will be delivered to all Temple Israel congregants age 80 and above. There are nearly 200 members of our congregation who we wish to honor in this age group. Volunteers are needed to pick up the honey cakes at Temple Israel and then deliver them along with a greeting for a sweet year.

Contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg at, 402-556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, or Caring Committee Chair Wendy Vann, 402-391-5595 or wmvann@cox.net, to volunteer to deliver honey cakes and to suggest future ways to support our senior members.

Tot Shabbat is Back!

Friday, September 9, 6 p.m.

A lively, short service of stories and singing created with young children in mind will be led by Rabbi Linder. For families with kids through second grade, their parents and grandparents, the worship service will be followed by a spaghetti dinner with buttered noodles, meat sauce, challah and salad prepared by Chef Teresa Kramer-Ruback. Cost for the dinner is $5 for adults; no charge for children. Contact the Temple Israel office, 402-556-6536 or RSVP@templeisraelomaha.com, to make a dinner reservation.

Mark Your Calendar for Future Tot Shabbat Services and Dinner Dates

December 16
January 27
March 9
May 18

Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ Board Meeting
Sunday, September 18, 10 a.m., Library
Mimi Silverman and her new WRJ Board want you to know that all WRJ members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Help Needed!
Saturday, September 24
WRJ is looking for some "chocolate" bakers! We are in need of many desserts for the S'lichot chocolate oneg. We are looking for a variety of chocolate themed desserts such as dipped fruit, dipped pretzels, brownies, cookies, cakes, etc. If you are willing to bake for WRJ please contact Kate Kirshenbaum, katekirsh@cox.net or Nikki Kirshenbaum, nrkirshe@cox.net and have your desserts to Temple Israel by September 23 labeled WRJ-CHOCOLATE ONEG 9/24.
Thank you bakers!

You Can Help WRJ by Donating or Sorting Books.
Sunday, September 25,10 a.m.
Please drop off any gently used books, CDs, DVDs, music, VHS tapes, and books on tape to Temple Israel. Contact WRJ President Mimi Silverman, 402-932-6626, to schedule a book pick-up (if needed). Please pack your books in grocery size bags or small boxes.
The book sale will be April 22 -24, 2012

High Holiday Sitter Service Check In Volunteers Needed
Are you able to help us get our children organized in sitter service for the High Holidays? We need a few volunteers for the following times:
Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 9:45 a.m.
Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning Service, 9:45 a.m.
If you can help, please contact WRJ President Mimi Silverman, 402-932-6626.

Looking for a Few Good Mentors

Temple Israel's Social Justice Committee is looking for members of the congregation who want to connect their experience and passion for improving our community with Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. These volunteers should be willing to encourage students to make their own decisions rather than carrying out their mentors' social justice objectives.

This pilot program, called Mitzvah Mentors, will match B'nai Mitzvah students fulfilling their mitzvah project obligations with members of the congregation who are interested in social justice, explained Dan Gilbert, Social Justice Committee chair.

Among the outcomes that Dan and Cantor Wendy Shermet who has been involved in developing this project with Dan hope to achieve are students becoming more engaged with their mitzvah projects when working with a mentor; mentors getting more acquainted with families in the congregation they might not have met previously; and mentors, students, and Temple Israel building stronger relationships with human service organizations in the area.

"Timing, coaching and individual needs will be different in each situation," added Dan. "In some cases, the mentors will do site visits with students. In others, mentors could ask for reports or reflections from the students. In every case, mentors will work with students' families." Parents will be asked to share their expectations about their children's mitzvah projects and coordinate logistics. Clergy will also be involved in the spiritual aspects of each mitzvah project.

Dan hopes to identify six to eight mentors for the 2011-12 Mitzvah Mentor Pilot Program. If you're interested, please contact him, dmgilbert@gmail.com. After brainstorming sessions with the mentors, they will be matched with students for the current school year.

Sports Up First for MRJ

Dan Marburg, President
Men of Reform Judaism planned an August dads and kids outing to see a Storm Chasers game at Werner Park.

Next up, Mitch Sherman, an ESPN senior writer who is a member of Temple Israel, will talk to MRJ at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 18 at Temple Israel. Mitch is a former sports reporter with the Omaha World-Herald and has been with ESPN since March 2011. He'll talk about -- what else? -- college football. Please join us for a bagel breakfast while he speaks.

