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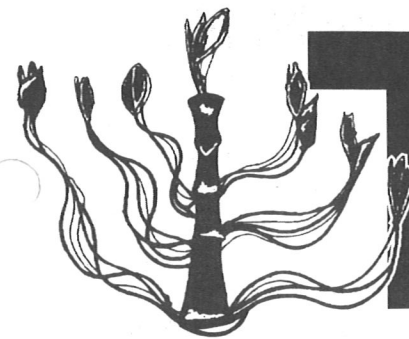
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As I See It...

"People power" is having as great an impact on history as did technological advances like electricity or even atomic energy. When Marcos was overthrown in the Philippines, by the sheer massive intervention of the populace, we saw the beginning of a process that now astounds us. Natan Shrinsky told us about the courage of Soviet citizens as they placed their bodies before the tanks. Shrinsky, speaking about events in his former homeland, was celebrating the power of the human spirit, willing to transcend self-interest, including monetary or physical self-interest, to capture freedom's fresh breezes.

Of course, the Jewish tradition affirms this. While our sages were fully conscious of the power in us for evil, they emphasized the redemptive capacity of the human soul. The story of the patriarchs, each in his turn, celebrates nothing less than the capacity of frail individuals to grow in moral and spiritual stature.

Jacob, the treacherous twin brother of Esau, turned away from yesterday's personal failures, and became Israel, one who dares to wrestle even with the Divine. The protest against the status quo, which compromises human dignity and the meaningfulness of the human quest for justice, began with Abraham and is the heritage that stirs

the Household of Israel to this day.

We gather in the *sukkah* at this season to re-experience an ancient bond with "people power," biblically reaffirmed as critical to history. In the *sukkah* we contemplate the premiere moment of Jewish consciousness of the Divine – when out of Egypt's oppression and slavery we walked to the heights of freedom at Sinai.

Secondly, this harvest symbol arouses within us the recognition of the earth's beneficence to our responsibility to feed and house humanity [without which there can be no human dignity].

Finally, looking through the apertures in the *sukkah's* roof, perceiving the vastness of the universe, we accept the fleeting nature of our frail existence, and with confidence we embrace God's eternity, which is our ultimate destiny.

"People power" is like matzah balls and chicken soup. We Jews drink in the broth of freedom to refresh the soul with hope, to confirm our vision that we are "but little lower than the angels, crowned with honor and glory."

The present moment, with the absolute breakdown of civilization in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, reinforces the Jewish intuition about history and life. It evokes in each us the response: "I am worthy of joining the community to shape the future. I can

make a difference!"

The spirit of the High Holy Days prompts my yearning to be free of emotions so tainted with hostility and fear. I love the hope, confidence and self-renewal inspired by this sacred season. There is a saving possibility. The High Holy Days is an antidote. All of us must be motivated by the imperative spiritual summons of the *shofar* to uplift life – in our families, in our synagogues, in our city and in our country. We require the faith that history can be rescued from tyrants and their wild lust for power. Faith begins with the belief in our own potential to infuse life with larger portions of decency, generosity and good common sense.

God deliver us from terror to a new world. God, cause our High Holy Days' prayers to inspire us with exalted purposes.

This must become a glorious time, this year especially, to recapture joy and hope for tomorrow.

L'Shana Tova!

Aryeh Azriel

Reform Judaism in Transition

Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Martin Rosenberg "Creating Sacred Spaces: Jews, God and Architecture" September 23-25

As the adult education topic, "Reform Judaism in Transition," indicates, this year of planning Temple Israel's move to a new house of worship will be a year of reflecting on the evolution of sacred time and sacred space. Dr. Martin Rosenberg, Chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Professor of Art History at the Camden, NJ, campus of Rutgers University, will introduce the transition theme during his visit to Temple.

Prior to joining the faculty at Rutgers University, Dr. Rosenberg was the head of the Department of Art and Design, Professor of Art History, and a member of the Gender Studies Faculty at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

One of Dr. Rosenberg's major areas of interest has been architecture, architectural history and historic preservation. As a Professor of Art History and Chair of the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO), he was involved in the planning process for the Fine Arts Building at UNO and in the unsuccessful attempt to save Jobber's Canyon. Recipient of numerous awards, Dr. Rosenberg has brought art history to a wider audience, including 2,000 Nebraska teachers, with an emphasis on gender issues and cultural diversity.

A specialist in 18th to 20th century art theory, criticism and practice, feminist art history, art history's role in art education, and art and the Jewish experience, Dr. Rosenberg has lectured and published widely, including the book *Raphael and France: The Artist as Paradigm and Symbol*.

Dr. Rosenberg's residency is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning. The entire community is invited to attend all of the weekend activities.

Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Worship Service

"Jews and Sacred Space: The Synagogue in Jewish Life"

Oneg Shabbat Following

Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m.

S'lichot Service

"Looking Back: From Solomon's Temple to Temple Israel: The Role of Synagogues in Jewish Survival"

For complete details, see page 4.

Chocolate Reception Following.

Sunday, September 25, 10 a.m.-Noon

The 4B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing & Bagels

"Looking Forward: Recreating Temple Israel for the 21st Century"

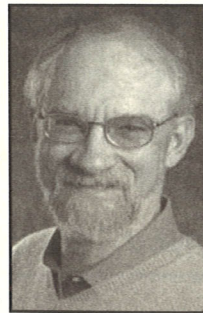
Bagel Brunch

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Don'L Dacey** who has recently chosen Judaism: May she go from strength to strength.



