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AS I SEE IT....

Freedom is dangerous. Undisciplined freedom can make a society self-indulgent and irresponsible leading to violence and social malaise.

Recently, a journalist compared Singapore and Taipei, two leading Asian cities. Taipei, in Taiwan, democratically governed, is a typical modern city busy, noisy, dirty, infected with the social malaise that afflicts cities throughout the world.

The author then pointed out that Singapore, in contrast, is autocratically governed, and political opposition is either harassed or squashed, while citizens speak only furtively with foreigners, fearing repercussions. But Singapore, as a modern city, is virtually a paradise with sprawling gardens, marble shopping malls and efficient transportation systems. Obviously, comparing Taipei and Singapore, freedom gets bad grades.

It does not have to be so. Freedom can thrive and promise efficiency and order as well, when people are truly free. In a truly free

society, individuals take responsibility for regulating themselves in order to promote communal well being.

Judaism long ago recognized the precious nature of freedom so dependent on internalized standards. It established the High Holy Days to stimulate in us a thoughtful process of self-criticism, a condition fundamental to the shaping of a free society. The High Holy Days require the individual to join the community in self-judgement, contrition and the affirmation of shared standards of decency, justice and responsibility.

Yom Kippur's fast confirms our capability to discipline our own impulses without external force or terror. These qualities are the very soul of a free people. Authoritarianism requires an external dictator. Freedom requires an Eternal God. May we sense a Divine Presence in our lives and the world that will bless us all in the coming year with joy and peace.

L'shana Tova

Aryeh Azriel

Welcome Home Those were the opening words of Rabbi Azriel's first High Holiday sermon in Omaha, and I hope that they will be the theme of the next two years at Temple. As fall approaches we welcome you to one of the most vibrant Jewish congregations in America. Join us in worship, education, social justice and friendship.

Last year we faced a difficult decision about the future of our building. Many people feared that opening up that issue would split the congregation. Instead we came together through Community Conversations. We discussed. We argued respectfully. We made a decision to move forward. We remained a family.

We will build on that model to strengthen the community of Temple Israel. We will not be afraid to discuss difficult issues. We will build on the partnership with our outstanding clergy. We have opened a new discussion of how we do social justice advocacy work. Our house is in order financially and I will be happy to show you the books.

If you are interested in helping us rethink when and how we do the "classical Reform services" (currently at 5:30 p.m. with the Union Prayer Book), please call me.

We want to be open and welcoming. You can call me at 829-1014 during the week or 558-2448 at home. You are all invited to attend board meetings, the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Have a happy and healthy year. I'll see you at Temple.

Gary Kaplan



HIGH HOLY DAYS AND SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, September 5 7:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. New Member Shabbat Sermon Rabbi Aryeh Azriel Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Gayle and Jim Spooner in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son ◆ Saturday, September 6 9:30-10:15 a.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Spooner son of Gayle and Jim Spooner Torah Portion: Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19	Friday, September 19 6:00 p.m. Early Worship Service Union Prayer Book 6:00 p.m. Family Service Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism ◆ Saturday, September 20 9:30-10:15 a.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service Torah Portion: Nitzavim/Vayeilech Deuteronomy 29:9 – 31:30	Sunday, September 28 Memorial Service 1:00 p.m. Temple Israel Cemetery Friday, October 3 Shabbat Shuva 7:30 p.m. Reconsecration Service ◆ Saturday, October 4 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service Torah Portion: Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Tashlich Following Shabbat Morning Service
Friday, September 12 7:30 p.m. Sermon Rabbi Craig Marantz Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Alain Taylon in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of his son ◆ Saturday, September 13 9:30-10:15 a.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Samuel Taylon son of Susan Bernard and Alain Taylon Torah Portion: Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8	Saturday, September 20 7:00 p.m. Selichot Service Guests: Jerusalem Lyric Trio Special chocolate dessert reception sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism	Sunday, October 5 Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur) 6:00 p.m. First Service (simultaneous signing) 8:15 p.m. Second Service ◆ Monday, October 6 Yom Kippur 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Young Children's Service (simultaneous signing) 10:15 a.m. Morning Service (simultaneous signing) Ethics Panel Discussion following Morning Service 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Musical Interlude 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Family Youth Service 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Moments of Remembrance 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m. Yizkor and Neilah
Friday, September 26 Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:00 p.m. First Service (simultaneous signing) 8:15 p.m. Second Service ◆ Saturday, September 27 Rosh Hashanah 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Young Children's Service (simultaneous signing) 10:15 a.m. Morning Service (simultaneous signing) 10:15 a.m. Family Youth Service		

Birthday Blessings Family Service

September 19 6 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the months of **August** and **September** will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Family Service.

