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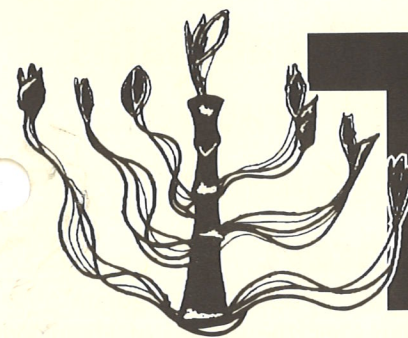
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Scholar-in-Residence

Joel Ben Izzy to Tell His Stories

Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 3

What does a storyteller do when he can no longer speak? That's just what happened to Joel Ben Izzy.

Though Joel has been telling stories since he was a child, he began his professional career in 1983 after graduating from Stanford University with a degree in English, creative writing and storytelling. After a year performing in and around San Francisco, he set off to travel the world gathering and telling stories. His first job as a storyteller took him to a little village outside Rome where he worked in a camp that turned out to be haunted! You can hear about it on his CD, *The Green Hand*.

In 1991, Joel produced his first recording, *Stories From Far Away*, which won a Parents' Choice Gold Award and was chosen as an ALA (American Library Association) Notable Recording. He has

produced six recordings since then (his most recent is *Lights & Laughter - Joel Ben Izzy Spins Hanukkah Tales*) and all of them have won awards.

As he traveled to countries around the world, Joel's stories took him to many places rarely frequented by storytellers. As a story consultant, he has coached and taught story skills to people working in fields ranging from film to high-tech, banking to advertising and medicine to law.

Joel's own story took an unexpected twist in the summer of 1997 when he was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Though usually treatable, in his case there was a complication. When he awoke from surgery, he discovered he could no longer speak. He found himself living inside a story as strange as any he had ever told. His life unraveled, not just as a profes-



sional storyteller but as a husband and father of two young children as well. Yet, over time, he came to see his loss as a gift for the lessons it brought about listening, loving and letting go.

The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness recounts Joel's journey, a true tale woven together by the stories he collected in his travels and leading up to an extraordinary climax...almost two years after losing his voice, long after Joel had given up hope of its return, it was miraculously restored to him.

A limited number of Joel's book and his CDs will be for sale at Temple on Sunday. He will generously donate 20 percent of the proceeds to Temple Israel. "Joel Ben Izzy is a perfect fit for this year's adult education theme, 'Many Stories, One Congregation,'" said Temple Program Director Rosie Zweiback. "His book, *The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness*, is on my life-list of all-time favorite books. I'm very excited that we could bring him to Omaha to share his magic."

His residency is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.



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Friday, December 1

6 p.m. ~ Family Shabbat Service

"Buried Treasures - Lost and Found"

Saturday, December 2

9 a.m. ~ Sparks Beneath the Surface

"Of Ladders and Angels: Tales Inspired by Jacob's Journey"

10:30 a.m. ~ Grade 5 Shabbat Morning Service

"Stories from Chelm, the Mythical Town of Fools"

Sunday, December 3

10:30 a.m. ~ 4 B's - Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels

"Turning Curses Into Blessings - A Workshop About Finding and Telling Our Own Stories"

3:30 p.m. ~ Kripke Jewish Federation Library (J.C.C.)

Chanukids Program

SHEMA TEMPLE ISRAEL
MANY STORIES...ONE CONGREGATION

Turning the Torah...

In the wonderful movie *Twelve Monkeys*, the main character (played marvelously by Bruce Willis) reflects on a movie he last saw in his childhood. He says something along these lines: "I remember this movie. I've seen it before. But it seems different. It is a different movie. It is a different movie because I am different."

Perhaps the movie's writer consulted with our own *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) before penning the film's script. In that ancient text, Rabbi Ben Bag Bag, the rabbi with the coolest name in Judaism, tells us to "Turn it and turn it, for everything is inside of it." The 'it,' of course, is Torah. What is this turning? The experience of our lives.

Many of us celebrated the holiday Simchat Torah, in which we continue to "turn the Torah" by finishing Deuteronomy and beginning again with Genesis. The lessons, stories and morals of Torah help us to live our lives differently. We learn lessons from Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah and the rest of our ancestors. At the same time, however, the auto-biography of our lives helps us to interpret and re-interpret Torah.