Sitter Service

is available...

- each Friday evening for the 7:30 p.m. service;
- 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. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

On My Mind...

Wendy Goldberg, President

Jewish tradition tells us that the sounding of the *shofar* is a wake-up call startling us into reviewing and rethinking the past year of our lives. This is an opportunity. In the coming year our congregation will use this wake-up call to challenge ourselves, asking what we do well and how we can do better as individuals and as a community.

I am confident that we will use this year of transition to work together and create a vision of the future of Reform Judaism in Omaha. As we engage in this rich and meaningful dialogue, we will enhance our community by hearing each others' needs and dreams, enabling us to strengthen our relationships to one another and to God.

It is my hope that each of us will do many good deeds and enjoy many blessings in the coming year.

L'Shanah Tova to you and yours.

Wendy Goldberg

Katrina Relief Efforts Ongoing

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) continues to accept emergency relief fund donations to aid both URJ congregations and the general communities affected by the hurricane. The clean-up, relocation and rebuilding efforts are substantial; needs change on a daily basis. Donations can be made at www.urj.org/give.

As a congregation we are working to build coalitions locally and nationally with religious, non-profit, business and government agencies in an effort to create our best strategy and identify our unique role in responding to the needs created by Hurricane Katrina. Please stay posted by visiting these websites: <http://www.templeisrael.org/index.shtml#hurricane> and <http://urj.org/relief/> (Hurricane Katrina: What you and your congregation can do).

"Team Temple" Raises Over \$3,800 For the MS Society

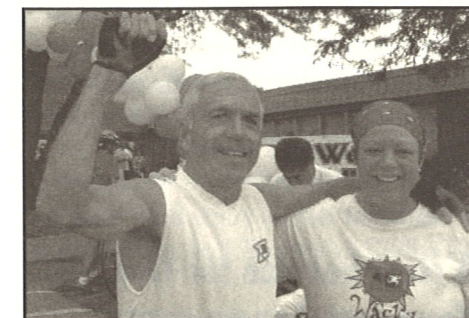
To honor the memory of a well-loved man who died of MS this summer, 24 enthusiastic friends and family members of Joel Brodsky gathered in Waterloo, NE, on Sunday, August 28, to ride for the MS Society of Nebraska.

Team Temple featured cyclists from age 5 to age 67, some of whom peddled up to 50 miles for the cause. Many wore special team t-shirts sporting the initials "J.B." inside a Jewish star. With perfect weather and a beautiful flat course through small towns and farmland west of Omaha, co-captains David Gilinsky and Jon Gordon inspired the team to think of Joel and to fight MS.

Other Team Temple cyclists included: Jodi Brodsky, Kevin Gilinsky, Larry Gilinsky, Bruce Goldberg, David Goldberg, Max Goldberg, Mollie Goldberg, Jill Idelman, JoAnne Gordon, Susan Lehr, Mark Robinson, Rick Schrager, Rosie Zweiback, and Speedy Zweiback.



(Pictured above, l to r) Co-captain David Gilinsky, John Johnson and Larry Gilinsky get ready to peddle. (Pictured below, l to r) Speedy Zweiback and Jill Idelman are pumped to start the ride.



Men's Club

The Battle on the Ballfield Continues

Join Temple's Men's Club as we set out to even the score against Beth El's Men's Club. **Our next softball game is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 4:30 p.m.** at the J.C.C.

Families are welcome to come and bring a picnic dinner as you cheer on the team. One small catch though: the first 15 men will be able to play. We expect to have another overwhelming response so contact Mike Silverman as soon as possible at msilverman@rbjh.com or on his cell phone at 740-2200.

Temple Israel Men's Club

FIRST EVER

**TEXAS
HOLD'EM
POKER
TOURNAMENT!**

Saturday, December 10

You can bet we're gonna have a full house...so keep your eyes peeled for more details coming up!



Voices From the Pews

Sylvia Kaiman has belonged to Temple Israel about 11 years. She has noticed a little more Hebrew in the worship service and that it's "a little more traditional." She likes the service at Temple—although she'd like to follow the new *Shabbat* morning prayer book more and use more of the prayers in it. Sylvia likes "that we do social justice and we can ask more questions at Temple."

She is happy to see a trend towards more traditional prayers and hopes the Caring Community grows and embraces more projects. "We can do things in our community and around the world" she said.

"My wife and I joined Temple eight years ago," said **Bob Reiss**. They started taking their children to Tot Shabbat and Cradle Roll and watched them "graduate" to Religious School. Abigail and Eliana Reiss are now in second grade and kindergarten.

He said "both the religious part" of being a member of Temple such as "celebrating the holidays" and being involved in what's going on relative to government policies are meaningful to him as a Reform Jew. He's looking forward to a new building for Temple and hopes the congregation continues "to embrace diversity."

"I've seen some major and some minor changes since we moved here in 1971," said **Jerry Marburg**. "The whole orientation of the Temple and the services is a little more congregation-friendly than it used to be," he commented. "The rabbi has a good pew-side manner."

"For me, you have to have some place to belong." He would like to see "a little more attention paid to the adults" even though he understands "the future of anything is with the kids."

