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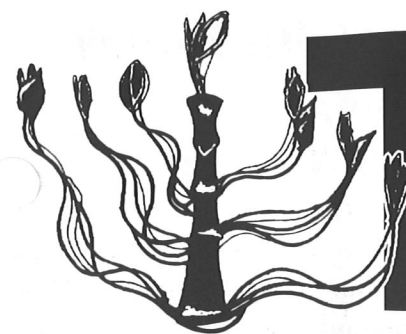
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AS I SEE IT...

I truly enjoy Thanksgiving. It is so American and so Jewish at the same time. The turkey, the pumpkin, the incipient Yankee spirit of self-reliance dressed in Pilgrim costumes are all red, white and blue images. But the idea of leaving one's birth place, the land of one's ancestors, and of going to a new land, bolstered by an irreplaceable optimism about the human potential to build a new and better world, these are ideals straight from the Torah.

Read about Noah, the patriarchs, Moses and the prophets. Each experienced a summons to the awesome task to build a new and better world. Noah responded to the imperative command: "Get yourself out of the ark..." Abraham responded to the imperative command: "Get yourself out of the country and from thy father's house..." Every one of the the Biblical figures responded to a Divine imperative which, in short, compelled them to labor for a new and better world. They were the heroes and repairers of a damaged human drama. They dreamed of ladders to heaven with each rung a step forward on behalf of equity, freedom and human dignity.

No less the stalwart pioneers of for-

mer years came to this new shore for precisely the same purpose. The old world of strife and bigotry, of failed hopes and stifled dreams was abandoned. Families uprooted themselves despite great trepidation to grasp for a different destiny. They came to America because they believed in the capacity of human intelligence and imagination, to illumine life with Israel's ancient promise: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all inhabitants thereof."

For me, a teacher of Jewish tradition, this means that America has a social justice system responsibility. This is the Jewish part of Thanksgiving. We rejoice gratefully for the abundance of this great land, but we must also hear the Divine summons to take responsibility, that is what America is all about – a place to heal and repair a damaged world.

Thanksgiving is a compelling summons to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless. The selfish exploitation of the nation's resources, human and natural, so damaging these last years must be reversed by our new President, Obama. We were meant to be a beacon of justice

and freedom, and not a secondplace of failed hopes and stifled dreams. That was the old world. We are the new.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, may our hearts throb joyously with the images and the ideals bequeathed by Pilgrims pride and Biblical liberalism. May the new President, Obama, have the courage to claim for the nation, the heritage of the self-reliant Pilgrim and the liberal Biblical hero.

Aryeh Azriel

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Please Note Time Change!

Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 23, 5 p.m. at Temple Israel

Congregations of five area churches and Temple Israel will gather once again to celebrate the bounty of our country - its land from sea to shining sea, its precious freedoms and the haven it has provided for millions of people since the first Thanksgiving in the early 1600s. The voices of Kol Rina, church choirs and the resonating sounds of a bell choir and shofarot will set the mood for the family reunions to follow in the week ahead.

The prayer service will be followed by a dessert reception sponsored by all the congregations.

Thank you to Sandy Passer for her help as Temple Israel's Chair for this event. If you would like to help bake, please contact Sandy, 330-4289.



Look Out Israel!

Here We Come!

Forty-three members of Temple Israel, adults and children, leave on the ten-day Chankuah 2008 Temple Israel Trip to Israel on December 21. Let's wish them a *nisiyah Tovah*, a safe and blessed journey. **We will give the group a blessing at Shabbat worship services on Friday, December 12 at 6 p.m.**

Work Progressing on Cemetery Chapel

Ground has been broken and the construction crew is working on the entry pillars where the new Temple Israel cemetery chapel, generously funded by Terri and Phil Schrager, will be built. Designed by the architectural firm, Purdy & Slack, the chapel, which will be located in the northwest corner of the cemetery, is expected to be completed next spring. KSI Construction is the building contractor.

Interfaith Family Outreach

Sunday, November 23 10:15 a.m.

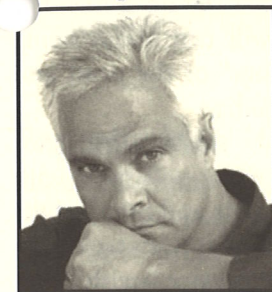
Do you talk to your loved ones about your faith? Do your children ask questions that you're not sure how to answer? Are you comfortable celebrating religious holidays with your extended family?

In a spirit of support and caring, Temple's clergy invites you for a conversation about how your interfaith relationship is affecting you and your family. Bring your questions, your joys and your dilemmas.

Temple Israel and Beth El Synagogue Present

Craig Taubman in Concert!

Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue



Combining "kiddish work with my Yiddish work," Craig Taubman, an American singer/songwriter and music producer based in Los Angeles, CA, "has a knack for pleasing parents as much as he enchants kids with his hit group Craig 'n Company," wrote Lisa Traiger, an arts writer and former associate editor at *Moment* magazine.

Craig, father of two college students, is widely known for his "Friday Night Live" services at Los Angeles' Sinai Temple that attract 1,500 people. He emphasizes "the tradition of the Jewish people: It's a service of the heart," he told the interviewer. Describing a typical evening service, "It starts when people walk in. We say, 'Shabbat Shalom'...we don't wear ties and suits -- that's good because I don't own one. And, most important, we urge people to relax and be in the moment."

