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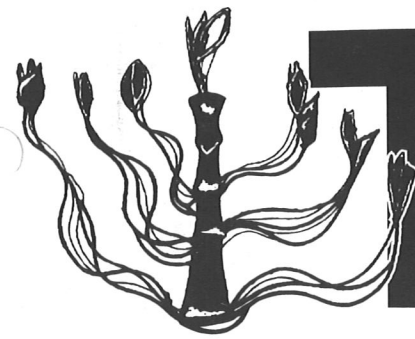
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AS I SEE IT....

"Adonai spoke to Moses, saying: 'Say to the Israelite people: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month, there shall be the Feast of Booths to last seven days. The first day shall be a sacred occasion – you shall not work in your occupation; seven days you shall bring offerings. On the first day you shall take the product of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before Adonai Your God seven days. You shall observe it in the seventh month as a law for all time, throughout the generations. You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens of Israel shall live in booths, in order that the future generations may know that I brought you out of the land of Egypt. I, Adonai Your God.' "

Sukkot and *Simchat Torah* – These are the holidays we are to observe; *Sukkot* being the first day and intermediate days, and *Simchat Torah* on the final day of this week-long festival. These holidays are of such importance that they are described in detail in the *Torah*. Along with *Pesach* and *Shavuot*, *Sukkot* is one of the "Three Pilgrim Festivals" we are commanded to observe "through all the generations."

What a gift God has given us! We face the autumn with the complete sense of renewal and introspection during the High Holy Days. And then, just a few days after *Yom Kippur*,

we celebrate the beauty and bounty of the autumn harvest. To that end, we are commanded that when we return home after our day of fasting and repentance on *Yom Kippur*, we are to delay breaking our fast until we have hammered the first nail into our *sukkah*. We are to spend our week within the *sukkah*. For some that means actually, "camping out," inside its four temporary walls. For others it means having a festive meal under the canopy of branches.

Whether the *sukkah* is in our own backyard, on the beautiful *Bima* of our Sanctuary or on Temple's grounds, it is a *mitzvah* and a joy to create and decorate this *sukkah* with fruits and vegetables, paper chains and *Shana Tova* cards.

Our week of celebration is capped off with the joy of *Simchat Torah*. Our reading of the *Torah* Scroll is completed and begun again. The exhilaration we feel as we dance to *Klezmer* music and rejoice in the *Torah* is completed when we read the last words of Deuteronomy followed by the first words of Genesis. Thus we begin anew. We complete the cycle. We have prayed. We have fasted. We have built our *sukkah* and waved the lulav. Now, we affirm that our life is bound by *Torah* and *Mitzvot*. We are able to face the year with new hope and renewed joy. What a gift God has given us. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Aryeh Azriel

This New Year Give The Gift of Life Monday, November 3 1-7 p.m.

There are more ways to give than volunteering your time and money. Especially needed right now is your blood! According to the Midwest Region of the American Red Cross, the region's blood supply is at what appears to be a 20-year low. In early September, the national Red Cross had only about one third of the 100,000 units it strives to have on hand.

Relying solely on volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of thousands of patients each day, the Red Cross will be asking us to roll up our sleeves for Temple's annual blood drive. Donors need to be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds. It's easy, safe, and takes less than one hour.

Harry Alloy, who has co-chaired Temple's blood drive for many years, said he has given blood for years. "I knew it was much needed worldwide and locally. It's something people think others are going to do."

Bill Rosen, who will co-chair the drive this year, said, "We need to all pitch in and help out in this situation. This is a perfect way to begin the new year with a *mitzvah*."

Please say yes when
you are called to give.



HIGH HOLY DAYS, SUKKOT, SIMCHAT TORAH AND SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, October 3
Shabbat Shuva
7:30 p.m.
Reconsecration Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
The Women of Reform Judaism

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

Sunday, October 5
Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur)

6 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)

10:15 a.m. Alternate Morning Service

Ethics Panel Discussion
following Morning Service

2 - 2:45 p.m. Musical Interlude
3 - 4 p.m. Family Youth Service
3 - 4 p.m. Moments of Remembrance
4 p.m. Afternoon Service
5 p.m. Yizkor and Neilah

Friday, October 10
Erev Sukkot
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 11
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Sukkot Service

Torah Reader
Sarah Schondelmeyer

Leviticus 23:33 - 44

Friday, October 17
Erev Simchat Torah

Consecration
7 p.m.