Dan Marburg, president of MRJ, said, "With the new year comes an opportunity for men of all generations to engage socially and get to know other congregants. We have some ideas for programs, but I really want to know what the men of the congregation would like the Men's Club to be."

Dan took office in the spring. However, he's been involved at Temple Israel as a member of the Board of Trustees for several years. "I thought this would be another way to help get some of our congregants involved in a variety of activities throughout the course of the year," he added. "I hope we will have opportunities to spend time with friends, make new friends, learn new things, and have a good time while building a strong community."

Ongoing

How Good Do We Have to Be?
Thursdays, September 8, 15 and 22, 10:30 a.m.
Harold Kushner, writing with his customary generosity and wisdom, shows us how human life is too complex for anyone to live it without making mistakes, and why we need not fear the loss of God's love when we are less than perfect.

Torah Study
Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Shabbat morning Torah study with Temple Israel clergy, followed by worship services at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a bagel, juice and coffee while discussing the portion of the week. Newcomers are always welcome.

Temple Israel's Golf Outing

Thanks to all the golfers who turned out on a beautiful Monday afternoon at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

We are grateful to the following Hole Sponsors: AAA Rents, Alamar Uniform Company, All Makes Office Equipment, AOI Corporation, Arkfeld, Parson Goldstein, P.C., Associated Underwriters, Ayars and Ayars, Azriel Family, Bag 'n Save, Broadmoor Development, Brodkeys Jewelry, CB Richard Ellis/MEGA, CentiMark, Colliers International, Daniel Grieb, CPA, Janey and Jerry Dann, eFrame Technologies, Toby Fellman, Finegold Alexander + Associates, Frankel, Zacharia, LLC, Fraser Stryker Law Firm, Grace/Mayer Insurance Agency, I-Go Van and Storage, Infiniti of Omaha, JNL Enterprise, Inc., John A. Gentleman Mortuary, Julio's, Keystone Glass, Gail and Jerry Kohll, Lexus of Omaha, Lynn Roberts International, Rabbi Eric Linder, Nebraska Warehouse, Omaha Steaks, Parking Area Maintenance, Paul Gerber Auto Sales, Project Advocates, N. Pitlor and Son, Prodigy Asset Management, Republic National Distributing, Silvia and Larry Roffman, Security National Bank, SEI Security, Solutionary, Strong Box Mini Storage, Thermal Services, Inc., U.S. Optical and Valpak of Omaha



Denise Meyers, seated, kept score of the last prize hole of the outing - the putting green. Putters (left to right): Harry Gates, Jim Farber and Paul Gerber.

Our sincerest thanks to the following prize donors: Bagel Bin, Brix, Danny's Bar and Grill, Designer Touch, El Basha, EMC Insurance Companies, Film Streams, Fraser Stryker Law Firm, Gauvier and Milone, Gordmans, Ideal Pure Water, Julio's, Lindley Clothing, LK Design, Lueder Construction, Methodist Hospital, Joe Meyers, Mid-Con Systems, Mortgage Specialists, Mulhall's Home Garden, Nickleby's Smoke Ring, NRG Media, Park 'N Go, Parsow's, Progressive Insurance, Rebulic National Distributing, Regal Awards / Tom Rice, SAFECO, Speed Binder, Spirit World, Trader Joe's, Travelers Insurance and Wolf Brothers.

Without the Golf Committee and the following volunteers, our annual Golf Outing would not be the success it continues to be: Rabbi Azriel, Lori Bennett, Dennis DePorte, Mel Epstein, Jim Farber, Rick Fox, Rabbi Linder, Dan Marburg, Denise Meyers, Jon Meyers, Steve Redler, Andy Ruback, Becky Smedlund, Jeff Smedlund, Cantor Shermet, and Misty Weidner.

The Missing Ingredient Cookbook: Phase Two

Andi Gordman and Danielle Gordman, Chairs

Cookbook Chairs Andie Gordman and Danielle Gordman congratulate Temple Israel members for successfully reaching the goal of gathering recipes with family stories about their missing ingredients. "We did it! Thank you so much for your help! Now we are on to phase two," they announced.