New Member Shabbat

Friday, September 5 7:30 p.m.

Please join us at this special Shabbat service to welcome the families who have joined Temple in the last year.

New families will be called to the bimah for a blessing and introduced to the congregation.

Take the opportunity at the Oneg Shabbat to introduce yourself to our new congregants!

Welcome New Members

Natasha Kraft

Please...

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



Adult Education Classes Offer A Blend Of Israel Topics And Ongoing Favorites

With an emphasis on "Israel Matters," the Adult Education Committee has planned "an exciting year that includes an evening with treasured Israeli writer Amos Oz, a two-part course on Israeli history, scholar-in-residence weekends devoted to Israeli politics and culture, Jewish Journey Groups focusing on aspects of Zionism and ethical issues facing Israel, and more," described Temple Program Director Rosie Zweiback.

Starting with the history of Israel, Dr. Moshe Gershovich, assistant professor of Modern European History at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will teach the two-part series. The fall semester, October 1 to December 10 on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m., will spotlight "Biblical and Pre-Modern Foundations" of Israel's history. Part II of the series, January 14 to March 31, will be a study of "Israel in the Middle East: Modern and Contemporary History." Register for both semesters or just one.

Robert Cohen, a Temple Israel member, will explore the novels, short stories, essays, memoirs and poetry of several writers in his presentation of the "Literature of the Holocaust" at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 12. Their words expose haunting stories underscoring the evil inflicted upon so many.

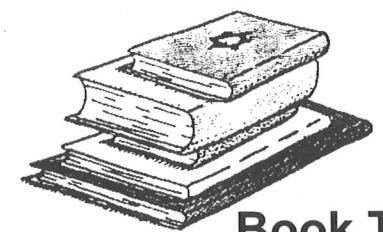
Along with the emphasis on Israel, numerous "favorites" will also be offered this year including Adult Study with the Clergy on

Thursdays at 10 a.m. beginning October 9. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will concentrate on the writings of this year's scholars-in-residence and a variety of topics related to Israel. Cantor Wendy Shermet, alternating weeks with Rabbi Azriel, will explore the music of Israel. In February, Rabbi Craig Marantz will alternate with Rabbi Azriel and discuss modern Jewish thought.

The Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing, and Bagels, Temple's program for parents, begins on Sunday, September 21, with "How to Help Your Kids Maintain Their Jewish Identity, Part I." Scheduled for 10 to 11:30 a.m. while children are in Religious School, the clergy will meet again with parents on October 19, November 23, January 11, February 29 and April 25 on topics ranging from finding meaning in Chanukah to raising mensches.

Temple's Director of Youth and Informal Education, Stephanie Grossman, will again lead "Basic Judaism," a 20-session course designed to provide a broad range of information to Jews who wish to explore their heritage and to non-Jews who are considering conversion or who want to gain a better understanding of Judaism. She'll cover the Hebrew calendar, Jewish holidays, life cycle events, prayer services, Jewish history, the Bible, and Israel among other topics. Class is from 6:15 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning September 23.

For fees or registration, contact Rosie at rzweiback@qwest.net, or 556-6536.



Book Talk

Thursday, October 16
7:30 p.m.
Milder Center

Love to read? Love to talk about great books? Combine the two and join us for an engaging evening dedicated to an intriguing novel by Amos Oz.

Rosalie Saltzman, director of the UNO Honor's Program, and avid reader Lee Needelman will lead a discussion about the novel *To Know A Woman*. This richly told story explores the life of Yoel Ravid, a retired Israeli secret service agent struggling to come to terms with the death of his wife and the meaning of his life.