Craig's dynamic music - including his own arrangements of *L'cha Dodi*, *V'shamru*, *Dayenu* and many more well known congregational and camp favorites -- has been inspiring Jewish communities for more than 25 years. He began performing with his guitar, leading services when he was 15 at Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA. His interest in music grew with his passion for Jewish history and culture.

Craig has recorded more than 30 albums that bridge traditional Jewish themes and ancient teachings with passages and experiences of contemporary Jewish life. He's also the executive producer of the Celebrate Series, 12 Jewish-themed compilation albums with titles like *Celebrate Hip Hop* and *Celebrate Hanukkah*.

Craig launched his career as a children's recording artist in the early 1990s when he was prominently seen on the Disney Channel performing songs like *Haircut*, *You Really Need a Haircut* and concerts like "Rock'n Toontown." In recent years, he has recorded and performed more adult-oriented music, most of it Jewish in nature, although he continues to record and perform for children.

Please plan to attend this benefit concert to help provide Omaha's youth opportunities to attend Jewish summer camps, visit Israel and attend Jewish youth conventions. The funds from the concert will support the Beth El Youth Scholarship Program and Temple Israel Camp Scholarship Fund. A dessert reception will follow the concert. Two Patron tickets are available at the following levels: Director (\$5000), Executive Producer (\$1000), Investor (\$500), Manager (\$100), and Patron (\$50). Individual ticket prices are Adults \$18 each, Students \$10 each and Children \$5. No charge for children five years and younger. Please mail your payment to Temple Israel, Craig Taubman Concert, 7023 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68132.

The Mitzvah of Sanctuary Etiquette

It is a mitzvah to be aware that each of us enters the sanctuary with different needs. Some are celebrating, some are mourning, and some are seeking a moment of healing for friends or loved ones. **Be sensitive to the needs and wishes of those who surround you in the sanctuary. Please extend the courtesy of allowing those with special needs or small children to occupy seats closest to the aisles and main exits.**

During worship services, please turn off cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices. If you're on call, please set them to vibrate. **Do not use still or video cameras. Please refrain from conversation or behavior such as chewing gum that detracts from the spirit of prayer. Do not enter or exit the sanctuary while the congregation is standing in prayer, the Torah is being read, during sermons or D'verei Torah. Please dress appropriately.**

Whatever your age, **please show your respect** for God, for the clergy, and for those who wish to pray in a holy place. Please remind your children.

Temple Israel Second Annual

Challah and Chicken Soup Cookoff

Sunday, January 11



Start checking your recipes! And get set for a dinner that will dazzle your taste buds!

Children's Choir Chanukah Concert

December 19, 6 p.m. ~ Shabbat Worship Service

About 25 children, from kindergartners to sixth graders, have been practicing for our Chanukah concert. Most of them have little experience in singing -- just a desire to participate in the beauty of Jewish music. They've been practicing Shabbat music and Chanukah favorites, some from the Great Plains Hanukkah Concert of 2006.

The Children's Choir will have other concerts on Fridays, February 20 at Tot Shabbat, and May 8 at the senior service.

Immediately after worship service, stay for the Chanukah Dinner. See page 9 for complete details.

Welcome New Members!

- Kim and Kevin Clark
- Jackson - Grade 3
- Cooper - Grade 3
- Kennedy - Pre-Kindergarten

Natives of the metro, Kevin is the director of recruiting at Cox Communications and Kim is in property management. The boys attend Aldrich elementary and Kennedy is at the CDC. The kids play many sports, sometimes two per season. In addition, Kennedy loves dance and art. Serious Husker fans, the Clarks host a 12 hour tailgate for every home game.

- Karen Oyler
- Ben - 10 years old

Originally from Indiana, Karen and Ben moved to Omaha about six years ago to live closer to her parents. Karen is home schooling Ben. She also does independent contract work on the internet. In their spare time, Karen enjoys learning new things, particularly in music and computers, and Ben likes new adventures.



Adult Education

Sharon Duke Estroff Presents

Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah?: The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids

Sunday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

If you haven't planned a single play date for your daughter this school year, have you sealed her fate as a social pariah? If your five-year-old isn't reading Harry Potter yet, does he need a tutor?

Sharon Duke Estroff has spent many years, both personally and professionally, in the trenches of Jewish parenthood. "I understood I was not alone in my plight," she realized. "All those...unanswered questions circulate through the modern Jewish parent population like dreidels at Chanukah."

An internationally-syndicated parenting columnist, an award-winning educator, and mother of four, Sharon is the author of *Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah?: The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids*.

With nearly two decades of teaching experience in Atlanta public and private schools, Sharon is an educational consultant with Perimeter Educational and Psychological Services and is also co-creator/co-director of Epstein Summer Adventure, a popular Atlanta day camp. She is also a feature writer for numerous national publications including *Parents*, *Good Housekeeping* and *Coastal Living*, and the exclusive parenting expert for the *World Jewish Digest*. A regular Sunday morning parenting talk show host, she has appeared on FOX's *Good Day Atlanta* to discuss educational and parenting issues. She also speaks on a regular basis to audiences nationwide about the task of raising children in America today.