"Once again, we need your help. Please submit a favorite family recipe (or two) to help us complete Temple Israel's newest cookbook. Your help is greatly appreciated by our committee and all Temple Israel tummies! Remember, for this phase, just submit your favorite family recipes. Stories are not required. However, if you still have a story to go with your recipe about your missing ingredient, please do submit it. We'll make sure it makes the final edition of the cookbook," assured the chairs. Recipes are due by October 15. To submit recipes, use the forms available at www.templeisrael-ne.org. Click on Congregation and then on WRJ Sisterhood. You can also contact Andie, 402-320-5335, agordman@omahameca.com, or Danielle, 402-578-5058, dsgordman@me.com. Shellfish and pork recipes will not be accepted.

Send a WRJ Tribute Card

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

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

HOLIDAY GREETING TO

- ❑ Rabbi Aryeh and Elyce Azriel
- ❑ Rabbi Eric Linder
- ❑ Cantor Wendy Shermet and Len Burrell
- ❑ Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks
- ❑ Dennis DePorte, Executive Director, and Pam DePorte
- ❑ Wendy Goldberg, Program Director, and David Goldberg
- ❑ Lori Bennett, Religious School Coordinator
- ❑ Amy Filler-Katz, OTYG Advisor, and Dick Katz
- ❑ Claudia Sherman, Communications Director, and Marc Sherman

BIRTHS לידה

- ❑ Alexander Lawrence Yale 2-11-11
  son of Sarah and Adam Yale
- ❑ Grace Tate Robinson 3-30-11
  daughter of Julie and Arnold Robinson
- ❑ Taylor Andrew Nogg 6-23-11
  son of Jamie and Brian Nogg
- ❑ Henry Lynn Fredricks 7-13-11
  son of Jill and Jeff Fredricks

ENGAGEMENTS אירוסין

- ❑ Erin Ziff and Jacob Slosburg
  Parents are Barbara and Thomas Ziff, Ellen and Richard Slosburg
- ❑ Ashley McClure and Aaron Wolfson
  Parents are Julia McClure, Robert McClure, Sara and Doug Wolfson
- ❑ Allison Lepp and Adam Freeman
  Parents are Karen and Bob Lepp, Karen and John Freeman
- ❑ Rebecca Fuehrer and Jeffrey Friedman
  Parents are Lisa Fuehrer, Kurt Fuehrer, Joan and Michael Friedman
- ❑ Sara Jacobson and Bart Haney
  Parents are Nancy and David Jacobson, Bea and Roger Haney

MARRIAGE נישואין

- ❑ Amy Redich and Evan Robinson 5-22-11
  Parents are Arlene and Jeff Redich, Betti and Dick Robinson

B'NAI MITZVAH בני מצוה

- ❑ Naomi Teetzel 8-20-11
  daughter of Sarah Teetzel
- ❑ Solomon Marburg 8-27-11
  son of Deb Marburg and Dan Marburg
- ❑ Jordan Saag 9-10-11
  son of Sherrie and David Saag
- ❑ Rachel Zetzman 9-17-11
  daughter of Amee and Ted Zetzman
- ❑ Abby Hack 10-15-11
  daughter of Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack
- ❑ Hannah Goodman 10-29-11
  daughter of Jennifer and Scott Goodman
- ❑ Jacob Meyerson 11-5-11
  son of Jennifer and Scott Meyerson
- ❑ Asher Rosenquist 11-12-11
  son of Julie and Thor Rosenquist
- ❑ Nate Gendler 11-19-11
  son of Tami Field and Larry Gendler
- ❑ Isabella Radler 12-3-11
  daughter of Gretchen and David Radler
- ❑ Aaron Noddle 12-10-11
  son of Kim and Jay Noddle

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

Send a WRJ Fund donation card for birthdays, condolences, welcoming new members or wishing a speedy recovery. We will send a personalized donor card for any occasion for a minimum donation of $10 per card. Contact the Temple Israel office, 402-556-6536, or complete the online form on the Temple Israel website, www.templeisrael-ne.org, to order a personalized donation card.

Please return this form with your check payable to Women of Reform Judaism by Tuesday, September 27, to Temple Israel, 7023 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68132.