The very fact that we read and re-read the Torah year after year teaches us that our lives matter. Each of our lives is its own Torah, a scroll that reflects beginnings, endings, blessings and relationships. Our recent holiday of Simchat Torah reminds us to keep writing on the scroll of our lives, even as we read from the scroll of our ancestors.

And the next time you watch *Annie*, or *Star Wars*, or *All That Jazz*, perhaps you too will see a different movie, and reflect on the person you have become, and the Torah you continue to live.

Eric Lindel



All Across the Great Plains, Jewish Kids Are Practicing for First-Ever Children's Hanukkah Concert

Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue

Across the metropolitan area, the sounds of Hanukkah music are beckoning all to get their tickets for the Great Plains Hanukkah Concert. Children's voices can be heard practicing at Temple Israel as well as at Beth El Synagogue, Beth Israel Synagogue, the Child Development Center at the Jewish Community Center, Friedel Jewish Academy and the Chabad House.

Children are also practicing at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel in Lincoln as well as at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Des Moines, Iowa.

For more than a year, Cantor Wendy Shermet and Beth El's Cantor Gaston Bogomolni have been planning this first-time event which will be at Beth El Synagogue. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to Child Saving Institute (CSI) in Omaha and to Wings: Preparation for Life, a program for post-high school age young adults who are disabled. Wings is an Israeli non-profit organization. The first program of its kind in Israel, Wings focuses on the capabilities and strengths of these young people and helps them learn to live independently as they enter adulthood. The money raised at the concert will be used to build a security room in one of the Wings' apartments in Nahariya.

CSI provides a variety of services to children and families in the community including therapy for victims of neglect and physical and sexual abuse. CSI also recruits foster and adoptive families.

Hannah Perry, 11, will be singing in the concert. She practices at home "after school, a lot! Or when I'm cleaning my room. Sometimes, when I'm doing my homework. That's kind of strange but it works," she contends. That's in addition to practicing at Temple.

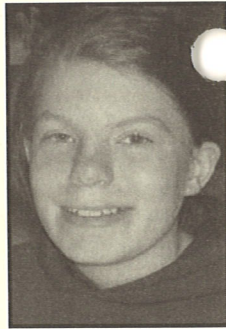
"I don't really like chorus at school," admitted the sixth grader, "but the songs we're doing for the concert are better. There's going to be people from all over the Midwest singing in the concert. It sounds like it's going to be fun." Hannah explained that the sixth graders are learning "basically all the songs, because they will be on stage during most of the concert."

As Jews of all denominations celebrate their faith, history and music, the Hanukkah Concert is an opportunity to educate the larger, mostly Christian community about Jewish traditions. "At a time of year when Christian holiday celebrations and shopping dominate our community, the Hanukkah Concert is an important step in alerting the wider world to the life of Jewish people in their midst," said Cantor Shermet.

Tickets can be purchased at Temple as well as at Beth El and Beth Israel Synagogues. Prices are \$10 for adults (\$12 at the door), \$5 for students (\$7 at the door), and \$2 for children who are four to 12 years old (\$4 at the door). There is no charge for children younger than four or for children singing in the concert. All participants' families will be given two free children's tickets.

Patron ticket packages are also available at Temple and the other synagogues. Two patron tickets will be \$50, four patron tickets cost \$100, and eight patron tickets are \$200. Patron tickets can be for adults, students, or children.

Child care for children too young to sit through the hour-long concert will be provided at Beth El. Reservations can be made by calling Beth El at 492-8550.



A Note From The President

Wendy Goldberg

Creating community is difficult work. It takes an enormous amount of effort, patience and tenacity. Sacred communities do not just appear without prior preparation or planning. Moses and the Israelites left Egypt and wandered for forty years before that foundational moment when Moses called the first community conversation of the Israelite congregation. This story reminds us that we inspire individuals through the creation of communities that are worthy of covenantal partnership.

The concept of covenant is central to Judaism. It is a covenant that defines our relationship to God, Torah and Israel. In such a covenantal relationship, each partner has responsibilities incumbent upon him or her. We sometimes forget that synagogue membership is a two way street. The synagogue cannot really function at its best unless the responsibilities of both members and the congregation are met. As a community, we bear certain responsibilities to each and every one of our members, just as each individual member bears certain responsibilities to the larger Temple Israel community. We all have the opportunity and privilege to create the Temple community as a place where we can build our religious, spiritual and moral selves.

In the coming weeks you will receive notice about community conversations and opportunities to participate related to worship, interfaith dialogue and the new building. I encourage you to accept the responsibilities of membership and engage in the work of our congregation.