Bob and Elly Gordman's Donor-Advised Fund is sponsoring this event which will be followed by a book fair provided by the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. All parents in the community are welcome to attend.



Current Events

Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

"I really enjoy facilitating critical thinking, engaging people in conversation," declared Steve Danon, a member of Temple who will talk about being "a critical consumer" of the print and broadcast news media.

A middle/high school instructor at Temple Israel, Steve will meet with Family School parents and other adults in the community who want to join in the conversation. To get a Jewish point of view, Steve reads daily bulletins from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "I will skim what's current, and probably look at the president-elect Obama's views on Israel and Jewish issues."

"I excel in seizing teaching opportunities and guiding facilitation of a conversation," he explained. "For example, last year I asked students: 'Why did we go into Iraq? Was it for oil, weapons of mass destruction, a personal vendetta?' You have to look at it from all perspectives. News is generated by what people are interested in. It's not always a complete story but influenced by editors and owners of the media."

Current Events is sponsored by the Howard and Judy Vann Temple Israel Family School Educational Grant.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha



Pancake Man is Coming!

Sunday, December 7, 9 a.m.

Make life easy on yourselves, feed your kids breakfast at Temple and come home to a clean kitchen.

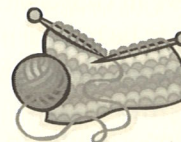
Cost is \$5 per person, no charge for children three and younger. Hope to see you there!



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

Would you like to do mitzvot on your own time and at your own pace? We are looking for knitters and crocheters to make healing shawls for those in our community in need. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Please contact Don'L Dacey, 292-0757 or dd2901@cox.net.



First Book Sorting Day

Sunday, December 14, 10 a.m. - Noon

All are welcome and you get to select five free books just for helping. Questions? Please contact Danielle, dsgordman@cox.net, or Program Director Wendy Goldberg, 556-6536 or wgoldberg@templeisraelomaha.com.

Thank You!

Many thanks to those who attended and contributed to our drive for Jewish Family Services. We had a great program featuring Nancy Bertolina about how to make wise choices while eating healthy. We received a trunkful of personal hygiene items and cash donations to donate to the Jewish Family Service.

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...

This block was made by Jane Brooks with the help of Ducky Milder. "When Sidney and I came to Omaha, little did we know how wonderfully fruitful our lives, and the life of our temple, would be. This block, the pattern arranged in the rays of the sun, highlights some of my important memories from our more than 50 years in Omaha:

1. The shovel represents groundbreaking for the "new" Temple Israel at 7023 Cass Street in 1953.
2. Victor the Penguin, the Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth division mascot of the National Federation of Temple Youth, represents our family's dedicated involvement in Temple's youth group.
3. Sidney founded the very popular Couples Club in the 1950s.
4. This menorah is still the widely-recognized logo for Temple Israel today.
5. The Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy, also founded by Sidney, is in its 69th year of bringing quality speakers to educate non-Jewish clergy and lay leaders.
6. The 1975 tornado destroyed much of our building, but strengthened our conviction to rebuilding and community.
7. This block needs no explanation...how can you move to Nebraska and not become a Cornhusker fan?"



Men's Club

Book Sale!

Please drop off any gently used books at the Temple Office during business hours and religious school. Danielle Gordman is willing to pick up books if you don't have a way to get them to Temple. The Book Sale is Sunday, April 26 - Tuesday, April 28.

SAVE THE DATE!



Poker Night At Temple Israel

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.

More details to follow!

"God's To-Do List"

Friday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Please join us for the Human Rights Shabbat. Thousands of congregations across the country will be celebrating Shabbat in a thoughtful and meaningful way, so that we can better actualize our core concept of *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing the World. Stay tuned for details!

Checking Off God's To-Do List at the Urban League

On Rosh Hashanah, the congregation was introduced to "God's To-Do List." Two of 22 choices involve assisting high school juniors and seniors to write essays and to fill out scholarship and college applications. Eleven Temple Israel members spent a couple hours on the evening of November 10 at the Urban League helping approximately 25 students.

Volunteers and students first attended a short overview on scholarship forms, writing tips and strategies before getting to work on the scholarship and college applications and essays.

Shari Hess, one of the Temple Social Justice Committee chairs, commended those participating in the project. "We realize that Omaha has the third lowest employment rate in the U.S. for African Americans. These volunteers understand this is the type of project that could change those statistics."

She also pointed out that some of the students are unable to apply for scholarships and college, because they cannot afford the \$30 to \$40 application fees. "I find it heart breaking to imagine that this small sum stands between a high school diploma and a college education." Financial donations for this *God's To Do List* project are still being accepted. Please bring donations to the Temple office, attention Rabbi Eric Linder.

Jewish/Christian Dialogue Perseveres After 15 Years

About 15 years ago, a priest from the Archdiocese of Omaha approached another priest and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel about starting a Jewish-Catholic Dialogue in Omaha. Today, that exchange of ideas continues. Five to ten instructors from Creighton University, UNO and Temple's rabbis meet once a month. Some of the UNO instructors are also members of Temple's congregation.

"At first the group moved from church to church to synagogue," said Dr. Roger Bergman who, along with his wife Dr. Wendy Wright, and Rabbi Azriel were part of the original conversation. Dr. Bergman and Dr. Wright are from Creighton.