"I'm accustomed to a more traditional service. That's what I grew up with. I don't like a lot of gimmicks and hype. I like a nice sermon." He and his wife Judy would prefer Friday night worship services to start at 8:15 p.m.

The Sweetness of the New Year

S'lichot Heralds the Days of Awe Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m.

A service of forgiveness, S'lichot is meant to prepare the congregation for the coming year as we consider our actions and account for our mistakes over the past year.

This year, Temple's Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Martin Rosenberg, will join the congregation for *havdalah*. He will then speak on "Looking Back: From Solomon's Temple to Temple Israel: The Role of Synagogues in Jewish Survival."

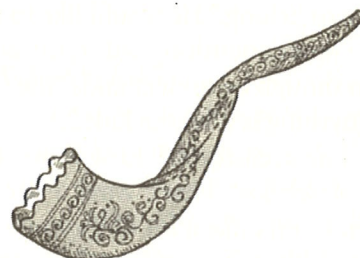
Members of the Long Range Planning Committee will have the honor of preparing the *Sifrei Torah* for the High Holy Days. The mantles that customarily cover the Torahs will be changed to the white covers worn during the Days of Awe.

The Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha will set the tone for a sweet year with their annual array of chocolate desserts for the reception.

Shabbat Shuva Reconsecration Service Friday, October 7, 6 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 introspectively examine and evaluate its priorities and directions. The renewal of family life emerges from the traditions and creative liturgy of this most sacred Shabbat.



Are You a Temple Israel Grandmother?

This year we are celebrating Temple Israel's grandmothers during the *Kol Nidre* prayer at both the Erev Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, October 12. The first service is at 6 p.m. and the second one begins at 8:15 p.m.

"We would like to celebrate and honor these grandmothers who are the cornerstones of the passage of Jewish tradition from one generation to the next," said Rabbi Aryeh Azriel.

Temple grandmothers are asked to contact Rosie Zweiback at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536, to let her know which service they will attend.

A New Service for Our Youngest Congregants Tot High Holy Day Service Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

This joyful worship service is designed to help our youngest members – age 5 and under – understand the meaning of the High Holy Days. Meet in the Chapel at 9 a.m. to enjoy a story from the rabbi and look at the "Season of Awe" through the eyes of a child. Sitter Service will be available at 10 a.m. so that parents may attend the adult Morning Service at 10:15 a.m.

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.

Warmest Wishes for the New Year

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

Tashlich – A Perfect High Holy Days' Activity for the Family

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

Come to the 10:30 a.m. Shabbat service and follow us over to Elmwood, or meet us at the stream at about 11:30 a.m. Bring your family; young and old will enjoy participating in this short and compelling High Holy Day activity.

Need a Speaker Phone?

The Caring Committee has made arrangements to transmit, via speaker phone, High Holy Days services to any Temple member who is unable to attend. If you are interested, please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, by **Monday, September 26** so we may make arrangements.

Memorial Service Sunday, October 9, 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

Chapel Service Yom Kippur Morning Only Thursday, October 13, 10:15 a.m.

Over the past few years, the Chapel Service has become a real alternative to the main service in the Sanctuary. Consider the chapel on Yom Kippur morning for worship that calls for ethical living in a just world. It offers a smaller, more intimate setting for prayer and reflection. A simple guitar accompanies the traditional High Holy Day music. Dr. Magda Peck and Dr. Mike Walts invite you to join them on this day of forgiveness and return.

Moments of Remembrance Yom Kippur Day, 2:30 p.m. Livingston Chapel

To prepare for *Yizkor*, and find comfort in the company of other mourners, please join us before the Afternoon Service begins for a time of sharing and remembering. Marla Cohen, M.S., National Certified Counselor, will facilitate this gathering, and invites you to bring a photograph or memento of those you hold in your thoughts and prayers. All who have lost someone dear, recently or in the past, are welcome to attend.

High Holy Day Services Will be Signed

This year, we are again fortunate to have simultaneous signing of the early evening, morning and Family Youth Services for Rosh Hashanah and 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 contact the Temple office, tisrael@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536.

The congregation is grateful to the Phyllis and Richard Glazer Endowment Fund for underwriting this special service to our congregation. **Please check the worship schedule for times of these services.**

Days of Awe-some Discovery for Children

Children in Kindergarten through the fourth grade are invited by the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha to participate in meaningful and fun holiday experiences on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah (Tuesday, October 4) and Yom Kippur (Thursday, October 13). Check-in time begins at 9:45 a.m. Programming ends at the conclusion of the adult worship service.



Age-appropriate activities, including storytelling and art projects, are planned for the children who will be grouped by grade level. Short lessons will help each child appreciate the meaning of the High Holy Days and feel a part of the Temple Israel community.

Pre-registration is mandatory. Registrations have been mailed and are due to the Temple office by Friday, September 23. Forms are also available in the Temple office or online (www.templeisraelomaha-ne.org). If your child(ren) will be attending the Children's Enrichment Program, we need you to volunteer for a half hour to help with supervision, or make a \$5 donation per child to help support the program.

Regular Sitter Service (without programming) will be available for children age one to fourth grade during the 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service, and the 6 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur service. (Please check the worship schedule for dates.) In addition, there will be Sitter Service available on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Days starting at 10 a.m. for ages one through four. Sitter Service will also be available the afternoon of Yom Kippur for children ages one-year and older.