As members, we each commit to being part of and contributing to a community where all members' spiritual, religious and pastoral needs are met; where lasting and meaningful Jewish memories are made; where our rich heritage is passed from generation to generation, and where social justice is upheld for all people.

When determining your own level of involvement and participation, seeking perhaps to stretch beyond your current level, remember that your involvement is deeply appreciated and welcomed, for that is what sustains the Temple.

Welcome New Members!

Marie and Steven Braun

The U.S. Army brought the Brauns to Omaha so Steven could work at Offutt AFB as an Intelligence Analyst. The couple met in North Carolina when Steven was stationed at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division. Marie is the accounts payable clerk at Acura of Omaha and is expecting their first child in January. For now, they enjoy spending time with Franklin, their mischievous Rat Terrier.

Julie Hartman

Julie was raised in Grand Island and has lived in Omaha for 10 years. She used to do P.R. work in Kansas City for Dereck Thomas and Neil Smith (of the Kansas City Chiefs) and now works for surgeons, which is not quite as exciting. She has two giant Schnauzers and is hoping to breed them. Let Julie know if you want a puppy!

Julie Kern and Ian Wilkowsky

Ian and Julie grew up in Dallas, Texas. Ian is in his third year of Medical School at Creighton. He is passionate about football, having played for Williams College. Julie has a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Penn State and is now working towards a PhD. Her most pressing interest is playing with their puppy, Brick, a hefty chocolate lab-American bulldog mix.

Sara and Asher Stoller

Ava Lily, 2 months old

Sara and Asher are Omaha natives. They have been married for two years. Asher is an attorney and Sara is staying home with their newest addition, Ava Lily. They have two little Yorkies, Maze and Blue (U. of Michigan colors!).

David Swensen

Born in Utah and raised in Omaha, David spent a year and a half on the road performing "A Christmas Carol" during high school. He has traveled to Israel twice, including a semester of study at Hebrew University, and can read, speak and write modern Hebrew fluently. This life-changing experience of the land and language of Israel inspired his decision to convert to Judaism. David works for the American Red Cross as a blood collector. He is a passionate volunteer for the Nebraska AIDS Project where he does HIV prevention counseling and HIV screening.

Board of Trustees Unanimously Approves Motion

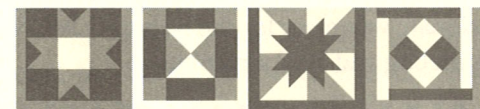
On November 2, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved of the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding among Temple Israel, the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska and the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture; and that we pursue

discussions regarding the possibility of co-locating our religious buildings thereby creating an interfaith campus, always with the understanding that the main focus remain on studying, designing and building a facility to serve Temple Israel's congregants.

Adult Education

Dr. Richard A. Freund "Did the Exodus Happen?" Observations from Archaeology." Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Dr. Freund, the Maurice Greenberg Professor of Jewish History and Director of the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, CT, has brought all the arguments together in his book, *Digging Through the Bible: People, Places, and Controversies* (to be published in 2007). He'll give a sneak preview of some new archaeological insights developed more fully in his book and share a surprising conclusion.



Your Story...Many Stories...One Congregational Tapestry Sunday, November 12, 10 a.m.

Embroider, bead, monogram, appliqué, quilt, transfer photos, paint, button, ribbon, crochet, crewel, needle-point or tell your family's Jewish story in another creative way on a ten-by-ten inch square of fabric to be connected to other Temple families' stories on tapes-tries that will tell our congregation's tale of community, belonging, history, diversity and unity. Attend the workshop for more information.

Interfaith Couples Dinner Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. at Roja Mexican Grill

Temple's Interfaith Couples group will meet at Roja Mexican Grill, 17010 Wright Plaza (near 170th and West Center Road), for dinner next to one of several fire pits and waterfalls under the catwalk of mariachi performers!

All interfaith couples (and others who might be interested) are welcome to attend. RSVP to Nikki Kirshenbaum at nrkirshe@cox.net, 965-8935, or call the Temple office at 556-6536.

Classes are sponsored by the
Hermene Zweiback Center for
Lifelong Jewish Learning.