Stop by the Temple office to pick up a copy of the book or buy it at The Bookworm in Countryside Village for \$10, a 25% discount off the cover price.

Want to Read Hebrew In Time For The High Holy Days?

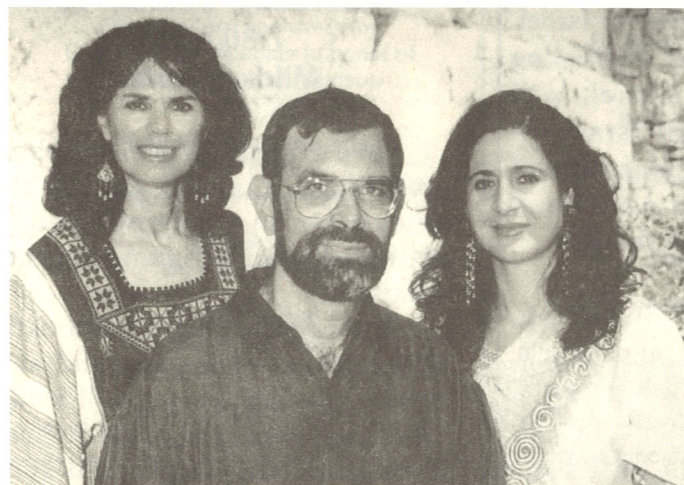
On Sunday, September 21, native Hebrew speaker and highly regarded teacher Elinor Matalon will offer a one day Hebrew reading crash course. Brush up on your aleph bet and work on your prayer vocabulary just when you need it most. The cost is \$30, which includes a kosher sack lunch.

To register contact Kathy Hirshman, Assistant Executive Director of Jewish Education and Library Services, at 334-6445. The class meets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the J.C.C.

The Days of Awe – A Time of Renewal, Reflection, Rejoicing

Jerusalem Lyric Trio To Perform on Selichot

Saturday, September 20
7 p.m.



repertoire, the Trio performs works inspired by biblical texts, Jerusalem, the landscape of Israel, the Holocaust, and familiar songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino. They have performed on university campuses, in synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and the

Museum of Jewish Heritage of New York City.

Amalia Ishak, the vocalist of the group, was born in Israel where she made her debut with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Zubin Mehta. She was personally selected by the late Leonard Bernstein to perform the world premiere of his "Arias and Barcarolles."

Wendy Eisler-Kashy, originally from San Francisco, CA, was the principal flutist of the Jerusalem Symphony and has been praised by *The New York Times* for her performance at Carnegie Recital Hall.

Pianist Allan Sternfield, originally from Newport News, VA, moved to Israel in 1976. A faculty member of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, Sternfield has been praised for his "artistic maturity, interpretive powers and skill."

Members of Women of Reform Judaism will prepare their annual array of chocolate desserts for a Selichot reception.

A unique Israeli ensemble, the Jerusalem Lyric Trio will add "vibrancy and warmth to our Selichot service and introduce us to our dynamic year of Israeli programming and education," said Cantor Wendy Shermet.

Selichot is a service of forgiveness, meant to prepare us for the coming year as we consider our actions and account for our mistakes over the past year.

Beginning with Havdalah at 7 p.m., Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz and Cantor Wendy Shermet along with Temple Israel's elementary, middle and high school teachers, will remove the customary colorful coverings worn by the Torahs to the white covers they wear during the High Holy Days.

Following the service, the Jerusalem Lyric Trio will perform a concert highlighting the religious and cultural heritage of the Jewish people. Since 1995, they have performed throughout Western and Eastern Europe, the United States, South America, Russia, and Israel.

In addition to a classical

Memorial Service

Sunday, September 28
1 p.m.

Temple Israel Cemetery
6412 North 42nd Street

The entire community is invited to this service led by Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Marantz and Cantor Shermet

High Holy Day Services Will Be Signed

This year we are again fortunate to have signing of the early evening, morning and children's services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Temple member Amy Filler-Katz will sign our children's services on Yom Kippur.