At the conclusion of Neilah on Yom Kippur (approximately 5:45 p.m.), the entire congregation, including young children, are encouraged to hear the final blast of the *shofar* and enjoy a brief *havdalah* service led by members of the JYG and OTYG youth groups, and Temple's Middle/High School students.

Ethics Panel Discussion Thursday, October 13 Following Yom Kippur Morning Services

This year's thought-provoking topic will be "Peace in Israel: At What Price? Focus on Disengagement and Democracy" 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 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.

High Holy Days Hebrew Reading Crash Course Sunday, October 2 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., J.C.C.

This one-day course offered by Jewish Educational and Library Services (JELS) is designed for community members who may know some Hebrew, but want to improve their reading skills. Knowledge of the aleph bet is suggested.

Elinor Matalon, a native Israeli and experienced Hebrew teacher, will be the instructor.

The cost is \$30, which includes all materials and a kosher sack lunch. To register, contact the JELS office at mgrossman@jewishomaha.org or 334-6445. Registration is needed by Wednesday, September 28.

This program is sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

The Blessings of Forgiveness

Let's Celebrate Sukkot Together

Monday, October 17~Erev Sukkot

Fun for Everyone—Babies to Adults

6 p.m.

•Decorate the Sukkah

We'll supply the materials—you make the decorations and add them to our outdoor *sukkah*.

•Share Potluck Dinner

Bring your family—invite a friend. Don't miss the first congregational dinner this year. It will be casual and festive!

Last name, A to K—bring a pasta dish

Last name, L to Z—bring a chicken dish

Please, no pork or shellfish.

The Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha will provide salad and drinks.

Enjoy dessert at an ice cream and cookie Oneg Shabbat following services.

7:30 p.m.

•Family Services

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

•Birthday Blessings

All children with October birthdays will be called to the *bima* for their special blessing.

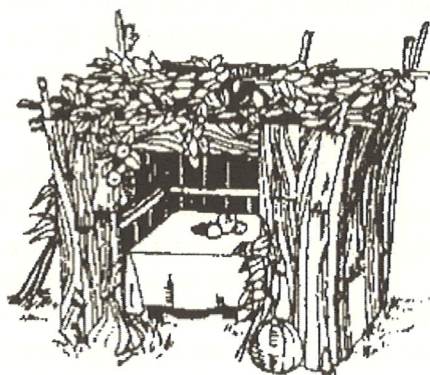
Please call Temple, 556-6536, by **Friday, October 14** to make your reservation. There is no charge for the activities and dinner, but we need to plan for seating and drinks.



Tuesday, October 18~Sukkot

10:30 a.m.

•Worship Service



College Kids Share a "Cool" Send-Off

On August 17, about 15 college students enjoyed ice cream at Ted and Wally's Ice Cream in the Old Market with Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Middle/High School Director Elyce Azriel, and Director of Youth and Informal Education Lynne Jensen.



(Left picture, l to r) Daniel Gutman, Lauren Freeman and Allie Willensky took a break from the ice cream for a picture. (Right picture, l to r) Lynne Jensen, Alana Kinarsky and Adam Trubnikov relaxed before college classes started.



Simchat Torah

Consecration

Erev Simchat Torah

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Just one week after the potluck dinner and gathering in the *sukkah*, it's time for Simchat Torah, the last day of Sukkot. The Fabrangen Fiddlers, Tuffy Epstein's group, will begin the merrymaking at 6:45 p.m. Come early as their festive tunes set the mood for this clamorous holiday to begin.

The pews fill quickly as we celebrate the joy of Torah with dancing, singing and exuberant *hakafot* (processions) with the Torahs around the sanctuary.



Kindergartners and older students who have never been consecrated will participate in this special service that formally recognizes their families' commitment to Jewish education.

Following worship services, the celebration with Tuffy's music and dancing will continue at an ice cream Oneg in the Friedman Social Hall.

Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor

Tuesday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.

Grieving as a community, we will recite *Kaddish* together, bringing comfort to the mourners and dignity to the deceased. **Please call Temple, 556-6536, by Friday, October 21 to have a loved one's name read at this service.**

The Sukkot and Simchat Torah worship are enhanced again this year by the magnificent sukkah built and given by the late Ajon Farber.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha



Needlework Trunk Show

Wednesday, September 21

4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Julie Lewis from Personal Threads, and master needlepointers Jane Rips and Joanie Lehr, will be on hand to demonstrate basic and advanced needlepoint techniques and show the many ways to create something beautiful and Jewish as a keepsake. Yarns and needlepoint canvases with Judaic themes will be available for purchase and part of the proceeds will go to WRJ-O.

Please join us at either showing to see how you can create a beautiful yarmulke, tallit bag, Passover pillow or other Jewish keepsake. Bring your own project to share, to kvell over and to work on! There is no cost for this event.



Save The Date!

Breakfast with the Pancake Man!
Sunday, November 13

2004 Women's Seder Wins Jewish Federation Community Service Program Award

In March 2004, WRJ-O members Dora Goldstrom, Debbi Josephson, Allison Latenser, Lois "Ducky" Milder, Andi Willensky and Rosie Zweiback helped make history by hosting "From Slavery to Freedom: A Women's Seder."

Working for nine months with women from Beth El, Congregation Beyt Shalom, NCJW and Jewish Women International, the steering committee created a magical evening of sisterhood, celebration and song for over 250 women from Nebraska and Iowa. Their efforts were recognized by the Jewish Federation on August 23 at an awards ceremony in the atrium of the J.C.C.