Dr. Bergman, director of the Justice and Peace Studies Program at Creighton, said he originally joined the dialogue, because he had "a little curiosity about Judaism and Judaism as a seedbed for Christianity. We need to know more about each other."

Dr. Moshe Gershovitz, from UNO and a member of Temple, has been attending the monthly get-togethers since 2003. "I believe in conversation," he said. "Dialogue is always helpful." He also thought he'd be able to be helpful if the dialogue expanded to a Tri-Faith conversation that included Muslims. However, the Muslim participation did not develop.

Gershovitz reflected on the participants' opportunity "to learn about each other and about each other's traditions and become friends."

"We generally decide on a book to read that's of interest to everybody from a Christian or Jewish point of view," Dr. Bergman explained. "We read and discuss it. There are no formal goals. We just enjoy learning from and about each other. It's a good time!" He stressed the importance "of meeting people outside of our regular networks."

Dr. Bergman estimated that the group has been meeting at Temple usually at 8:30 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. Newcomers are welcome. Please contact Rabbi Azriel or Rabbi Eric Linder if you would like to attend.



Tree of Life

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

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

In Honor of
Les Schneiderman's
80th Birthday
With Love,
Your Children & Grandchildren
10-10-08

Our Sympathy

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

Minnie Breslow, sister of
Irvin Yaffe and sister-in-law of
Dorothy Yaffe;

Rhonda Erlich, cousin of
Joan Cooper;

Irving Forbes, father of Leslie
Kully and grandfather of Tim Kully;

Herman Goldstein, father of
Jeanie Neff;

Marjorie Kirshenbaum;

Janet S. Perlmeter, wife of
Stanley Perlmeter;

Edward Saag, uncle of
David Saag;

Harriet Ann Rothkop Starr;

Sol Yaffe, husband of Dorothy
Yaffe and brother of Irvin Yaffe;

Roslyn "Roz" Zoob;

*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*

Congratulations

On the Adoption of:

Vanessa Jade Cooper, daughter of
Joan and Justin Cooper.

On the Birth of:

Yonatan Charlie Clarke, son
of Sandra and Kevin Clarke.
Grandparents are Tina Brown, and
Carol and Jim Clarke.

Owen Asher Cooper, son of Valerie
and Alex Cooper. Grandparents are
Cheryl and Ron Cooper, and Judi
and Alan Jackson, Kalamazoo, MI.
Great-grandparents are Jerry Milder
and the late Fran Milder, the late Faye
and Ben Cooper, Lowel Patterson,
Whitehall, WI, and the late Carla Mae
Patterson, and Sarah and Jim Jackson,
Mt. Pulaski, IL.

**Eli Jacob Green and Seth Aaron
Green**, twin sons of Lisa Coren Green
and Major Brad Green, Seoul, South
Korea. Grandparents are Fran and
Mickey Coren, and Ruth and Lester
Green, Bethesda, MD. Great-grand-
father is Paul Grossman.

Casey Daniel Lewis, son of Tracy
and Lester Lewis, Santa Monica, CA.
Grandparents are Joanie and Terry
Bernstein, Sherry Lewis, Albuguerque,
NM, and the late Charles Lewis.

Elliott Greer Yudelson, son of
Stephanie and David Yudelson.

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kramer.
Mrs. Kramer is the former Rachel
Slosburg. Parents are Ellen and
Richard Slosburg, and Susan and
Allyn Kramer, Dallas, TX.

**Noami Leiserowitz and Amanda
Fisher.** Parents are Bonni and Martin
Leiserowitz, and Cordula and Dr.
Alan Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Malashock.
Mrs. Malashock is the former
Michelle Burhenn. Parents are Sheryl
and Russell Burhenn, Topeka, KS, and
Jody and Neal Malashock.

Thank You to All Who Participated in the 5769 High Holy Day Services

**Our Congregation thanks these
members who accepted pulpit hon-
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Andy Ruback, David Saag, Craig Saylan,
Jeff Smedlund, Jay Spiegelman.

And to our greeters: Debbie Alpert,
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Bennett, Bette Evans, Toby Fellman,
Hillary Fletcher, John Fletcher, Marlen
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Miller, Elaina Ozeroff, Sandy Passer, Jean
Rieder, Suzy Rubin, Jordan Saag, Rachel
Saag, Sherrie Saag, Wendy Vann.

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hanced by the melodic voices of:** Tami
Field, Tom Friedman, Barry Grossman,
Jill Idelman, Amy Katz, Jennifer
Kirshenbaum, Jon Meyers, Marvin
Parilman, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Jeff
Schweid, and Sharon Sobel; conduc-
tor, Jerry Brabec; the accompanist, Julie
Sandene; flutist, Hannah Grossman;
and cellist Mark Motycka.

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Pachman, Danny Pachman, Robert
Reiss and Josh Sullivan.

Thank you to JYG and OTYG for
kicking off the High Holiday food drive
at Rosh Hashanah services. Temple
Israel is fortunate to have youth who
willingly jump in to assist where need-
ed. As congregants exited Temple Israel
on Rosh Hashanah, they were greeted
with smiles, good wishes, sweet treats
and an environmentally-friendly bag to
bring their food donations in.

**We are blessed to have some of
our youth participate in Havdalah on
Yom Kippur.**

**We greatly appreciate the wood-
wind quartet, Amphion Ensemble,**
whose music added serenity and beauty
to our worship.