If you are hearing-impaired and would like a seat reserved at the front of the sanctuary to better observe the signing, please call the Temple office, 556-6536.

Please check the worship schedule for times of these services.

Warmest Wishes For the New Year

The Board of Trustees of the Congregation, the Women of Reform Judaism, the Men's Club and all the affiliates join with the rabbis, cantor and staff in wishing all of our members and friends a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Courtesy Letter

Members who plan to be out of the city during the High Holy Days and who wish to attend services in a Reform temple, please request a "Courtesy Letter" from the Temple Office, 556-6536, indicating the name of the congregation and the city and state, as well as the number of seats required.

Need a Speaker Phone?

The Caring Committee has made arrangements to transmit, via speaker telephone, High Holy Day Services to any Temple member who is unable to attend.

If you are interested, please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, by Monday, September 22 so we may make arrangements.

Meaningful Opportunities for Family Worship

Young Children's Service

Worship services for young children up through approximately grade four will be led by Rabbis Azriel and Marantz and Cantor Shermet on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings. This short, lively service, including a story from the Rabbi, is a great opportunity for youngsters and their parents to worship together and to look at the High Holy Days through the eyes of a child.

Family Youth Service

A Family Youth Service, geared for students approximately fifth grade and above, will be held Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur afternoon. The services are written and led by Omaha Temple Youth Group members. In addition to lively music and liturgy which focuses on topics appropriate for older children and their families, Rabbi Azriel and Rabbi Marantz will deliver the sermonettes. Parents should accompany their young people to share in these delightful and moving services. Sitter Service for children under fifth grade will be provided during the services.

Shabbat Shuva Reconsecration Service

Friday, October 3
7:30 p.m.

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, known as the "Sabbath of Return," marks the renewal of the covenant with God.

On Shabbat Shuva, Temple Israel offers the family an opportunity to examine introspectively and evaluate its priorities and directions. The renewal of family life emerges from the traditions and creative liturgy of this most sacred Shabbat.

A Perfect High Holy Days' Activity for the Family

Tashlich – October 4

Join us for Tashlich! This custom began during medieval times. It centers on casting bread (representing our sins) into the water symbolizing our hope that we can cast off our misdeeds and change our ways.

Saturday, October 4, we will gather at the Elmwood Park stream for a very brief service and the opportunity to throw our transgressions in the water and begin the year afresh.

Come before-hand to the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service in the Livingston Chapel and follow us over to Elmwood. Bring your family...young and old will enjoy participating in this short and compelling High Holy Day activity!

Chapel Service

Yom Kippur Morning Only
Monday, October 6
10:15 a.m.

As we again anticipate overflow seating in the Sanctuary, Temple Israel congregants Dr. Magda Peck and Dr. Michael Walts, will lead this additional morning service. They will be joined by families from our congregation for the Torah readings.

We welcome you and your family to this service which blends Hebrew and English in word and song for optimal meanings and understanding at this special season.

Rosh Hashanah Morning at 10:15 a.m. the Family Youth Service will take place in the Chapel.

Panel Discussion

These discussions, following the Yom Kippur morning service, are always thought provoking. This year's topic will be "Tikkun Olam in This Era of Apathy: How Can We Bring Back the Attitude of the 60's and Rekindle Jewish Social Activism?" The panel, moderated by David Jacobson, will include members of our congregation along with the clergy.

Yizkor Service

Our Yizkor Service immediately follows the Afternoon Service. We would appreciate it if those persons who know they will be leaving before Neilah (our concluding service) will sit in the rear of the sanctuary. Your willingness to sit in areas of easy exit will minimize disturbances to the congregants who remain.

L'Shana Tova

UAHC Biennial... A Journey Of Spiritual Discovery

November 5 - 9

How many opportunities do you have to be with 5,000 Reform Jews from congregations across North America and Israel? You'll have that chance — just a short trip by car or plane — at the 67th Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) 67th Biennial in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On this sacred journey of discovery, delegates will explore synagogue life and gather new ideas, study with scholars and celebrate with friends, learn from the pros and each other, sing and schmooze.