Saturday, October 18
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Simchat Torah and Yizkor

Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12
Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Friday, October 24
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
The Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, October 25
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Bereshit
Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

Friday, October 31
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Uri Regev
"Who Cares About the Rest of the Jews in the World?"

Special Oneg Shabbat
sponsored by
The Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, November 1
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Dylan Jack Saferstein
son of Mark and Lynda Saferstein
and Mike and Stephanie Siedschlag

Torah Portion: Noach
Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

Welcome New Members

Mara and Kenneth Bates
Barbara and Steven Brehmer
Joan Kaiman
Rachel and Joshua Levitsky
Deborah Meiches-Simpson and
James Simpson

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Lacie Morgan** who has recently chosen Judaism:

May she go from strength to strength!

In Search of ...

...a few good women and men! Ever wonder how you can perform a huge mitzvah in a short period of time in a place you were already going to be? Well, wonder no more!

WE NEED USHERS...all shapes and sizes, no special experience required. Please contact the Temple office (556-6536 or tisrael@qwest.net) and we will be more than happy to guide you towards "usher nirvana!"

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.

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson

*It's A Mitzvah!: Step-by-Step
To Jewish Living*

Sunday, October 26
10:15-11:45 a.m.
Beth El Synagogue

Rabbi Artson is Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and Vice-President at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

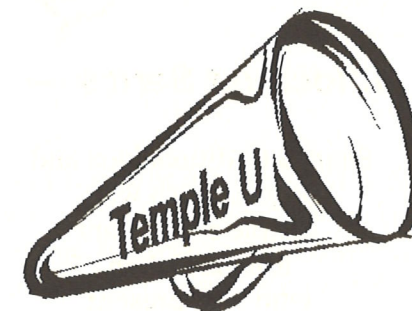
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Ambassador Dennis Ross

2004 Jewish Federation
Community Campaign Event

Thursday, October 23, 8 p.m.
Beth El Synagogue

Former Middle East envoy for the first Bush and the Clinton administrations, Dennis Ross will be the guest speaker at this year's Jewish Federation Community Campaign Event. Call the Jewish Federation at 334-6431 for more information.



Do You Have A College Student?

Let us know your co-ed's information!

- ✓ The Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha send Rosh Hashanah and Passover goodies.
- ✓ The Temple Tidings is mailed to college students to keep them informed of their Temple family.
- ✓ The clergy invite students returning home during school breaks for "a coffee and a chat."
- ✓ Temple's clergy make campus visits.

If we missed you during our recent fall phoning, contact the Temple office with your student's address, phone number and email.

Jerusalem's Lifeline for the Old Produces Beautiful Handicrafts And Meaningful Lives

In the heart of Jerusalem, some 270 elderly and disabled people come to work daily at Lifeline for the Old. Founded by Myriam Mendilow in 1962, Lifeline for the Old provides an opportunity for participants to spend their days productively and in good company. A cheerful workplace, Lifeline hums with activity, and the people who find meaningful lives there go home revitalized at the end of each day.

Myriam believed that "to be is to do." In Lifeline's various handicraft workshops, the elderly and disabled create gifts and products that cover about 40 percent of Lifeline's costs. The remaining 60 percent comes from private contributions from friends and supporters in Israel and abroad. Lifeline does not receive any government support.

All participants earn a small stipend for their work and benefit from a wide-ranging social network. The services are provided either free or for a nominal fee and include daily hot meals, medical care, dental services and transportation.

During these troubled economic times in Israel, Lifeline for the Old needs our support now more than ever. Look for a special letter from the President of our congregation outlining what **you** can do to make a difference.

Don't Forget!

Gift Certificates
are always available
in the Temple Office.