**And to all who brought food do-
nations on Yom Kippur Day, thank
you for helping fill the shelves of the
Omaha Area Food Bank with 5,700
pounds of food.**

Remembering the Birth of the State of Israel 60 Years Ago

"I was in the former Republic of Czechoslovakia," said Sam Fried, a Holocaust survivor. "I was trying to make a living and get out of Europe and come to this country" (the United States). He heard the news on the radio of Israel's becoming a nation and recalled David Ben-Gurion, the new nation's first prime minister, reading a proclamation and the United Nations voting. Sam also remembers President Harry Truman recognizing Israel.

"Abba Eban was the ambassador to the United Nations at the time," said Sam. "It was unbelievable! For 2000 years, Jews had been praying next year in Jerusalem and then, here I am...a Jewish nation was born. Everybody was celebrating outside. We were very proud. You remember when the first man walked on the moon? This was even more pride," he emphasized. "I wish my parents could have seen it."

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

Sunday, December 21 - Sunday, December 28



Chanukah Service for the Home

These two blessings are recited each night:

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm ah-sheer kid shah-nu b'mitz-voh-tav v-tsee-vah-nu l-had 'leek nayr shel-Chan-nu-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who hallows us with His Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-ah-sah ni seem lah-ah-vo-tay-nu bah-yah-meem ha-haym baz-man hah-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first night of Chanukah only:

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-heh-che-yahnu v'kee-y'mah-nu v'hi-gee-yah-nu lah-z'mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

First Night Prayer - These Chanukah lights are in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God, they gave their lives for freedom. Now kindling these candles we rededicate ourselves to work for the equal rights of all people and for a world of democracy and freedom.

Second Night Prayer - Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family and friendship. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and devotion. As we kindle these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for one another increase from strength to strength.

Third Night Prayer - On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we too are bound to sustain our heritage by deepening our understanding of it. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its values. Study opens our minds and strengthens us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. As we kindle these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

Fourth Night Prayer - Our ancestors have taught us that in hope a person's future is illuminated and made creative. Ours are times when many live in fear, loneliness and great despair. Like the Maccabees, we need to build our lives on hope that ultimately truth will triumph. Now, as we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the hopes and dreams of Judaism.

Fifth Night Prayer - Our tradition tells us of the importance of light. Through the darkness of thousands of years in exile, our people clung to a beacon of hope of a Promised Land. And now across thousands of miles that beacon burns brightly on our horizon once again. Eretz Yisrael, the state of Israel, the homeland, the hope. Tonight's candles remind us that we are part of K'lal Yisrael, the Jewish people, and that there is not only brightness in our home, but as well in the homes of our people in Israel. May these lights make the beacons of our future burn ever so brightly.

Sixth Night Prayer - The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today, one of our foremost tasks is to se-

cure peace in our troubled world. When we end disagreements through mutual understanding, when we seek to mend hurt feelings, we are beginning to do our part in making peace a living ideal. As we kindle our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of securing peace.

Seventh Night Prayer - The unity of all people is founded upon a total respect for the liberty and freedom of all. The Maccabees of old sought to protect themselves when their rights were violated. Our Chanukah lights serve as a reminder that humanity is secure only when we honor the precious liberty and property of each other. As we kindle these lights, let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of unity which alone can bring dignity to all people.

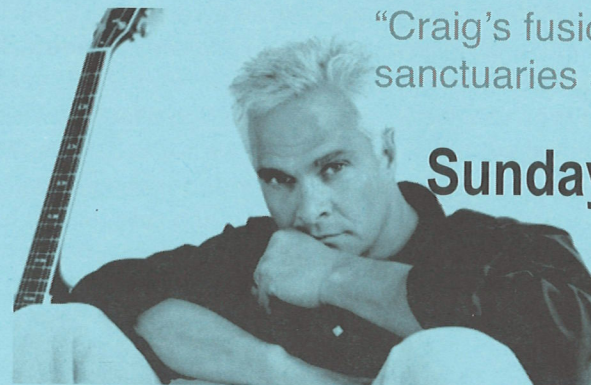
Eighth Night Prayer - Tonight we kindle all the candles of our Chanukah. Throughout the centuries the Chanukah has been a symbol of our faith. Like the Maccabees, we rededicate ourselves to the living of a more meaningful Jewish life. We pray that in the coming year we may fulfill the ideals of freedom, charity, family, study, hope, peace and unity, all of which are symbolized by the candles of our Chanukah.

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Providing Omaha's youth opportunities to attend Jewish summer camps, visit Israel and attend Jewish youth conventions.

A dessert reception follows the concert. Concert Chairs are Patty & Steve Nogg, Jaime, Brian & Jordan Nogg, Kelly, Jeff & Riley Nogg. This concert is made possible in part through the generosity of the Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Omaha.

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How to Play Dreidel

Everyone in the game starts with 10 or 15 pennies (nuts, raisins, etc.). Each player puts one of these objects in the middle (called the pot). The dreidel is spun by one player at a time. Whether the player wins or loses depends on which face of the dreidel is up when it falls.