Preferred Signature _____

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

❑ I would like to acknowledge all of the events listed above for $50

WRJ

Temple Israel

September תשרי / אלול



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Adult Study with the Clergy 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	**2** Shabbat Service: Sermon in a Song 6 p.m.	**3** Torah Study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service: 10:30 a.m.
4	**5** ***Labor Day*** ***Office Closed***	**6** High Holiday Roundtable with Rabbi Azriel, Noon	**7** Movie: Save the Tiger 6:30 p.m. Community High School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	**8** Adult Study with the Clergy 10:30-11:30 a.m.	**9** Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Tot Shabbat, 6 p.m. Shabbat Service: Looking Back, Looking Forward 6 p.m.	**10** Torah Study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. **Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Saag**
11 Teacher Meeting, 9 a.m. Grades PreK-6 10 a.m.-Noon Prayer Assembly, 10 a.m. Forgiveness, 10:30 a.m. BBQ, Noon OTYG/JYG Car Wash, Noon Kol Rina Rehearsal, 1 p.m. Shofar, 1 p.m.	**12**	**13** Kol Rina Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	**14** Grades 3-6 @ 4:15 p.m. Family School @ 6 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 @ 6 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Community High School 6:30 p.m. Shofar Choir, 6:30 p.m. Talking About Forgiveness 6:30 p.m.	**15** Adult Study with the Clergy 10:30-11:30 a.m.	**16** Shabbat Service: Writing Yourself into the Book of Life 6 p.m.	**17** Torah Study 9:15 -10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. **Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Zetzman**
18 Grades PreK-6, 10 a.m. WRJ Meeting, 10 a.m. MRJ: Mitch Sherman, 10 a.m. Kindergarten Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Religious School Steering Committee Meeting 12:15 p.m. Kol Rina Rehearsal, 1 p.m.	**19**	**20** Executive Meeting, 6 p.m. Kol Rina Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, 7 p.m.	**21** Grades 3-6, 4:15 p.m. Family School, 6 p.m. Grades 7 & 8, 6 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Community High School 6:30 p.m. Healing Service, 6:30 p.m.	**22** Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	**23** Shabbat Service: Going Deeper 6 p.m.	**24** ***S'lichot*** Torah Study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. S'lichot Service, 7 p.m.
25 Teacher Meeting, 9 a.m. Grades PreK-6, 10 a.m. WRJ Book Sorting, 10 a.m. Write You're Wrong, 10 a.m. Consecration Checklist for Parents, 10:15 a.m. Kindergarten Rehearsal 11:30 a.m.	**26**	**27** Kol Rina Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	**28** ***Erev Rosh Hashanah*** Service, 7:30 p.m.	**29** ***Rosh Hashanah*** Office Closed Children's Service, 9 a.m. Tot Service, 9 a.m. Sitter Service, 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m.	**30** Shabbat Service: Why Does Rosh Hashanah Come Before Yom Kippur? 6 p.m.	

October חשון / תשרי

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Torah Study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Tashlich, Immediately following
2 Teacher Meeting, 9 a.m. Grades PreK-6, 10 a.m. Kindergarten Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. JYG Event, Noon Kol Rina Rehearsal 1 p.m. Memorial Service, 1 p.m. Building Pledge Drive 5 p.m.	**3**	**4** Kol Rina Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	**5** Grades 3-6 4:15 p.m. Family School, 6 p.m. Grades 7- 8, 6 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Community High School 6:30 p.m. A Jewish Super Hero Repents, 6:30 p.m.	**6**	**7** ***Kol Nidre*** Kol Nidre Service 7:30 p.m.	**8** ***Yom Kippur*** Tot Service, 9 a.m. Children's Service, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10:15 a.m. Readings and Meditation 12:30 p.m. The Shofar Calls You to Tell a Story, 12 :30 p.m. Moments of Rememberance, 2 p.m. Sermon Discussion, 3 p.m. Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah 3:45 p.m.
9 No Religious School	**10**	**11**	**12** ***Erev Sukkot*** Grades 3-6, 4:15 p.m. Family School, 6 p.m. Sukkot Service 6 p.m. Family School Dinner 6 p.m.	**13** ***Sukkot*** Office Closed Breakfast in the Sukkah 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m.	**14** Shabbat Comes to You at Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	**15** Torah Study 9:15 -10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. **Bat Mitzvah** **of Abby Hack**
16 Grades K-6, 10 a.m. WRJ Meeting, 10 a.m. Kindergarten Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Community Sukkah Hop Beth El, Noon Beth Israel, 1:15 p.m. Temple Israel, 2:15 p.m. Rose Blumkin, 3:15 p.m.	**17**	**18** Executive Meeting 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m.	**19** ***Erev Simchat Torah*** Consecration Pictures 5:30 p.m. Consecration/Service 6 p.m.	**20** ***Simchat Torah*** Office Closed Service and Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	**21** Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	**22** Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
23 No Religious School	**24**	**25**	**26** Grades 3-6, 4:15 p.m. Family School, 6 p.m. School Dinner, 6 p.m. Community High School 6:30 p.m. B'nai Tzedek for Grades 7 & 8 6:30 p.m. Brothers - an Israeli film 6:30 p.m.	**27** Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	**28** Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	**29** ***Rosh Chodesh*** Experience Shabbat for Grades 3-6, 9 a.m. Torah Study 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. **Bat Mitzvah of** **Hannah Goodman**
30 Grade K-6, 10 a.m. WRJ Book Sorting, 10 a.m. RSSC, 12:15 p.m. OTYG Event, Noon	**31**					