A "Note"worthy Start To A Year Full of Adult Education Opportunities

Amos Oz

One of Israel's Leading Novelists
A Founder of the *Peace Now* Movement
Is Coming to Temple Israel!

Wednesday, November 19
7 p.m.

Discover Oz's ideas and style at a book chat, **Thursday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. at Temple**. His passionately controversial novel *To Know A Woman* will be discussed.

Purchase this and other Amos Oz books at The Bookworm in Countryside Village and at the Temple office.

Oz's lecture is co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Adult Study With The Clergy

10-11:30 a.m.
Starting Thursday, October 9

All three members of Temple's clergy will teach this weekly study session. Rabbi Azriel will discuss the writings of our scholars-in-residence and a variety of topics related to Israel. On alternating weeks through January, Cantor Shermet will explore the music of Israel. Beginning in February, Rabbi Marantz will pursue the topic of modern Jewish thought on alternating weeks. Fee: \$40/member, \$50/non-member.

Holocaust Series —

Share a traditional lox and bagel brunch with Temple congregant
Robert Cohen
who will present
Literature of the Holocaust

Sunday, October 12, 10 a.m.

A Temple Israel Men's
Club Event

Everyone Welcome!

Non-Men's Club members, \$3

Best In Show

An Afternoon in the Park With Pets

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 2

Please bring your furry, four-legged family members for this unique pet experience and learn about Judaism's perspective on pets.

The entire congregation is welcome to this event sponsored by Temple's Outreach.

Jewish Journey Group: Herzl's The Jewish State

Tuesdays,
October 28 - November 25
7-8:30 p.m.

John Dacey will lead this fall's Jewish Journey Group focusing on Theodor Herzl's book, *The Jewish State*. Describing the conditions Jews were facing particularly in France following the Dreyfus Affair in 1894, Herzl was "the right man at the right time," said John who has led several Jewish Journey Groups at Temple. Learn how Herzl's views may be just as valid today as they were in his own time in light of world events.

To register, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at rzweiback@qwest.net or 556-6536.

To Look To The Future We First Study The Past

Don't miss this special opportunity to study with Harvard University Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar, and UNO Professor Moshe Gershovich. He is offering a two-part course on the *History of Israel*. Part I, which covers pre-biblical history through the rule of the Ottoman Empire, starts **Wednesday, October 1, 6:45-8:30 p.m.**, and continues for 8 sessions to December 10. Contact the Temple office to register at rzweiback@qwest.net or 556-6536. Cost is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Back By Popular Demand! Conversations with the Rabbis

Beginning Tuesday, October 21
Noon-1 p.m.

Every third Tuesday of the month, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Rabbi Craig Marantz welcome congregants to Conversations with the Rabbis. Bring your own lunch to this informal discussion of current events and issues that affect the Jewish community of Omaha and others throughout the world.

Bagels and Sacred Books

Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Shabbat mornings at Temple begin with a challenging and stimulating study session led by the clergy and a host of guest speakers. Focusing on understanding the prayer book and how it enriches worship and our lives, Bagels and Sacred Books "is also a good way to celebrate Shabbat," said Debbi Josephson who frequently attends on Saturday mornings.

My *People's Prayer Book* series, edited by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, is used as a resource by the participants.

Shabbat worship services follow Bagels and Sacred Books at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

One Shabbat Evening.. Two Exciting Events!

An Extraordinary Israeli Shabbat Dinner

You don't have to fly to Israel to enjoy an exquisite meal prepared by one of the finest chefs in Jerusalem. Prior to services on October 31, Moshe Basson, the owner/chef of *Eucalyptus — the Jerusalem Land of Israel Restaurant*, will be preparing Shabbat dinner at Temple Israel.

Due to the extreme drop in tourism to Israel, Mr. Basson decided to bring the distinctive cuisine of Israel to America. During his one-month visit, he will be preparing meals for lucky communities throughout the midwest.

Chef Basson has designed a special menu based on the flavors and foods of the Bible. It includes meza salads, red lentil soup, stuffed leaves, fresh figs filled with chicken, maalubeh (a chicken casserole with vegetables), veal kofta with Jerusalem artichokes, and "ice from paradise" with sesame cream and honey.