Lech L'cha, go forth on a journey of spiritual discovery, is the theme of the Biennial. Participants will also share 24 hours of Shabbat joy, holiness and rest.

Our own Rabbi Aryeh Azriel,

who serves on the Central Conference of American Rabbis Board (CCAR) as the president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis (MWARR), was invited to be one of four CCAR representatives to sit on the UAHC Board.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) will convene their national convention at the same time and same place. Rabbi Harold Kushner will open the WRJ convention with a seminar on women's well being.

Call Stacey Rockman if you would like to add your name to the list attending the WRJ national convention.

To attend the Biennial, contact Executive Director Michelle Shkolnick, at 556-6536 or mshkolnick@qwest.net.

Healing

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

If you know another person who needs the same, please ask the individual for permission to read his/her name before calling the office.

L'Chaim Havdalah

Spend an evening enjoying fine wines, lavish appetizers, and great company at the L'Chaim Havdalah, Saturday, September 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., co-hosted by Women of Reform Judaism and Men's Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Jewish Congregation of Catalonia in Barcelona, Spain.

This welcoming community shared a beautiful Shabbat with our congregants last February on the Journey to Jewish Spain. Cantor Gaston Bogomolni, of Beth El, will join us to tell about his experiences working with this small, struggling outpost of liberal Judaism in Western Europe.

Please plan to be with us for a fascinating and fun evening sponsored by Spirit World. RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536, or e-mail tisrael@qwest.net. Cost is \$18 per person.

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WRJ-O

Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) is a vital organization within our synagogue. Our mission statement is:

We strive to further the values and principles of Judaism, to promote closer fellowship among women, and to support the mission of the entire Temple Israel congregation by sponsoring religious, social and educational activities that will enrich our connection to each other, to the broader community, and to Judaism.

Did you know?...

- WRJ-O sends Happy New Year baskets to all our college students to connect them to our community during the High Holy Days?
- WRJ-O is hosting the deliciously divine dessert festival for Selichot, September 20.
- WRJ-O sponsors Cradle Roll, a terrific time for toddlers and their moms, dads or grandparents to have story-time, snack-time and song-time with the clergy.

September Events:

6 - Wine Tasting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

14 - Cradle Roll, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

October Events:

10 - Sukkot Potluck Dinner and Craft

Activities for Kids, 6:30 p.m.

15 - WRJ-O Luncheon at Temple Israel, Noon

Please contact WRJ-O President Stacey Rockman, 397-7930 or stacey14@cox.net, for more information on WRJ-O or any of the above events.

Needed: Used Books

The Women of Reform Judaism will be holding their Used Book Sale during the summer of 2004. It's not too early to begin saving your books. Just bring them to Temple Israel or call the office, 556-6536, for a pick-up.

Acceptable Magazines: Arts & Crafts, Bon Appetite, Gourmet, Architectural Digest, National Geographic. We are unable to accept Reader's Digest, textbooks or encyclopedias.

WRJ-O Calendars

The Women of Reform Judaism Art Calendars are here. Stop by the Temple office to pick up the most useful, purse-sized calendar you will ever find. Need to know the date for Tu B'shevat? For \$12, you can have it at your fingertips.

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WRJ-O Purchases Special Cup for Congregation

Women of Reform Judaism - Omaha (WRJ-O) has purchased a ceremonial handwashing cup (*Kos N'tilat Yadaim* in Hebrew) as a gift for the congregation of Temple Israel.

Stacey Rockman, WRJ-O President, explained that when Sofer-in-Residence Rabbi Moshe Druin was here in April to restore Temple's Torot, "we borrowed a handwashing cup," because the congregation didn't have one. The cup provides congregants with the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of handwashing prior to touching the Torah.

For members who wish to participate in the ritual of handwashing, the cup is now available at congregational dinners.



We have a small group working to secure one or more parcels of land at a good price. When they are successful, whether next week or two years from now, your Board of Trustees will vote to accept or reject the location.

After that, major pledges will be solicited. At that time we will be able to bring you a complete proposal including location, cost and an idea of what it will cost your family.