Youth AND EDUCATION

Omaha Jewish Chai School at the JCC

Miriam Gross, Director

You may have heard groups of Omaha teens referring to an evening activity called the 'OJC'. Before you grow concerned and run to urbandictionary.com, to check it out, rest assured OJC is a valid – and great! – happening right here in Omaha.

OJC stands for the Omaha Jewish Chai School. And the "Chai" is not for tea. It's the Hebrew "Chai" meaning "to life." From the end of August through mid-May on Wednesday evenings, Jewish high school students gather at the JCC to study, explore, express themselves and question and debate Jewish issues and ideas. While the teachers include Omaha clergy members and local educators, much of the learning happens through the kids themselves and the amazing discussions that take place each and every week.

Last year was the first year of this community-wide collaborative endeavor. Developed through the efforts of Beth El Synagogue, Beth Israel Synagogue, Temple Israel, the Jewish Federation of Omaha and the Center for Jewish Education, the first year was a great success. "Our program continues to evolve in a way that is organic and responsive to the needs of our students and community members," says Miriam Gross, Director of the OJC. The second year will begin with some exciting changes that will appeal to our busy over-scheduled teens. "We understand the demands that are placed on our teens and we want to work with that and not against it. We want the students to feel comfortable with the material, even if they miss a week, and we designed the curriculum with that in mind," explains Ms. Gross of the new curriculum structure to be implemented this coming year.

Each night features two periods with a snack and social time in between. During the first period the teens will take classes from a wide array of offerings from the local clergy. Classes will be interactive, stimulating and always engaging, broaching on such topics as the Jewish responses to current social issues, Jewish Art, along with ancient, modern and fascinating forms of Biblical and Talmudic analysis. With three trimesters rather than just two semesters, students will have the opportunity to engage in a larger selection of topics and teachers.

During second period the entire school will come together for a presentation followed by breakouts into groups. Through a variety of interactive media - music, videos, Jewish films, literature, art and more – a variety of topics will be explored throughout the year. In the small groups, students will interact and learn in a fun and meaningful way with other students from across the denominational spectrum.

At the OJC, all students identify as Jewish, but what that means to each one varies from one student to the next. There are Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, unaffiliated, questioning, rebellious, atheist, cultural, and just Jewish Jews filling the classrooms. That certainly leads to a learning experience that is always interesting!

OJC gives students the time and space that they need to find themselves in a 3000+ year old family and tradition. It's the much needed soul-time for our kids to discover what it means to be a Jew living and breathing in the 21st century.

The first day of class is Wednesday, August 31. For registration information, visit www.jewishomaha.org/ojc, email mgross@jewishomaha.org or call 402-590-2147.

Welcome Back!

Lori Bennett, Religious School Coordinator

As sad as I am to see the summer ending, I am so happy that the first day of Religious School is just around the corner. The school halls at Temple Israel are just too quiet for me!

This year school starts on a day with a very bleak history – September 11. During the Family Prayer Assembly at 10 a.m. we will balance the sadness of zachor (remembrance) for the victims of 9/11 with the simchat hashivah (joyful return) to religious school. The duality of emotions on this particular day is an important teaching moment for our students and families. Before we recite the Kaddish during the assembly, we will talk about how these words are not a prayer of sadness for the deceased but a pledge from the living to carry on the divine spark, to redeem death through an affirmative Jewish life.