Join us for an amazing Shabbat evening starting at 6 p.m. with a true taste of Israel followed by a Shabbat service featuring Rabbi Uri Regev, the head of Progressive World Judaism. Call 556-6536 for a dinner reservation. Adults \$18, children 12 and under \$8.

To learn more about Chef Basson, his restaurant and his recipes, visit www.the-eucalyptus.com. If you would like a cooking lesson with Chef Basson, you can volunteer to help him prepare the meal during the day on the 31st. He will need 8 helpers in the kitchen. Contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or rzweiback@qwest.net, for more information.

Jerusalem's Rabbi Uri Regev To Speak At Shabbat Worship Services

Friday, October 31 7:30 p.m.

*"Who Cares About the Rest of
the Jews in the World?"*

Born in Tel Aviv, Rabbi Regev is a magna cum laude graduate of the Tel Aviv University Law School and a member of the Israel Bar. He received his ordination as a rabbi from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem and currently serves as the executive director of the Jerusalem-based World Union of Progressive Judaism. He is a founding member and the former executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, the advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel.

Established in 1926 in London, the World Union for Progressive Judaism is the largest body of religious Jews in the world. Its basic aims are to create common ground between its constituents and to promote Progressive Judaism in places where individuals and groups are seeking authentic, yet modern ways of expressing themselves as Jews.

Serving congregations and communities in nearly 40 countries and serving more than 1.5 million members throughout the world, the World Union for Progressive Judaism's goal is to ensure that all Jews have access to a vibrant Jewish life that can best inspire them spiritually and bring their communities together practically.

Let's Welcome Sukkot Together!

Everyone — from babies to bobbies and zaydies— will celebrate!

Friday, October 10

Family Potluck Dinner and Sukkah Decorating 6:30 p.m.

Temple will supply the materials
so you can make the decorations for the outdoor sukkah.

Share the first congregational dinner of the new year
with family and friends (invite yours!).

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 will provide dessert and beverages.

Please call Temple at 556-6536
by **Tuesday, October 7**, to make your reservation.

There is no charge for dinner, but we need to plan for seating and drinks.

After services, there will be an ice cream and cookie Oneg Shabbat.

Simchat Torah, Consecration, and Tuffy!

Friday, October 17 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. So come early as their joyous tunes set the mood for this clamorous holiday to begin.

The sanctuary fills quickly in anticipation of celebrating "In the beginning...." once again as Jews have done for thousands of years with dancing, singing, and the exuberant Hakafot with our Tarot (processions) 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 services, the celebration, Tuffy's music and dancing will continue at an ice cream Oneg.

On Erev Simchat Torah, Temple will also observe the 12th annual National Children's Sabbath, coordinated by the Children's Defense Fund. Endorsed by more than 200 denominations and religious organizations, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths unites thousands of congregations in speaking out and acting faithfully for justice for children and families. The event encourages a long-term commitment to help children and families through prayer, education, service and advocacy with a special emphasis this year on the importance of quality childcare and early education.

The Sukkot and Simchat Torah worship will be enhanced again this year by the magnificent Sukkah built and given by the late Ajon Farber and decorated by Gretchen Radler.

Family Worship Service 7:30 p.m.

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

Birthday Blessings

All children and adults who have
birthdays October
will be called to the *bima* for a
special blessing.

Sukkot Morning Service
Saturday, October 11
10:30 a.m.

Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor

Saturday, October 18
10:30 a.m.

During this worship service,
those who have passed away will be
remembered as Kaddish is recited.
Grieving together as a community
brings comfort to the mourners and
dignity to the deceased.