You can help by calling Executive Director Michelle Shkolnick, 556-6536, or Gary Kaplan, 829-1014 or 558-2448, if you know of a 10 acre or larger parcel that is not on the market yet, but could be purchased.

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Monthly Newsletter

The Religious School News will continue to be published once a month to supplement the Tidings! Look for our popular features which include: Current Calendar, Grade Level Updates, Up-Coming Events and Student Page.

School Calendar

The 2003/2004 Parent Calendar/Handbook was mailed in August. It features Religious School dates, holidays, services and special events. If you haven't received yours, additional copies are available in the Temple office.

Kindergarten Orientation **Sunday, September 7**
Students and parents meet teachers and participate in first day activities from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Family Prayer Assembly **Sunday, September 7**
Parents are invited to join their children in the main sanctuary for a school-wide prayer assembly at 10:00 a.m. It will be an opportunity to build a sense of community in our Religious School, to begin the school year on a spiritual note, and to continue to set the pace for future assemblies of this kind. The next prayer assembly will be September 21 at 11:30 a.m.

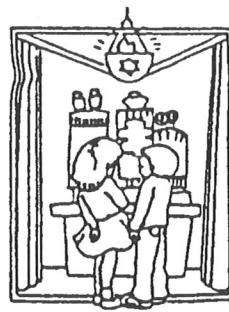
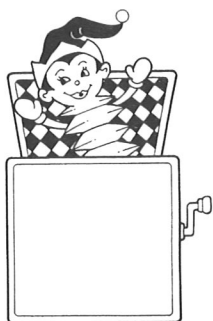
Family School Begins **Tuesday, September 9**
We have a few openings for students in grades 3 – 6 for families to learn together in formal and informal settings in both intergenerational and parallel adult/children's classes. Educational sitter service is available. Classes are Tuesday evenings, 6:15-8:00 p.m. Religious School students who participate in Family School **also** attend regular Sunday morning Religious School classes, but attend Tuesday evenings instead of Thursday afternoon classes.

Torah Tot Classes **Friday, September 19**
Torah Tot classes provide a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months. Ann Noodell will lead the Friday morning class with guest appearances from Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz and Cantor Wendy Shermet. Our next class begins Friday, September 19, 10:00 -11:15 a.m. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Four B's and Family Prayer Assembly **Sunday, September 21**
Parents are invited to attend the first Four B's program of the season, entitled "How to Help Your Kids Maintain Their Jewish Identity," which begins at 10:00 a.m. Following the workshop at 11:30 a.m. parents may join their children in the main sanctuary for a prayer assembly.

Did You Know That Sitter Service Is Available

- Every Friday evening at the 7:30 p.m. service
- Every Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah
- Every Sunday morning during Religious School
(Reservations and a \$2 donation are appreciated)



Tot Shabbat Services Friday, September 5 6 p.m. Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. **Come enjoy songs and a story with our rabbis.**

Cradle Roll Plans Birthday Party for the World

**Sunday, September 14
11 a.m.**

Cradle Roll, a special time for infants and children of pre-kindergarten age to come to Temple along with their parents (and grandparents, too), will kick off its year with a program on Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world. While the children participate in age-appropriate craft projects, their parents can participate with the youngsters or chat with other adults and talk to the clergy.

Cradle Roll, sponsored by WRJ-O, is free of charge. Two more programs (on December 14 and February 8) will be planned by co-chairmen Susie Norton, Ann Osborne and Patty Goldstein during the year.

RSVP's are appreciated—call Ann Osborne, 933-4954

Please join us **Sunday, September 21st**
10 – 11:30 a.m.

The Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing & Bagels:

Here's the buzz.....

This series of workshops for parents, begins on Sunday, September 21 in the Milder Center. While your children are at Religious School, show them Jewish learning lasts a lifetime as you settle in for a morning of learning, too.

This month's topic, "**How to Help Your Kids Maintain Their Jewish Identity**," launches a two-part workshop on how to raise children who embrace Judaism throughout their lives.

In Part I, we explore our own Jewish identity. Why be Jewish? What is the meaning of one's Jewish identity? Is it more than eating bagels and lox, avoiding ham, and fasting on Yom Kippur? What happens when one's Jewish values clash with the values of the secular world? How does our own sense of our Jewish self affect our children?