Mazel tov to the event organizers and to WRJ-O for co-sponsoring such a unique program for the enjoyment and enrichment of Jewish women throughout the city and beyond!

We Need You!

Are you a WRJ-O member who would like to be more involved? Would you like to become a member? Do you have an idea for an activity that supports our mission statement? If so, contact our president, Cindy Goldberg at cgoldberg5@cox.net or 398-5448.

NCJW Kicks Off Lunch Series Monday, September 26 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

The Omaha Section of the National Council for Jewish Women will kick off a public affairs and education lunch series at Uta Halee Girls Village (10625 Calhoun Road). The lunch series will introduce a number of social service organizations around Omaha and provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss public policy issues.

The topic for the first lunch event will be methamphetamine use among teenagers. Experts from Uta Halee will lead the discussion. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the program or lunch.

To attend the event, please contact Dana Cohn (558-1318 or cohndb@aol.com) or Andee Scioli (341-6000 or ascioli@fraserstryker.com).

Did You Know?

In the 1800s and very early 1900s, Reform Judaism rejected the idea that Jews would recreate a Jewish state in their ancestral homeland. The movement rejected the idea that there would ever be a personal messiah and that the Temple in Jerusalem would ever be rebuilt, or that one day animal sacrifices would be re-established in a rebuilt Temple in accord with the Hebrew Bible.

These early Reform Jews went so far as to agree that praying for the resumption of a Jewish homeland was incompatible with desiring to be a citizen of another nation. They implied that for a German, French or American Jew to pray from the original *Siddur* was tantamount to dual loyalty if not outright treason.

In the aftermath of the Holocaust and after the establishment of the modern State of Israel, Reform Judaism totally repudiated anti-Zionism. All factions and official affiliates of Reform Judaism are now officially Zionist.

Cantor Shermet Drumming Up a Torah Corps

Cantor Wendy Shermet is looking for a few good Hebrew readers to form a Torah Corps. On those Shabbatot when there isn't a bar or bat mitzvah, Cantor Shermet will be able to call upon her corps of readers to chant Torah and Haftarah. "They'll read three to six verses," she said, "plus the English translation."

Cantor Shermet pointed out that members of the Torah Corps will have the opportunity to serve as role models while continuing to use their Hebrew. She encourages anyone who is interested and has had a bar or bat mitzvah, including teens, to call her at Temple (556-6536) to join. She particularly welcomes congregants who can chant without using a practice CD. But "I'll make a CD for those who need one," she added.

Worship and High Holy Day Services

Friday~September 16

6 p.m.
Family Shabbat Service

Saturday~September 17

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Wolpa
Son of Vicki and Steve Wolpa
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday~September 23

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah
Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Martin Rosenberg
"Jews and Sacred Space:
The Synagogue in Jewish Life"
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

Saturday~September 24

9:30-10:15 a.m.
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10:30 a.m.
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Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
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Temple to Temple Israel: The Role
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Friday~September 30

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
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Saturday~October 1

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Nitzavim
Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Monday~October 3

Erev Rosh Hashanah
• 7:30 p.m.
Service

Tuesday~October 4

Rosh Hashanah
• 9 a.m.
Tot High Holy Day Service
• 9 a.m.
Children's Service
• 10:15 a.m.
Morning Service
• 10:15 a.m.
Family Youth Service

Friday~October 7

6 p.m.
Shabbat Shuva
Reconsecration Service

Saturday~October 8

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Tashlich at Elmwood Park
immediately following services
Torah Portion: Vayelech
Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20;
Joel 2:15-27

Tuesday~October 12

Kol Nidre
• 6 p.m.
1st Service
• 8:15 p.m.
2nd Service

Wednesday~October 13

Yom Kippur
• 9 a.m.
Tot High Holy Day Service
• 9 a.m.

Children's Service

• 10:15 a.m.

Morning Service (Sanctuary)

• 10:15 a.m.

Alternate Service (Chapel)

Ethics Panel Following

• 1:30 p.m.

Musical Interlude

• 2:30 p.m.

Moments of Remembrance

• 2:30 p.m.

Family Youth Service

• 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Service

• 5 p.m.

Yizkor, Neilah & Havdalah

Led by JYG, OTYG & Grade 7-12 students

• 6:30 p.m.

Break the Fast

Friday~October 14

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Craig Marantz
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
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Saturday~October 15

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: II Samuel 22:51

Monday~October 17

Erev Sukkot
6:30 p.m.
Family Potluck Dinner
7:30 p.m.
Family Service

Tuesday~October 18

Sukkot
10:30 a.m.

Morning Service

Friday~October 21

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

Saturday~October 22

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion:
Exodus 33:12-34:26
Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:7

Monday~October 24

Erev Simchat Torah
7 p.m.
Consecration Service

Tuesday~October 25

Simchat Torah
10:30 a.m.
Morning Service & Yizkor

WRJ-O PRESENTS: A NEEDLEPOINT TRUNK SHOW

Featuring gorgeous canvasses with
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BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, September 21

4:00-5:30 or 7:00-8:30

Milder Center - Refreshments

Make Jewish heirlooms for your family

Dreidels
Tallit bags

Matzoh covers
Kippots and more!

Joanie Lehr and Jane Rips, needlepoint "artists" of the highest order, will be on hand to share their art, demonstrate techniques and help you get started on a beautiful project.