Please call the Temple at 556-6536
by **Monday, October 13** to have a
loved one's name read at the
morning Yizkor service.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					3 Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Tashlich Following Service
					Shabbat Shuva 7:30 p.m.	
5 Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon Social Justice Advocacy 10 - 11:30 a.m.	6 Yom Kippur Children's Service 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Alternate Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Ethics Panel 12:30 p.m. Musical Interlude 2-2:45 p.m. Moments of Remembrance 3-4 p.m. Family Youth Service 3-4 p.m. Afternoon Service 4-5 p.m. Yizkor and Neilah 5 p.m.	7	8 Social Justice Club 5 - 6 p.m. Grades 7 - 11 & Dinner 6 - 8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. History of Israel 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.	9 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3 - 6 4 - 6 p.m.	10 Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m. Family Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m. Erev Sukkot 7:30 p.m.	11 Sukkot Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Erev Yom Kippur First Service 6 p.m. Second Service 8:15 p.m.		AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.				
12 Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon Men's Club Literature of the Holocaust 10 a.m. Club 34 Noon - 2 p.m. OTYG Board 2 - 4 p.m.	13	14 WRJ Kickoff Lunch Noon Family School 6:15 - 8 p.m. Basic Judaism 6:15 - 8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	15 Bible Quiz & Study Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ JCC Middle/High School Teacher Meeting @ JCC 6 p.m. Religious School Grades 6 - 12 @ JCC 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. History of Israel 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.	16 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3 - 5 4 - 6 p.m. Book Talk 7:30 p.m.	17 Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 4 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Consecration 7 p.m.	18 Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service 10:30 a.m.
19 Religious School Teacher's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Kindergarten - Grade 6 10 a.m. - Noon 4 B's 10:30 a.m. Club 56 Noon - 3 p.m.	20	21 Conversations with Rabbi Azriel Noon - 1 p.m. No Religious School Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	22 No Religious School	23 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. No Religious School Kol Rina Choir 6:30 - 8 p.m.	24 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	25 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
26 Biennial Delegates Meeting 11 a.m. No Religious School	27	28 Family School 6:15 - 8 p.m. Basic Judaism 6:15 - 8 p.m. Jewish Journey Group 7 - 8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	29 Bible Quiz Study & Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Religious School Grades 7 - 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. History of Israel 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.	30 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3 - 6 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30 - 8 p.m.	31 Torah Tots 10 - 11:15 a.m. Israeli Shabbat Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Uri Regev Scholar-in-Residence	



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IN APPRECIATION OF: **Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Cantor Wendy Shermet, Michelle Shkolnick, Elyce Azriel, Joan Cooper, Stephanie Grossman, Claudia Sherman, Rosie Zweiback, Lori Bennett, Marie Briggs, Willie Clark, Vicki Ducharme, Gloria Ketter, Maureen Kube, Bonnie Sullivan, Lonnie Williams**

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Eva Bella Kushner, daughter of Julie and Timothy Kushner. Grandparents are Jolene and John Corbin, Lincoln, NE, and Barbara and Marshall Kushner. Great-grandparents are Janice Corbin and the late John Corbin, Uhing, NE, Herbert Uhing and the late Mildred Uhing, Craig, NE, the late Eva and Meyer Richards, and the late Dorothy and Max Kushner.

Ethan Josef Bargas, son of Sharon and Bo Bargas. Grandparents are Lea and Jerry Grunkin, and Margaret and Ernest Bargas.

Naomi Daniela Zweiback, daughter of Jacqueline Hantgan and Rabbi Josh Zweiback, Los Altos, CA. Grandparents are Beverly and Henry Hantgan, Manhattan, NY, Debbi and Speedy Zweiback, and the late Hermene Zweiback. Great-grandmothers are Harriet Shandel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Julia L. Davis, Overland Park, KS.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Levitan. Mrs. Levitan is the former Kimberly Hines. Parents are Margaret and Ronald Hines, Oklahoma City, OK, and Barb and Cliff Levitan.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sympathy the deaths of...

Melva "Peg" Hutton, mother of Todd Hutton;

Dr. Benton Kutler, father of Laura Chait;

Alan J. "Al" Crounse, father of Andy Crounse and brother-in-law of Bernice Crounse

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

WRJ-O

2003-2004 Calendar of Events

October
10 Sukkot Potluck Dinner
14 Membership kick-off luncheon (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

November
5-9 WRJ National Convention / UAHC Biennial

December
1 Women's leadership program
7 Pancake Man breakfast
14 Cradle Roll
19 Chanukah dinner

January
14 "Women in the Water" – An Intro to the *Mikvah*

February
8 Cradle Roll
Friendship Tea
23 Cooking program

March
6 Purim Box Dinner
17 Women's Seder
28 Pancake Man breakfast

April
28 Donor Tea

June/July
27-1 Used book sale

Did you know...