So, it is with this in mind that on September 11 we can honor the sorrow of zikaron (remembering) with the tikvah (hope) of a fun and fulfilling school year.

L'Shanah Tovah Tiketevu!

Annual Bible Quiz

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., JCC

Are you interested in studying the books of Exodus and Ruth? Do you have a competitive streak? Combine the two and register to participate in the 26th Annual B'nai B'rith Bible Quiz at the August 28 session of the Omaha Jewish Chai School (OJC). The Bible Quiz is open to any grades 9 –12 Jewish student in the Omaha community with monetary prizes up to $600.

The OJC will offer study sessions at the JCC on Wednesday evenings prior to classes. Rabbi Azriel and Rabbi Linder will be available at Temple Israel at 11 a.m. on the following Sundays for additional concentrated lessons: October 2, 16, 30; November 6, 13, 20; and December 4.

Summer Camp is Always a Good Time

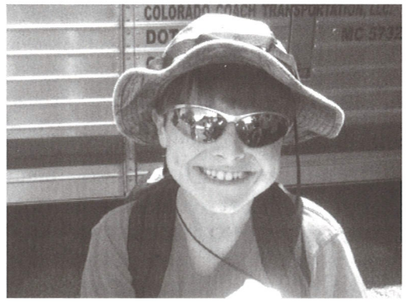


Right: Benjamin Brodkey (left) and Benjamin Raffel (right) all attended Camp Sabra at the Lake of the Ozarks in the summer.



Left: "I plan on going back until my Daled year at least, and maybe I'll be an SIT and Counselor after that like Grace and Joe Hack. The counselors are the BEST!!" Cecelia Vann, far right, is 12 and a 7th grader. She attended Shwayder Camp in Idaho Springs, CO.

Right: Elijah Marburg about to get on the bus in Denver to head to Shwayder Camp in Idaho Springs, CO.



Calendar

First session for Grades K - 6
Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m. – Noon

Family Prayer Assembly
Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m.

Annual Religious School BBQ & Raffle
Sunday, September 11, Noon

First sessions for Family School and Grades 7 & 8
Wednesday, September 14, 6 – 8 p.m.

Religious School Steering Committee
Sunday, September 18, 12:15 p.m.
Contact Religious School Steering Committee chair Sharon Comisar-Langdon, 402-496-7202, scomisar@mpsomaha.org, to get involved in this great parent/school partnership.

Consecration Checklist for Parents
Sunday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.

No Religious School, Family School, Grades 7 & 8
Wednesday, September 28

No Religious School
Sunday, October 9

Family School Celebrates Sukkot
Wednesday, October 12, 6 p.m.

No Grades 7 & 8
Wednesday, October 12

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"As my ancestors planted for me, I plant now for my children and my children's children."

- The Talmud

The Capital and Endowment Campaign

Temple Israel is embarking on a capital and endowment fundraising campaign, Honoring Tradition. Securing our future, to ensure that Omaha's only Reform Congregation will serve this area's Jewish community for future generations. This campaign represents eight years of careful planning by large segments of our congregation.

We ask every member of our congregation to participate. It is our hope that each member's participation will be at a financial level that is both personally meaningful and reflects a recognition of the role that Temple Israel plays in your life and in the life of the Jewish Community of Omaha. For us to be truly successful, we must not only reach the dollar goal but must have the active participation of every member of our congregation at whatever level is appropriate. Temple Israel belongs to all of us, and we must provide for its future.

Why Give?

Honor those who came before us by securing the future of Reform Judaism and Omaha's Jewish Community
Improve our social environment, worship experience and programming opportunities
Enhance our ability to attract the best possible membership
Support committed leadership to prioritize fiscal responsibility, congregational engagement and an endowment for the future