A portion of the needlepoint sales will be donated to WRJ-O.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			14 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Love & Logic 6:30-8 p.m.	15 Community Conversation 7 p.m.	16 Family Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	17 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Alex Wolpa
18 Teacher Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6, 10 a.m.- Noon Cradle Roll, 10:30 a.m. Menschies with Wrenches, 10:30 a.m. Kol Rina, 1 p.m. Deli Nite, 5-7 p.m.	19	20 Family School & Keep Up 5:30-8 p.m. Kol Rina 6 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	21 WRJ-O Trunk Show 4 & 7 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. JYG Xbox Competition 5-6 p.m. OTYG Rehearsal 5-6 p.m. Grades 3-12 Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	22	23 Shabbat Service Scholar-in-Residence Martin Rosenberg 7:30 p.m.	24 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. S'lichot Service with Scholar & Chocolate Reception 7 p.m.
25 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon 4Bs with Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m. Kol Rina 1 p.m.	26	27 Family School & Keep Up 5:30-8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	28 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Rehearsal & Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Love & Logic 6:30-8 p.m.	29	30 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	1 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
2 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Menschies with Wrenches 10:30 a.m. Kol Rina 1 p.m.	3 Nostra Aetate: Jewish/ Catholic Reconciliation Commencement 2 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30 p.m.	4 Rosh Hashanah Tot Service 9 a.m. Children's Service 9 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Family Youth Service 10:15 a.m.	5 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Bible Quiz Practice & Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. OTYG Rehearsal & Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	6 Adult Study With the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. OTYG Board 7 p.m.	7 Shabbat Shuva Service 6 p.m.	8 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Tashlich at Elmwood Park Immediately Following
9 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Menschies with Wrenches 10:30 a.m. Cemetery Memorial Service Temple Israel Cemetery 1 p.m.	10	11 Family School & Keep Up 5:30-8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	12 No Religious School Erev Yom Kippur 1st Service 6 p.m. 2nd Service 8:15 p.m.	13 Yom Kippur Tot Service, 9 a.m. Children's Service, 9 a.m. Morning Service, 10:15 a.m. Alternate Service, 10:15 a.m. Ethics Panel Following Musical Interlude, 1:30 p.m. Moments of Remembrance, 2:30 p.m. Family Youth Service, 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service, 3:30 p.m. Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah, 5 p.m. Break the Fast, 6:30 p.m.	14 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	15 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. OTYG Haunted Havdalah 8 p.m.
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Youth & Education

Religious School Steering Committee Looks to the Future

The Religious School Steering Committee is off to a great start this year. The first meeting was held August 20 with Rabbi Sam Joseph, a professional Judaic Educator from HUC-JIR, who spent the weekend at Temple with various committees and Board groups. Rabbi Joseph shared his views with the RSSC on "How to Evaluate Curriculum." He commended Temple's desire to seek new and innovative ways of improving on an already sound educational foundation.

Inclusiveness was another issue Rabbi Joseph hit home with the Committee and at his teacher in-service. As the face of Temple becomes increasingly more diverse, we need to continually seek new ways of opening the doors of understanding Judaism to interfaith congregants and their extended family members.

Going forward, the Religious School has plans to do an inquiry of its curriculum from grades K-12. This evaluation will include interaction with teachers, students, parents and clergy. We are also looking to integrate programs with the Partnership in the Western Galilee area into our curriculum. For the past four years Omaha's youth have not traveled to Israel. Omaha Jewish youth will begin going to Israel once again and it is important to begin making those connections now.

If you are interested in being part of the Religious School Steering Committee, please feel free to contact Katherine Finnegan at 398-0075 or email her at kfinnegan@cox.net. Monthly meetings will be held on Thursdays at Noon, September 29, October 27 and November 17, in the Temple library.

ARTZA is back!

June 25 – July 23, 2006

This amazing trip to Israel is open to all current 9th, 10th and 11th graders.

Find out more at the

ARTZA Information Night Sunday, October 30

in the J.C.C. auditorium.

Questions?

Contact Lisa Shkolnick,
J.C.C. Executive Director,
at 334-6425 or

lshkolnick@jewishomaha.org.

What's Happening in Religious School

Rabbi Craig Marantz, Elementary School Director

Family Worship Assembly.....Sunday, October 2
Parents, please remember that the assembly is a wonderful time for our children to come together as a community and feel comfortable praying in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to join our family worship assemblies! (10:00-10:30 a.m.)

No Family School..... Tuesday, October 4 and 18

Grade 2 Visit to Gifford Farm.....Sunday, October 9
As part of their year-long study of *mitzvot*, the second grade will get a "hands on" experience of *Tza'ar Ba'alay Hayim*, kindness to animals. We will depart promptly at 9:45 a.m. Second grade parents are asked to have their children at Temple by 9:40 a.m. We expect to return by 12:30 p.m. If you need childcare until 12:30 p.m. for another sibling attending Religious School, please call Rabbi Craig at 556-6536. Remember to dress your second grader in appropriate clothing for the weather outside!

No Religious School..... Wednesday, October 12

Final Kindergarten Rehearsal.....Sunday, October 23
Parents are invited to join their Kindergarteners at 11:30 a.m. for the final Consecration rehearsal.