- **Nun** (נ) means nisht or “nothing.” The player does nothing.
- **Gimmel** (ג) means gantz or “all.” The player takes everything in the pot.
- **Hay** (ה) means kalb or “half.” The player takes half of what is in the pot.
- **Shin** (ש) means shtetl or “put in.” The player adds two objects to the pot.
- When only one object (or none) is left in the pot, every player adds one.
- When an odd number of objects are in the pot, the player rolling Hay takes half of the pot plus one.
- When one person has won everything, the game is over.

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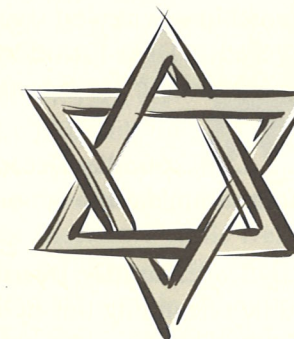


Make a New Tradition With Chanukah Gelt

The simple tradition of giving gelt (money) at Chanukah can become a wonderful learning opportunity. Teaching our youth about the value of money, what to do with it, how to use it and how to change the world with it can become an intricate part of your celebration.

Here is a new way to give gelt to a child:

- Give one coin or bill *to enjoy*.
- Give one coin or bill *to give away*.
- Give one coin or bill *to invest in the future*.



Will It Be Applesauce or Sour Cream?

Friday, December 19, 6 p.m.

Family Shabbat Worship Service

Chanukah Dinner Immediately Following

Start making plans now to attend Temple's Chanukah Dinner and Service.

Everyone is invited to our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism – Omaha. Bring your own Menorah, along with candles to light at your table.

Please send a check, along with the reservation form to the Temple office. **Reservations are due by Friday, December 12. No telephone reservations will be accepted.**

Adults - \$9.50 (\$12.50 after December 12)

Children Grade 6 and younger - \$5.00 (\$8.00 after December 12)

Children 2 years and younger - no charge

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Adult	_____	_____
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Children 2 years and younger	_____	_____
We would like seating with _____		

Carrot Latkes

3 eggs

2 c. grated carrots (6-8 carrots)

2 c. bread crumbs

½ c. orange juice

1 tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. salt

2-4 Tbsp. oil for frying

1. Put eggs in bowl and beat with fork.
2. Wash and peel carrots and grate into bowl.
3. Add rest of ingredients and mix well.
4. Heat oil in frying pan. Form batter into patties and fry on both sides until brown (about three minutes on each side.)
5. Drain on paper towels.

Youth & Education

What's Happening in Religious School?

Thanksgiving Break..... Wednesday, November 26 & Sunday, November 30
Classes resume Wednesday, December 3 for grades three through twelve and Family School.

Children's Choir Rehearsal Sundays, November 23 & December 14
Immediately following Religious School, choir participants will eat a pizza lunch before rehearsing with choir director Emily Meyer. Younger siblings are invited to stay for lunch and a craft project or story. Pick-up is at 1 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 Shabbat Service and Dinner Friday, December 5
The congregation is invited to participate in this special 6 p.m. Family Service. Dinner immediately follows for the participating students and their families.

Pancake Man Visit Sunday, December 7
Yum, yum! Join us for breakfast at 9 a.m. See page 5 for details.

Family Prayer Assembly and 4Bs..... Sunday, December 7
Join your child(ren) at 10 a.m. for an enjoyable worship service and stay for the informative 4Bs session at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker Sharon Duke Estroff will share insights from her book, *Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah?: The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids*. See page 4 for details.

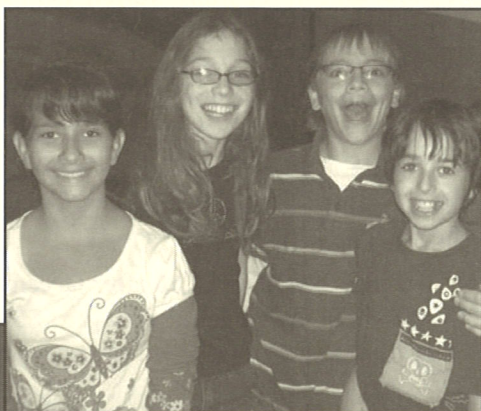
Camp Shwayder Visits Temple Israel..... Sunday, December 14
Visit with a representative at a Noon pizza lunch about summer camp opportunities at this beautiful Colorado Jewish camp.

Chanukah Parties Sunday, December 14
Students, parents and teachers have a wonderful time celebrating this holiday. All grades will have class the first hour and parties the second hour.

Winter Break Begins..... Sunday, December 21
School will resume Wednesday, January 7.

Club 56ers STRIKE it Lucky!

Twenty 5th and 6th graders enjoyed an afternoon of chatting, playing games and bowling at West Lanes on October 19. Below (l to r): Cole Horner, Jordan Saag, Max Gendler, Solomon Marburg, Brandon Idelman, Michael Militzer and Isaiah Schrier grabbed a piece of pizza before playing Twister and chess.



Above (l to r): Abby Schondelymeyer, Madison Bierman, Max Gendler and Spencer Newman huddled together before plowing down some pins!



Jewish Book Fair Yes, We are the People of the Book! Sunday, December 7

This year, the J.C.C. Book Fair will also be held at Temple Israel in conjunction with author Sharon Duke Estroff's visit to the 4Bs. Ms. Estroff wrote the very funny and pertinent book *Can I have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah? The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids*.