From the President of the Union For Reform Judaism:

"As always, I was pleased to receive a copy of Temple Israel's latest adult education brochure. The breadth and depth of programs being offered in 5767 is wonderful and I commend you for your work to bring these offerings to the congregation. *Yasher koach.*"

Sincerely,
Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie

From the Center for Jewish Education

Eye on Israel continues to meet on Tuesdays in November from noon to 1 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of the Center for Jewish Education (CJE), and various guests lead the discussions on current happenings in Israel and the Middle East. *Eye on Israel* will also meet in January, March and May.

Please call 334-6445 for tuition cost and to register.

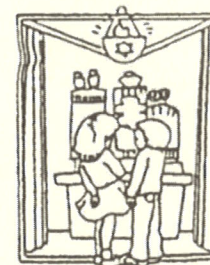
Temple and Churches Share Thanksgiving Concert Tradition

Wednesday, November 22, 7 p.m.
at Dundee Presbyterian Church

On Thanksgiving Eve, Temple Israel will join five area churches to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Hosted this year by Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Avenue, the concert will feature two pieces, "Jubilate" and "Benedictus" by Craig Curry, "O Lord How Majestic is Your Name" by Lloyd Larson, and "Ruach Elohim," said Paul Koenig, minister of music at Dundee Presbyterian. He also sings with Temple's choir, Kol Rina, during the High Holy Days.

Kol Rina will be one of the choirs singing selections from each of the faiths represented at the concert, emphasizing their shared traditions.

Guest trumpet player will be Mike Thompson and Temple's Aaron Passer will blow the shofar during the service. A collection will be taken for Together Inc. A dessert reception sponsored by all the congregations will follow the concert.



Tot Shabbat Friday, December 1 6 p.m.

Join us for a short service followed by a Shabbat family dinner. This service is geared towards children 5 and under. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536, or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com. Dinner is \$5 per adult; no charge for children.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

The Pancake Man Sunday, November 19, 9 a.m.

The pancake man is coming! Pancakes, beef sausage, juice and coffee will be served. Children age three and younger are at no charge! Adults and kids over three, \$4. If anyone would like to help serve or set up, please e-mail Marta Fox at martafox@cox.net.



Cradle Roll Sunday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Children 5 and under bring your mom and dad or come with grandma and grandpa to cradle roll. It's a great opportunity to see friends you have not seen in a while, have a snack and learn something about Chanukah. Hope to see you there!

Chanukah Dinner Friday, December 15, 6 p.m.

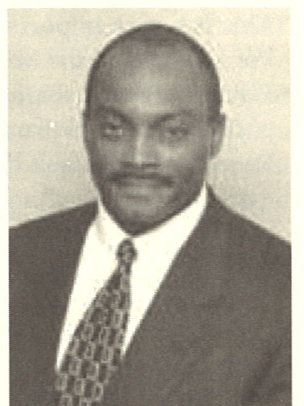
Join us for a delicious dinner followed by a service and an added opportunity to meet and donate to recent refugees from Darfur, Africa here in Omaha. Mimi Silverman is the chair and, of course, volunteers are welcome.

Passover Candy Sale Coming in February!

Brenda Arnold will be chairing the candy sale at Temple Israel and all funds go towards camp scholarships. More details to follow.

Men's Club

Omaha Police Chief Warren Sunday, December 10, 10 a.m.



Omaha's Chief of Police since December 2003, Thomas Warren will address police efforts to curb the peaks in violence that have occurred recently in some areas of Omaha and discuss several new initiatives, said Larry Gendler, Men's Club education coordinator. Chief Warren, Omaha's first African-American police chief, graduated from Morningside College in 1983 with a degree in criminal justice. He majored in sociology and minored in psychology. He joined the Omaha Police Department (OPD) the same year.

Earning his master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1989, Chief Warren has worked in OPD's internal affairs, information services and the criminal investigations bureau. He was promoted to captain in 1999 and became commander of the Northeast Precinct in 2002.

Warren oversees Nebraska's largest law enforcement agency which employs 785 sworn officers, 239 non-sworn personnel and has an operating budget of 87 million dollars.

In 2004, Omaha Public Schools presented Chief Warren with its A+ Award. He was also inducted into the Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004.

Men's Club welcomes the community to hear Chief Warren.

Final Sessions!

Big Love: The Troubling Family Triangle of Sarai, Avram and Hagar Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Share the Moment Tuesday, November 21, Noon Tuesday, December 19, Noon Bring your lunch and your magazines.

Torah on Wheels Thursday, December 7, Noon Hosted by Bob Freeman at Fraser Stryker Law Office, 409 South 17th Street. Lunch will be provided for \$6. Please make a reservation by calling the Temple office at 556-6536.