Consecration..... Monday, October 24
Consecration marks the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education, leading to Confirmation at the end of twelfth grade. Kindergarteners and older children who have not yet been consecrated will participate in a special service, held **Erev Simchat Torah at 7 p.m. (Photos are at 6:30 p.m.)** Parents will be called to the *bima* for blessings and a special presentation.

Hey 7th and 8th Graders!

Junior Youth Group (JYG)

is having an
XBox competition!

Wednesday, September 21
5-6 p.m.

Meet in the
Youth Lounge for a
DDR/Crash Nitro-tastic time!

Cost \$3

Call Leora (960-5796) or
Lynne (556-6536)
with questions or to RSVP!

ALL SCHOOL DINNER
following.

Teen Madrachim Religious School Role Models

Elyce Azriel, Middle/High School Director

Teens serve as role models for younger students and help set the one for the them to follow. Therefore, developing a program for teen aides in the Religious School can become a rewarding experience for the aides and the congregation. Our teens are encouraged to share with others what they have learned with their students, while continuing their own religious education within our Temple school.

Our first training session took place on Sunday, August 21 with Rabbi Sam Joseph. *Madrachim* duties were discussed: preparing for activities; leading games or songs; serving snacks; working with small groups; checking assignments. Depending on the individual's skills and the teacher's needs in the classroom, there is no limit to the role teen aides can play in our young students' education.

Throughout the school year, Temple's *madrachim* will continue the training process, focusing on child development, appropriate age-level ex-

pectations, and teaching skills.

We are excited to have the following students in our *madrachim* program: Sean Bernstein, Sam Burrell, Jessie Danon, Joe Goldberg, Molly Goldberg, Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Grace Hack, Emily Katz, Samantha Long, Sarah Long, Josh Moran, Jackie Neesman, Aaron Passer, Brenna Robinson, Amy Schweid, Sarah Spooner, Sam Weinstine, Alex Wolpa, Ethan Workman and Taylor Workman.



Rabbi Sam Joseph (far right), who wrote the book on training and placing *madrachim* in classrooms, talked with *madrachim* Emily Katz (left) and Grace Hack about their expectations.

OTYG Heading Into an Awesome Year!

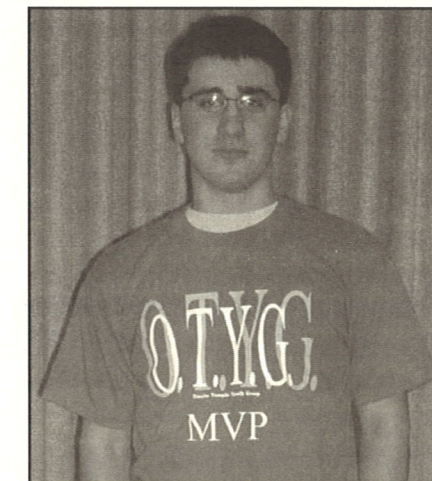
Sean Bernstein, OTYG Secretary

Once again, OTYG had an awesome program. Unfortunately, it was only for Board members. However, it did give the Board time to get all of our ideas on the table for the upcoming rockin' year!

On August 20 we all met up for an in-service with Rabbi Sam Joseph. We learned a lot and came back with great ideas. We went out for dinner, then back to our hotel room for a HUGE meeting. We discussed everything and got all OTYG events under control for the rest of the year! We even had enough time to start preparing our Family Youth Services for the High Holy Days.

Some of us ended up sleeping...and others were up all night. Nevertheless, we all bonded a lot and managed to have a BLAST.

There is something planned for everyone, so check out the OTYG table on Wednesday nights before school!



Sean Bernstein, OTYG Secretary, models the youth group's signature t-shirt that he designed. To get one, Omaha Jewish high school students just have to join OTYG, fill out the membership form, and pay the \$45 annual membership fee. For more information, see Lynne Jensen, Director of Youth and Informal Education, or a youth group board member.

My "Amazing" Trip to Israel

Annie Rips, OTYG/JYG Liaison

Hey! Annie Rips here to explain a little about my trip to Israel. On June 26, we got on a plane at JFK to arrive in Prague. It was a very long flight. Not many of us slept but what was the point—we were getting to know each other.



After catching a few hours of sleep at the hotel, we got to exchange money and then had an orientation about the trip. We went to the Old Jewish quarter of Prague. We were surrounded by amazingly beautiful buildings and nice weather. The next two days in Prague were amazing. We walked A LOT. We saw a bunch of old synagogues, including the oldest one in Prague. It was 800-years-old. We also saw one of the biggest cathedrals in the world. Then we saw a cemetery and also a church with 800,000 Holocaust victims' names. It was such an eye-opening experience to see this.

Next, we went on a cruise ship for three days. We re-enacted the Exodus experience. It was really fun getting to know the people from other groups. Shabbat on the boat was amazing. Having Debbie Freidman sing her songs was amazing also. I could honestly say that was the best Shabbat I have ever had, and probably will ever have.