The book fair will offer an up-to-date collection of the best in Jewish literature, including fiction, non-fiction, children's and young adults' books and Jewish scholarship.

Gary Katz, Kripke Jewish Federation Library administrator, will be available for suggestions on appropriate books for each age group and Chanukah gift selection.



GOD'S TO DO List

What's Our Next Religious School Tzedakah Project?

During the months of November and December we encourage our PreK through grade 12 students and families to be a part of Project Dreidel through Jewish Family Service.

Every year, JFS "adopts" families in the community and helps them find joy in the celebration of Chanukah.

Please bring the following donation items to the Religious School office:

- Gift certificates in any amount from Kohls, Target, Barnes & Noble and Borders.
- Book series: *Alex Rider*, *Eragon*, *Looking Glass*, *Maximum Rider*, *Twilight* for boys, and *Gossip Girl*, *American Girls Collection*, *Nancy Drew*, *Fear Street* for girls.

Support our Temple Israel Teens Annual Edward Zorinsky B'nai B'rith Bible Quiz

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**Sam Burrell
Susan Freeman
Adam Goldberg
Emily Katz
Melanie Long
Vince Long
Rachel Martin
Jordan Slutzky**

will represent Temple Israel

**Tuesday, December 9
7 p.m.
at the J.C.C.**

This year's questions are from the Books of Leviticus, Numbers and the Scroll of Esther.

\$600 First Prize
\$350 Second Prize
\$250 Third Prize
\$125 Fourth Prize

**The entire community is invited
to watch Omaha Jewish teens
compete for the prizes and the
bragging rights!**

Yasher Koach Grade 5!

On Sunday, October 12, the 5th graders visited the Omaha Area Food Bank to tour the facility and help stock shelves. And, brought 500 pounds of non-perishable food items to donate! WAY TO GO 5th GRADERS!

With the holidays just around the corner, the Food Bank's need for food is increasing. Please take a moment to search through your cupboards for spare non-perishables – or add a few extra items to your grocery cart – and drop off your food donations at Temple Israel!

Jewish Summer Camp

Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute camp in Oconomowoc, WI, affectionately known as OSRUI, is a summer camp where campers do all the usual summer activities - swimming, team sports, horseback riding and sleeping in cabins and tents. And, it is a camp in which Judaism is lived, interwoven in the daily activities and weekly schedule of those same fun activities.

At OSRUI there is a unit for everyone's interest and an activity that will let you try something new. It's a place where friendships are made and identities formed.

Stop in the Temple Israel office for an application – even though it is winter, sessions at OSRUI fill up quickly! Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Executive Director Dennis DePorte at 556-6536 or ddeporte@templeisraelo.maha.com. All Temple youth are eligible for a \$1,000 Eisenberg Campership for their first residential Jewish camp experience (which can begin the summer after second grade).

Help Send a Temple Child to a Jewish Summer Camp

With the economy struggling, many families are tightening their financial belts. Rising costs and current budget stress will affect the ability of many families to send their children to Jewish summer camps. Jewish camps are an experience like no other for Jewish kids. They live together,

learn together, and grow together as a community while strengthening their Jewish identities and often making friendships that last a lifetime.

Members of Temple Israel for more than 60 years, the late Rachel and David Bleicher set up a camp fund that generates scholarships for Jewish youth to experience the informal Jewish education provided by Jewish summer camps that will influence our kids into adulthood.

If you wish to donate to the Bleicher Fund, making it possible for kids who otherwise might not have the opportunity to enjoy and grow at a Jewish summer camp, please contact Executive Director Dennis DePorte or Rabbi Aryeh Azriel at 556-6536.

Students Observe a New Beginning on Simchat Torah



Kindergartners and older students who are new to Temple Israel this year participated in Consecration on Erev Simchat Torah. (Top row) Cantor Wendy Shermet, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Eric Linder, (second row) Piper Streit, Sarah Krasno, Zach Streit, Sydney Krasno, (third row) Sam Weinstine, Ruben Furst, Emilie Sacks, Ben Wilczewski, Laura Kirshenbaum, Ruby Platt, Sarah Terry, Cameron Kully, Elyce Azriel, (bottom row) Melany Fullenkamp, Sydney Kully, Jordan Raffel, Jon-Aron "Jack" Beach, Elizabeth Kazor, Clara Murphy, Lauren Kugler, Leo Ray, Mason Eisenberg, Max Zweiback and Kate Kaminsky.



Let's Get Ready to Mitzvah!

On Sunday, November 30, the **Hanukah Hunger Drive** will begin here at Temple Israel. The Junior Youth Group (JYG) is collecting items for Campfire USA, a non-profit organization for elementary through college-age children. In Omaha, it funds after school and summer programs at 18 area school and several shelters, providing education and prevention programs, nutrition and fitness courses, leadership skills, as well as teaching children the importance of becoming an active member of their community.

For the **Hanukah Hunger Drive**, we will be collecting food for Campfire's Weekend Food Program, which provides 250 elementary children with backpacks filled with easy-to-open, nutritious food over the weekend. (It is often times the only food some of these children eat over the two-day period.) At the end of the drive, JYGers will be able to stuff the backpacks and meet the kids they are helping!