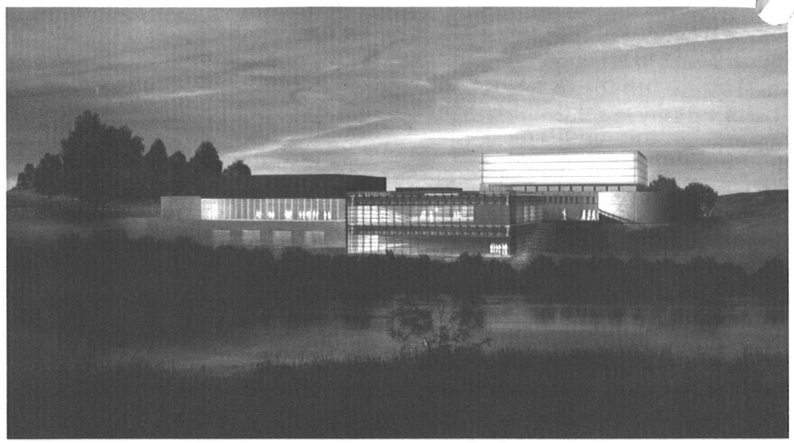
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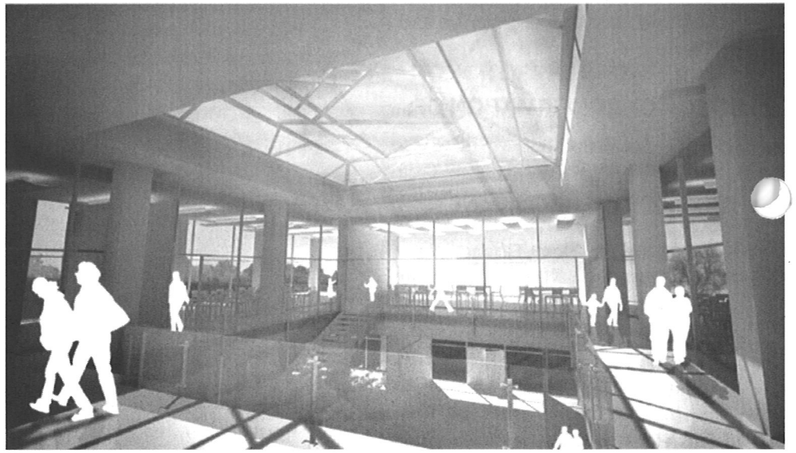
Sign and return the pledge card that was mailed to you in May or make an online pledge on our website www.templeisrael-ne.org.

New Building Report

John Waldbaum

On August 16, the City Council voted 7-0 in favor of the plan put forth by Bella Terra, LLC, for the development of the new Sterling Ridge residential-commercial area including the 14-acre site for Temple Israel. The approval of the final plat at this meeting will allow for the recording of the lots plat and the ultimate sale of the lots to the individual purchasers located across the new development. This is a major step forward in the completion of this entire project.





Above top: Our architect Finegold Alexander + Associates' rendering of a beacon of light, view from 132nd Street. Above bottom: Rendering view from the community court to the education wing.

Also in August, Temple Israel Build Coordinating Committee members met with representatives of our architect, Finegold Alexander + Associates. They conferred with dozens of congregants, visited the site southwest of 132 and Pacific Street, and talked with the Corps of our project Engineers. The architects reviewed the current plans for our new building focusing on worship areas, the education facilities, and social spaces. It has been an especially exciting experience for numerous people who are already involved in the process.

As we progress into the design phase of our planning, committee members will discuss how each room and specific area in the new Temple Israel will look and feel. They'll concentrate on features such as the configuration of each room and the technology each area will require. The purpose of this exchange is to give the architects designs that can be presented to building contractors when the time comes for them to bid on construction costs. Every detail from the walls to the doorknobs must be included.

As work is being done to repair the roof, the chapel, and the women's restroom, our current building is now listed for sale. You'll notice a for sale sign in the yard when you attend worship services on the High Holidays.

On the first day of Religious School, Sunday, September 11, artist's renderings of the design plan will be on display at Temple Israel, and plenty of people will be there to explain what they mean. Come see us!

Immediately following the morning service on Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 29, I will give you my next building progress report.

The project continues to gather momentum and additional participation on the part of congregants is still sought. Contact Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 402-556-6536, wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com, if you would like to be involved.