In Part II, which meets Sunday, October 19, we follow-up with a focus on children. What can parents do to raise children with a positive Jewish identity? Are Religious School, lighting Shabbat candles, and Chanukah presents enough to instill a sense of belonging to the Jewish people? How do our children stay connected when the secular world is constantly inviting them to conform?

Please join Rabbi Azriel and Rabbi Marantz for an exploration of these questions and a lively search for answers. At the conclusion of both workshops, please meet your children in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. for the prayer assembly.

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80th Birthday of
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Summertime Is Camp Time For Many Temple Kids

OSRUI campers and counselors this summer were: (front row, left to right) Chelsea Taxman, Josh Bleicher, (middle row, left to right) Ben Ozeroff, Jaclyn Adelson, Sarah Bleicher, Jackie Neesman, Sarah Rips, Ari Yoel, (back row, left to right) Adam Gerber, Leora Azriel, Jessie Danon, Olga Patkovsky, Elyce Azriel, Lexie Newman, Anne Rips, Aron Neesman, Molly Needelman, Becky Smedlund, Rabbi Azriel.

David Hirshman, Guy Weinstein, Stephanie Grossman and Philip Hirshman enjoyed the scenery at Shwayder.



Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Abby Rose Vann-Cohn, daughter of Leslie Vann and Barry Cohn. Grandparents are Sylvia "Babe" Cohn and the late Jerome Cohn.

Ariana Rose Moser, daughter of Traci Seldin Moser and David Moser. Grandparents are Bev and Millard Seldin, and Joanne and Donald Moser, Tempe, AZ.

Samantha Ellie Slusky, daughter of Gretchen and Jay Slusky, King of Prussia, PA. Grandparents are Harriet Fishel, Boca Raton, FL, Jerry Slusky, and Suzanne and Joe Hopper, North Wales, PA. Great-grandparents are Esther Dolgoff, Loretta Anstey, Mt. Laurel, NJ, and Reds and Marv Hopper, Oreland, PA.

Grace Ann Newman, daughter of Jennifer and Jamie Newman, Cambridge, MA. Grandparents are Brenda Newman, Los Altos, CA, Sharee and Murray Newman, Roger Lamont, Los Altos, CA, Deborah O'Hara, Scottsdale, AZ, Kathleen Puckett-Leslie, Cambridge, MA, and Don Leslie, Cambridge, MA. Great-grandparents are Ann and O.C. Puckett, Winter Park, FL, and Peggy and David DeLand. Great great-grandmother is Sarah Meyer.

Nathan Albert Munro, son of Lyndi and Eric Munro, Overland Park, KS. Grandparents are Claire and Pierre Flatowicz, Sandra and Jeffrey Passer, and Ileta and Roland Munro, Overland Park, KS. Great-grandparents are Stanley Passer and the late Edith Passer, Fanny Manvitz Gummers, Overland Park, KS, and the late Lottie Gummers and Richard Gummers.

Olivia Grace Turkel, daughter of Didi and Jeffrey Turkel. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald, and Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Turkel. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Peg Gallagher.

David James Simon, son of Kim and Jim Simon. Grandparents are Vibeke Trusty, Michael Trusty, Santa Fe, NM, and Kathy and Stephen Simon. Great-grandmothers are Jean Daniel, Santa Fe, NM, and Jean Weil, Cleveland, OH.

Mason Charles Eisenberg, son of November and Steve Eisenberg. Grandparents are Kathy Brock, George Eisenberg and the late Florence Eisenberg. Great-grandmother is Mini Elsasser.

Leora Bethany McNamara, daughter of Aviva Segall and Patrick McNamara. Grandparents are Doris and Hervey Segall, San Marino, CA, and Joan and Frank McNamara, Portland, OR. Great-grandmothers are Rachel Zwirn, Burbank, CA, and Helen Sherrill, Portland, OR.

Emma Persell Ferer, daughter of Courtney and Matthew Ferer.