On the first day in Jerusalem, we went to the biblical reserve and made our own food out of leaves and spices that we picked earlier that day. We went to an archeological dig and found some pottery and tons of Nammoth rocks. The next morning we woke up very early and drove to an overlook. Our counselor, Adam, made us close our eyes and took us off of the bus one by one and stood in a line. On our way there we had no idea where we were or what we were doing. When we opened our eyes it was amazing; looking at Jerusalem was so beautiful. We then went to the old city walls and walked to the old water system. We walked through the pitch black

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Congratulations

On the Engagement of:

Dana Cohn and David Wear. Parents are Susie and Marvin Cohn, and Maggie and Bob Wear.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. David Eshel. Mrs. Eshel is the former Stephanie DePorte. Parents are Pam and Dennis DePorte, and Maggie and Larry Kosmin, Long Beach, CA, and the late Eli Eshel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is the former Amy Perlmeter. Parents are Vicki Perlmeter, Jeff Perlmeter, Scottsdale, AZ, Diane Thomas, Chicago, IL, and Shelley Thomas, Chicago, IL.



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

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

In Honor of the 65th Anniversary of Rosalie and Milton Saylan

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All donations received will be placed in the Endowment Fund unless specifically directed otherwise.

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In Honor of ☐ Recovery ☐ Birthday ☐ Anniversary ☐ Other _____

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Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Herbert S. Frishman, father of Seth Frishman;

Dorothy Lipp, mother of Susan Kentoff and Myra Sanderman, and sister of Babe Davis;

Dorothy Parilman, mother of Sandra Epstein and Gary Parilman, sister of Vera Lewis, and sister-in-law of Sylvia Parilman;

Garnet Tuttle, grandmother of Gretchen Radler;

Seymour Zoob, husband of Roslyn Zoob, father of Barbara Wadleigh and Barry and Mike Zoob, and brother of Leo Zoob

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Healing

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

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

Temple Funds

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

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

Tree of Life leaves are \$300. Tree of Life Boulders are \$3,000. If you would like information on these donations, please call Dennis DePorte, Executive Director, at 556-6536.

\$6.00 fund contributions:

- David Bleicher Camp Scholarship
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- Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy Caring
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- Education
- Endowment
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- Prayer Book (\$30 donation)

Thank You For Supporting Our Congregation Through Donations That Remember and Honor Family and Friends

IN MEMORY OF: Dina Bloom: Babe John, Lisa and Denny Lewis, Margo and Bill Rosen; Joel Brodsky: Martin Sophir; Naomi Cohn: Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Bettie Fisk, Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Maxine and Jack Noodell, Terri and Dick Zacharia; Julia Davis: Lisa and Denny Lewis; Bernie Fischer: Lisa and Denny Lewis, Rosalie and Maurie Meiches, Audrey, Morrie and David Shapiro; Sue Greenberg: Anne and Alan Cohen, Lisa and Denny Lewis; Susan Haskell: Judy and Keith Josephson; Mickey Kaplan: Marge and Jim Bresel, Sylvia Siref-Davis, Linda Siref-Simons, Susan and Jerry Steinberger; Lazar Kaplan: Fran and Louie Blumkin, Elberta Cohen, Babe Cohn, Patsy Davidson, Patty Edwards, Lois and Mel Epstein, Toby Fellman, Bettie Fisk, Debbie and Scott Friedman, Barbara Frohman, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Hilde Gottlieb, Steven Gottlieb, Nancy and Don Greenberg, Pearl and Gerald Gross, Shirley Hancock, Joanie and Marty Lehr, Lisa and Denny Lewis, Sally and Ed Malashock, Ducky and Mike Milder, Pam Miller and Roger Falkenroth, Jeanie Neff, Helen Novak, Margo, Aaron and Charles Parsow, Silvia and Larry Roffman, Phyllis and Norm Roffman, Mary Lou Rottman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Ruff, Ellen and Craig Saylan, Rosalie and Milton Saylan, Anne and Bruce Shackman and Kim, Justin, Jon and Kelly, Audrey, Morrie and David Shapiro, Dr. Norman Shelton and Staff, Joie Simon, Martha and David Slosburg, Ellen and Richard Slosburg, Stanley Slosburg, Debi and Jeff Smedlund, Marjorie and Marlon Somberg, Millard Speier, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Judy and Stewart Tully, Julie and Tom Westman; Ruth Nogg: Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Rebecca and Brent Bloom, Jodi Brodsky, Toby Fellman, Bettie Fisk, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Nancy and Don Greenberg, Pearl and Jerry Gross, Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Connie and Bob Kully, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Lisa and

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IN HONOR OF MARRIAGE OF: Stephanie DePorte and David Eshel: Wendy and David Goldberg, Sharon Sobel and Jeff Schweid

IN HONOR OF NEW HOME: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tipp: Sheila and Ray Tomps

THINKING OF YOU: Harlan Noddle: Anne and Alan Cohen

IN APPRECIATION OF: Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Goldstein: Peggy and Chris Krasne; Stacey Rockman: Wendy and Andrew Sherer; Andi Willensky: Sheila Tomps

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IN MEMORY OF: Dina Bloom: Marilyn and Marty Warren; Hannah Sperling Davis: Lois and Mel Epstein; Ruth Nogg: Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren

Hineini Success!

Andi Willensky, who coordinated Temple Israel's recent Hineini campaign, thanks everyone for their "tremendous support of the project. We really made a difference," she said.

Matan Chaim: the Gift of Life

When you become an organ donor, you join the thousands who have placed themselves in a position to bring healing, hope and life to others. Medical technology has given us the means to dignify, sanctify and sustain lives in ways that were impossible just a few years ago. You can bring that technology a response of holiness, purpose and life.

Do other movements within Judaism agree with organ donation?

Yes. The value of "p'kuach nefesh" (the saving of life) underscores this belief within our entire community, regardless of denomination affiliation.