Look for a list of food items needed in the weekly *e-Tidings*, on the Temple website (templeisrael-ne.org), or in the south entrance where the collection bins are located.

Tri-Faith Ethnic Pot Luck!

Wanna have an amazing time?!

Be at Temple on **November 23**

and you'll be in for a FANTASTIC time!

Who?? All OTYG 9-12th graders!

What?? Pot luck dinner and social action program with tri-faith!

Where?? Bus from Temple to Food Bank and then back to Temple.

When?? Sunday November 23 12:45-6 p.m. pick up and drop off at Temple

Why?? Because it's going to be awesome and if you're awesome you should be there!

Cost: One canned good

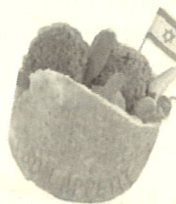
R.S.V.P to Emily Katz (517-7863) or Haley Burns (926-6512)

Save the Date

Club 56

Humus...Falafel...Hebrew?

**Sunday, December 7
Noon - 2 p.m.**



Delicious food, fun conversational Hebrew and Israeli games with great prizes! RSVP to Leora Azriel at 960-5796 or leoraann@aol.com.

How Many Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs Does it Take to Change the World?

In the Chanukah story, the small miracle of the oil that burned for eight days stands for the miracle of Judaism surviving from generation to generation. In the same way, the small "miracle" of a CFL can stand for the greater miracle of changing our use of energy and other resources so that future generations will be able to enjoy the blessings we have.

OTYG challenges you to "change" the world! December 1-19 we will be selling "Chanukah Light Kits". Each night of Chanukah, as candles are lit, switch out one of your regular incandescent bulbs with a CFL.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) are a quick and easy way to cut your lighting energy use to a quarter of what it has been using incandescent light bulbs. Cutting energy use means that our electrical utilities have to generate less energy and produce less pollution thus helping to save God's creation.

Look for OTYG in the lobby on Wednesdays and Sundays before and after Religious School during December. We will also e-mail order forms so you can conveniently order from home. Contact Emily Katz with questions: 517-7863.



JYG and OTYG-ers Make New "Ghoul" friends at the Annual Haunted Havdalah

If you can't beat the ghouls, join the ghouls. (Front row to back) Josh Sullivan, Maddie Jensen, Bailey Newman, Rachel Saag, Jack Gilinsky, Justin Norto, Yaniv Azriel, Jordan Jensen, Haley Halsted, Lindsey Thomas, Madison Baron, Haley Burns, Sophia Miller and Susan Freeman got to know some of the ghouls at Myster Manor.

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					21 Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Dinner immediately following Family Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Katherine Slosburg
23 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon WRJ Board Meeting 10 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Noon OYTG Tri-Faith Youth Group 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Interfaith Service 5 p.m.	24	25 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	26 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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7 Pancake Man 9 a.m. Teacher Meeting 9 a.m. Religious School Grades PreK-6 10 a.m.-Noon Book Fair 10 a.m. Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Four B's 10:30 a.m. Club 56 Stuff-It-Till It Stuffs You Noon Craig Taubman @ Beth El 3 p.m.	8	9 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	10 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Currents Events 6:30 p.m.	11 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	12 Shabbat Comes to You @Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	13 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Emily Glazer
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21 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m.	22 OTYG Chanukah Candlelighting at Remington and Ice Skating in Old Market 5-9 p.m. Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m. Chanukah	23 Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	24 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m.	25 Office Closed Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m.	26 Office Closed Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	27 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Candlelighting at Remington Heights 5:45 p.m.
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Worship Services

Friday~November 21

6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following
6 p.m.
Family Shabbat Service
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~November 22

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitvah of Katherine Slosburg
Daughter of Martha and David Slosburg
Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Friday~November 28

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~November 29

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tol'dot
Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah: Malachi 1:11-2:7

Friday~December 5

6 p.m.
Grade 1 & 2 Family Shabbat Service

Saturday~December 6

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Siegel
Son of Andrea and Mike Siegel
Torah Portion: Vayeitzei
Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Friday~December 12

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
@ Remington Heights
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~December 13

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Glazer
Daughter of Jordana and Jim Glazer
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

Friday~December 19

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
7 p.m.
Chanukah Dinner

Saturday~December 20

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Teetzel
Son of Sarah and Erik Teetzel
Torah Portion: Vayeishev
Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Friday~December 26

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~December 27

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Mikeitz
Genesis 41:1-44:17
Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

Birthday Blessings
Friday, December 5, 6 p.m.

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

Did You Know?

- Every night during Chanukah at 5:45 p.m., Temple Israel congregants will light candles, recite the blessings and sing with the residents of Remington Heights.
- On the second night of Chanukah, Omaha Temple Youth Group will light the candles and celebrate with the residents at Remington. After that, the teens are going skating at ConAgra.
- Numerous times throughout the year, Temple leads the Jewish residents of Remington in a late afternoon "Shabbat Comes to You."

Sitter Service

- is available...
- Wednesday evenings during Religious School hours so that parents can take advantage of adult education opportunities;
 - each Friday evening except when there is a Tot Shabbat;
 - Saturday mornings when there is a bar or bat mitzvah;
 - Sunday mornings when there is Religious School.

Advance reservations and a \$5 donation are appreciated. Please email Maureen, mkub@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Young children, including infants, are welcome. Please sign in and sign out your child's name.