• WRJ-O has had the honor of having these women serve as President: Arlene Beber, Sare Aresty, Janet Perlmeter, Joanie Lehr, Shirley Greenberg, Marilyn Warren, Hermene Zweiback, Joie Simon, Noni Selner, Sandy Nogg, Dora Goldstrom, Debbi Josephson, Debbie Freidman, Sandy Passer, Sally Zipursky, Jeanne Angalet, Diane Graul and Wendy Goldberg.

Please join us!!

Tuesday, October 14, Noon

WRJ-O wishes to continue the legacy of our past leadership and is hosting a membership kick-off luncheon to honor our former Presidents. Please come as a current member or new member.

We will conduct 3 drawings for 3 fabulous prizes at the luncheon:

- **New member raffle-** join now to be entered!
- **Recruiter raffle-** recruit a new member to be entered!
- **President's raffle-** increase your dues sponsorship to be entered!

Contact Rosie Zweiback (556-6536) or Andi Willensky (493-6393) with questions.

Three Cheers For Temple's Volunteers!

This Month's Stars Are:

- **Cheri Ginsburg**
- **Denny Lewis**

A Note of Thanks

Our sincere thank you for the many uniongrams and good wishes received for the New Year.

May the year ahead be one of good health and contentment for all

Rabbi Aryeh and Elyce Azriel
Rabbi Craig and Betsy Marantz
Cantor Wendy Shermet
and Len Burrell
Jane H. Brooks
Michelle Shkolnick
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Stephanie and Barry Grossman
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What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Dismissal Procedures **Thursdays and Sundays**
Please help us have a safe and pleasant year. When children are picked up from Religious School at 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Noon on Sundays, parents are to PARK their cars in the LOT and come to the waiting area to get their child(ren). Parents are reminded to be understanding of our safety concerns and never leave your car parked in the driveway.

Keep-Up Classes **Tuesdays, 6:15 to 8 p.m.**
Keep-Up lessons are designed to help students in Grades 3 through 6 succeed at Religious School by maintaining good attendance and/or getting extra time with a teacher. Regular class time missed due to absences, late arrivals or early departures may be made up by attending Keep-Up sessions. One hour of Keep-Up equals one hour regular class time. Please call the office at 556-6536 to reserve a space. **Hebrew 6:15 - 7:10 p.m. and History/Judaica 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.**

Grade 6 joins Middle/High School for "Sex, Drugs and Rock N Roll" Workshop @ J.C.C. **Wednesday, October 15**
Sixth grade students and parents are invited to join 7-12th graders for a program discussion that opens the lines of communication about difficult subjects. PLEASE NOTE: No class will be held on Thursday October 16 for 6th grade students. However, they are expected to attend on Wednesday, October 15. Please call Joan if you have any questions.

No Religious School **Tuesday, October 7 and 21, Thursday, October 23 and Sunday, October 26**
Family School will meet on Tuesday the 14 and 28. Thursday classes resume October 30.

Consecration **Friday, October 17**
Consecration marks the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education leading to Confirmation at the end of twelfth grade. Kindergartners and older children who have not yet been consecrated will participate in a special service to be held Erev Simchat Torah, at 7 p.m. Parents of consecrants will be called to the *bima* for blessings and a special presentation.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN CONSECRATED! It is not too late for your child to be consecrated. Please call Joan Cooper, 556-6536, as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Grade 2 visits Gifford Farm **Sunday, October 19**
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 by bus, promptly at 10 a.m. Second grade parents are asked to have their children at Temple by 9:45 a.m. We expect to return by Noon, in time for regular dismissal. Remember to dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather outside! Parents that wish to join us must call the Religious School office no later than October 12.