Jordan Marissa Maged and Jacob Karl Maged, twin daughter and son of Marci Luefschuetz and David Maged, Rockville, MD. Grandparents are Fritz Luefschuetz and the late Karl Luefschuetz, Karen Gouzoulis, MD, and Stephen Maged, MD.

Rose Ellen Friedland, daughter of Jamie and Ted Friedland. Grandparents are Terri and Dick Zacharia, and Nancy and David Friedland. Great-grandmother is Trickle Milder.

Isabella Delrogh Persky, daughter of Cindy and Joshua Persky. Grandparents are Gail and Jerry Kohll, Lila and Bob Persky, Red Hook and New York City, NY, and Larry Schuster, Sarasota, FL. Great-grandparents are Selma and Is Tretiak, and the late Leona Kohll Cohn, Jerry Cohn and Louis Kohll.

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On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Fredricks. Mrs. Fredricks is the former Jill Halvorson. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Halvorson, Rapid City, SD, and Sally Fredricks and the late Terry Fredricks.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cohen. Mrs. Cohen is the former Katie Kaplan. Parents are Sally and Gary Kaplan, Vicki and Alan Kahana, Aventura, FL, and Laurie and Brian Cohen, Lombard, IL.

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IN MEMORIAM

The congregation was saddened
to learn of the May 28, 2003 death of
Cantor Harold I. Firestone.

Cantor Firestone served
Temple's congregation from 1980 to
1990.

Cantor Firestone's love of music
brought joy to our services. The
children's choir, under his direction,
added many moments of happiness
to those they visited.

His wife, Madeline Firestone,
wishes to thank "everyone who has
made contributions to Temple funds
on Hal's behalf."

May his memory be a blessing.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Toby Katelman Richards, aunt
of Harriet "Sissy" Silber;

Norman Batt, husband of
Frances Batt, father of Ellie and
Robert Batt, and brother-in-law of
Sylvia Cohn, Cynthia Schneider
and Louis Blumkin;

Sol Epstein, brother of Bernice
Adler and Sid Epstein;

Helen Brodkey, mother of Ron
and Robert Brodkey, sister of
Pauline Phillips, and grandmother
of Sharon, Alfred, David and
Naomi Brodkey;

Peter Citron, son of Ruth Citron
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Robyn Bohbot, father of Joshua
Bohbot, stepfather of Stacie and
Samuel Stanfield, son of Frannie
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brother of Brigitte Baines, Rachel
Shapiro, and Shawn and Nicholas
Bohbot and the late Dan Bohbot;

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Cohn, father of Skippy Schlitten,
and stepfather of Pamela Wheelock
and Jeffrey Fox;

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of Carol Brodkey, Roni Peterson,
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Gerald Kibel, brother of Ann
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and Faye Dloogoff;

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of Aaron Krantz, and grandfather
of Susie Smoler, Jim Krantz, and
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					SEPTEMBER 5	6
						Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Spooner
					Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. New Member Shabbat 7:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon Kindergarten Orientation 10:30 a.m.		Kol Rina Choir 6 - 8 p.m. Family School 6:15 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3 - 6 4 - 6 p.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Taylor
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon Cradle Roll 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.		Family School 6:15 - 8 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7 - 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3 - 6 4 - 6 p.m. OTYG Rehearsal/Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.	Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m. Social Justice Roundtable 12 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
Kol Rina Choir 1 - 4 p.m.					Family Service 6 p.m. Early Worship Service UPB 6 p.m.	Selichot Service 7:00 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9 a.m. 4 B's 10 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m.		Kol Rina Choir 6:00 - 8 p.m. Family School 6:15 - 8 p.m. Basic Judaism 6:15 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	OTYG Rehearsal/Dinner 4 - 6:25 p.m. Religious School Grades 7 - 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.		Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Young Children's Service 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Family Youth Service 10:15 a.m.
Kol Rina Choir 1 - 4 p.m. OTYG Board 2 - 4 p.m.					Erev Rosh Hashanah First Service 6:00 p.m. Second Service 8:15 p.m.	
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JYG/OTYG in NE City Noon - 5 p.m.					Shabbat Shuva	
Cemetery Memorial Service Temple Israel Cemetery						