Voices of Excitement Build as Funds are Raised and Design Committees

As funds are being raised for Temple Israel's new home, committees have met with Finegold Alexander + Associates, the architecture firm tasked with designing our new building. Scott Goodman, who is on the Sacred Spaces (sanctuary) Committee, said, "I was thrilled to meet the architects and am excited to participate in this process. I was impressed with the ideas and vision the architects have put forth. They bring vast wisdom and experience, and that was evident in their interactions with us. It was helpful for them to present the big picture -- that the new synagogue is to serve three purposes: to be a 'house of worship, a house of assembly, and a house of learning.'"

Harry Alloy added, "The architect, Tony Hsiao, brought pictures and drawings of our Temple Israel to be. He did an excellent job of step-by-step walk through. As a member of the Worship Committee, I was impressed and left feeling we are on the right road."

Paul Rabinovitz, remarked, "The congregation, steering committee, and architects have done a fantastic job defining and bringing to life the vision of our new home. Everyone's hard work to date has ed us one step at a time towards our Promised Land.

"As the saying goes," he continued, "'the devil is in the details.' This could not be more true of our effort to build the new Temple Israel. It is clear that everyone involved is working hard to create something that will be functional, practical, comfortable, meaningful, and enjoyable for us and for generations to come.

"Architects like to talk about buildings in broad, sweeping and sometimes grandiose terms. We are blessed to have an architectural team that truly has listened to the years of congregational conversation and thought to bring us a plan for a state-of-the art building that will be so much more than just a building," Paul pointed out. "It is clear to me that we will have a home that in every sense of the word will be the center, a focal point of the Omaha Reform Jewish community."

"I'm on the Education Sub-Committee," said Dan Gilbert, "and what excites me the most is the energizing of the entire Temple community. We are not just building a newer version of what we have -- the new building inspires members of all ages to think deeply about what it means to be Jewish in Omaha today, in 2020, in 2030, and beyond. At our meeting, the Education Sub-Committee discussed how the space can support the wide range of learning activities Temple will offer for children and adults. We also developed ideas for showcasing the history of Temple Israel and its members throughout the entire building."

Tri-Faith Initiative Update

Bob Freeman

Temple Israel's Board of Trustees and building committees have spent hundreds of hours focused on the new Temple Israel project. To the west of Temple's 14-acre site sits a "green space" along the creek which covers about 15 acres. On the west side of the creek, there is another 16 acres that the developers have set aside and plan to sell to the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska and to the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture. Both the Episcopal and Muslim groups are undertaking their own separate planning and fund-raising efforts and are currently optimistic that they will be successful.

If, in fact, a new Temple Israel, church, and mosque are constructed on the former Ironwood site, then a group called the Tri-Faith Initiative of Omaha plans to purchase four acres on the west side of the creek. The Tri-Faith Initiative (an entirely separate organization) has secured from community foundations the funding to purchase land, to engage a (separate) architect, and to cover their first-year operating expenses. None of the pledges Tri-Faith has secured detract in any way from our own Temple Israel campaign efforts.

All pledges to the Temple building project are dedicated solely to that. Temple does not pay dues to the Tri-Faith organization or subsidize it in any way.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to give you answers! Feel free to contact me, 402-341-6000, Jon Meyers, 402-896-2200, Wendy Goldberg or Rabbi Azriel, 402-556-6536, or John Lehr, 402-397-5050.

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Fund Raising Campaign

Harley Schrager and Stacey Rockman, Co-Chairs

318 family units have made a pledge to our Temple Israel New Building and Endowment Campaign. That number represents 44 percent of the congregation. We have some hard work ahead of us, traditionally, in any campaign, the last dollars are the hardest to raise, but we're confident we will raise them and build our new spiritual home and endowment, a total of $25 to $26 million."

General Campaign Update

Sarah and Dan Gilbert and Andrea and Mike Siegel, Co-Chairs

It is exciting to have an opportunity that belongs to the whole congregation. We can all take advantage of it as we join together, building the new temple as a congregation. We're not just building a new structure; we're energizing our community. We hope the beginning of the school year will invigorate and motivate them to come on board. We're confident we can attain 100 percent participation. We are hoping everyone can step up so when they walk into the new building, they'll know they were part of it.

Soon you'll be able to click on short videos when you read the eTidings and on the website www.templeisrael-ne.org encouraging those who have not yet offered their pledge cards to do so. The video is being produced by congregant David Radler and our general campaign chairs.

On October 2, the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will be calling all those who have not yet made a pledge. Please remember, 100 percent participation is our goal.