4 B's & Family Prayer Assembly **Sunday, October 19**
Please note our time change. The Prayer Assembly will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the 4B's at 10:30 a.m. This 4B's is Part II of *How to Help Your Kids Maintain Their Positive Jewish Identity*. What a wonderful opportunity for children to realize that Jewish education is for adults too! (Parents can attend Part II even if they missed Part I.)

Be A Big Brother Or Big Sister

Volunteer to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister to a child between the ages of 7 and 15. For 50 years, Big Brothers-Big Sisters volunteers have been creating and nurturing relationships with children. Become a friend who shares everyday activities, expands children's horizons and experiences joy in even the simplest events. Within those moments lies the magic that a Big Brother or a Big Sister can bring into the life of a youngster.



Volunteers commit to at least six months of building a positive mentoring friendship with a child from our congregation by getting together two to four times a month. Please call Stephanie Grossman, Temple's Director of Youth and Informal Education, at 556-6536 if you are interested.

Tot Shabbat Service

Friday, November 7 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.**

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)

Middle/High School Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director

Middle/High School Social Justice Club

The goal of Jewish life is to be an ethical human being, leaving the world a better place for having lived in it. What, then, can each of us do to live up to our moral responsibility to better the world? JOIN the youth Social Justice Club!

The Social Justice Club's purpose is to put into action YOUR ideas for *Tikkun Olam* – repairing the world. There are lots of great ideas out there that just need some extra hands and resources to get them done.

Our first meeting is on **Wednesday, October 8, 5-6 p.m.** We have the power to change the world for the better. That is our task as Jews, this year and every year.

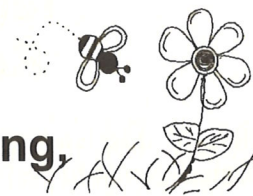
Bridging the Communication Gap

Wednesday evening, October 15, at the Jewish Community Center, our Middle/High School will participate in a workshop for students and parents. The workshop, "Sex 'N Drugs 'N Rock and Roll," allows parents and their teenage children to work on a broad area of communication skills, exploring issues which are of the greatest importance to them personally in an open and safe setting. Using scenes from contemporary popular films as provocative triggers, facilitator Jerry Kaye allows a natural flow of discussion to take place without the need for direct confrontation.

For more than two decades, Jerry Kaye has worked with children and families heading the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Oconomowoc, WI. As a certified psychotherapist, he brings a valuable combination of skills to this program.

This program is generously funded by the Ike and Roz Friedman Foundation, Jewish Family Service, the Lazier L. Singer Memorial Fund and Temple Israel's Middle/High School.

Please join us **Sunday, October 19**
10:30 a.m. – Noon
(immediately following Prayer Assembly)



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

This month's workshop, led by Rabbi Craig Marantz, is Part II of "How to Help Your Kids Maintain Their Jewish Identity."

In September we focused on our own sense of Jewish identity. This month we look at ways to ensure a positive Jewish identity for our children. What really instills a sense of belonging to the Jewish people – Jewish summer camp? worship in the sanctuary? Shabbat dinners? How do our children stay connected when the secular world is constantly inviting them to conform?

Accompany your children to the **Prayer Assembly at 10 a.m.** in the sanctuary and then come to the Milder Center for a bagel and a meaningful exploration of Jewish identity.

Please note: for the remainder of the year the 4B's will follow Prayer Assembly at 10:30 a.m.

A Taste of OSRUI!

Prospective Camper Visiting Day!

Sunday, November 23, 2003

11 am – 4 pm

Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

If your child wants to join us next summer for the first time, spend the day at camp and get a taste of all that OSRUI has to offer.



♦ Sports ♦ Games ♦ Singing
♦ Tours of Camp
And lots more!



Our staff will be on hand to answer all your questions. There is no charge for this program, but you must make advance reservations. Call 847/509-0990 x25 or email osrui@uahc.org. Be sure to tell us: Your name, address, & phone number; your prospective camper's name, age, & grade; the names & ages of any siblings you are bringing; and the total number in your party.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Grossman, Temple's Director of Youth and Informal Education, at 556-6536 or s_grossman@qwest.net.

Temple's 4th Annual Spirituality Retreat Offered Renewal And Readiness For The Days Of Awe

(Below, left to right) Andi Willensky, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Michelle Shkolnick and Ducky Milder enjoy lunch and friendship on Saturday. (Right) Sally Kaplan and Dorothy Spizman work together in one of the Jewish Journey groups



(Left) Mike Walts leads the participants in song. (Above, left to right) Jennifer Glazer, Ellen Long and Sarah Schondelmeyer relax during the afternoon break.



L'Chaim Havdalah A Fun Success!

Todah Rabah! to everyone who contributed to the Jewish Congregation of Catalonia in Barcelona, Spain. About 60 people attended the L'Chaim Havdalah, sponsored by Spirit World, last month at Temple. Along with dozens of other contributors, almost \$2,000 was raised to support the Spanish congregation. *Thanks especially to Denny Lewis who never forgot about the friends he made on the trip Temple sponsored to Jewish Spain last year.*

Just A Reminder

For your protection, please lock your automobiles when parking at Temple. Remove CD faceplates and store valuables in your trunk to discourage theft. Temple has security patrolling the parking lots during Friday night and High Holy Days services only.

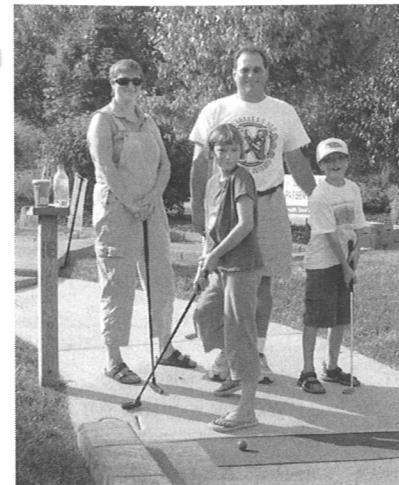
UAHC Rabbi Leads Teacher Workshop at Temple

In a workshop for Temple's Religious School teachers, Rabbi Jan Katzew, Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Department of Jewish Education, demonstrated several alternatives to frontal teaching. He explained how these methods can help students understand their religious, ethnic, political and economic relationships to Israel.

Rabbi Katzew will return in January to Temple as an educator-in-residence with the support of the Margaret and Arnold Robinson Family Jewish Education Fund.



Temple's Family Night Miniature Golf and Annual Golf Outing Were...ABOVE PAR!



Molly Noodell, 12, and her brother Ben, 9, played miniature golf with their parents, Ann and Dave Noodell, along with 125 others at Temple's Family Night in August at Boulder Creek Miniature Golf Course.

This year's golf events raised well over \$31,000 for Religious School, youth groups, adult education and worship services. Our many thanks go to the following without whom these events would not be the success – or fun! that they were:

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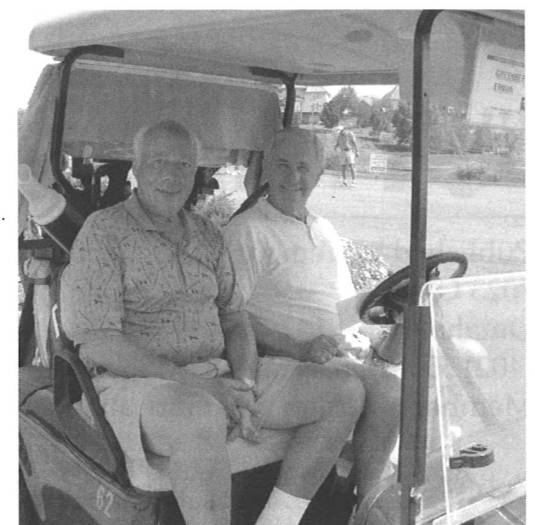
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Volunteers

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Thank you to the Linda and Steve Cohn Family for sponsoring the golf dinner.



Withstanding 100-degree temperatures, 94 golfers, including Don Greenberg (left) and Mike Erman, played the next day at Shadow Ridge Country Club.