Youth & Education

What's Happening In Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Grade 6 Parents' Meeting Sunday, November 12

This is a very important meeting (10:45 a.m.) for sixth graders and their parents. We will meet in the Milder Center. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Cantor Wendy Shermet and Elyce Azriel will share with you issues vital to a meaningful B'nai Mitzvah experience for the entire family. Some of the topics for discussion are: Mitzvah Project Requirements, Torah Portions and Mentoring.

All City Chanukah Concert Rehearsal at Beth El Sunday, November 12,

This is **mandatory**! Rehearsal starts at 12:30 p.m. Pre-kindergarten thru first grade rehearsal will end at 1:45 p.m. Grades Two thru Six rehearsal ends at 3 p.m.

Federation Library Book Sale and Pancake Man..... Sunday, November 19

Looking for something special for a child, grandchild or friend for Chanukah? Come and visit the Federation Book Sale that will be located for **this Sunday only** in the main hall of Temple Israel! Come early (9 a.m.) and enjoy the Pancake Man while browsing the Book Fair.

All City Chanukah Concert Grades K-6 at Beth El..... Sunday, November 19

This is **mandatory**! Final dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. for all students followed by concert at 4 p.m.

No Religious School Wednesday, November 22 & Sunday, November 26

Due to Thanksgiving and public school closings throughout the city, there will be no Religious School classes.

Family Prayer Assembly Sunday, December 3

Followed by Joel Ben Izzy Workshop.

School Dinners Wednesdays, November 15 & 29, December 6 & 13

Memories of Summer Camp 2006 -- Making Jewish Connections

Jordan Jensen, 12, spent her third summer at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Wisconsin in 2006. The seventh grader attended the Geshar session which allows campers to make choices about their own camping experiences. The kids pick *chugim* (electives). Jordan chose the leadership group and learned "how to be more responsible." Her favorite camp food was pizza and her favorite activity was tubing. "It was really fun!" She hopes to return to OSRUI next summer.

Fourteen-year-old Alex Wolpa spent his summer camp days at Shwayder Camp in Colorado. His favorite activity was "the overnight in the tent." His favorite thing to eat was (would you believe?) "steak." This is not your parents' summer camp! Shwayder really does have a steak night! "If I can," said the eighth grader, "I hope I can go back to Shwayder next summer."

Now is the time to register for camp. Sessions fill up quickly. Confidential scholarships are available through the Center for Jewish Education. The Jewish Federation offers \$500 to youngsters who attend Jewish camps the summer before or the summer after their B'nai Mitzvah. Some camps themselves offer financial assistance. In addition, all Temple Israel youth are eligible for a \$1,000 Eisenberg campership for their **first** Jewish camp experience.

Middle/High School

Klezmer Band

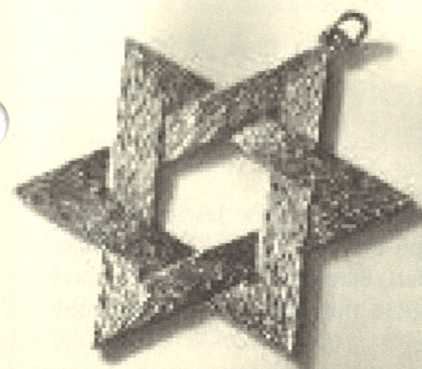
Friday, November 17

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

You can hear them every Wednesday night practicing in the Livingston Chapel at Temple. From the shtetls of Eastern Europe, the distinctive klezmer melodies are making a comeback in the United States including right here at Temple Israel's Middle/High School on



Wednesday nights. Under the direction of Linda Marcoe, who teaches music in the Ralston Public School District, and Cantor Shermet, 15 students are learning new forms of music, how klezmer music evolved and how it is appreciated in today's circle of musicians. This promises to be a memorable Shabbat that the entire congregation will find meaningful and enjoyable.



Support Our Temple Israel Teens

Annual Edward Zorinsky B'nai B'rith Bible Quiz

Sponsored by the
Henry Monsky B'nai B'rith Lodge

David Anderson
Nimrod Ginsburg
Aaron Parsow
Aaron Passer
David Trubnikov

will represent Temple Israel

Wednesday, December 13
6 p.m. Dinner

Bible Quiz immediately following
at the Jewish Community Center

This year's quiz questions are
from the Books of
Genesis and Jonah

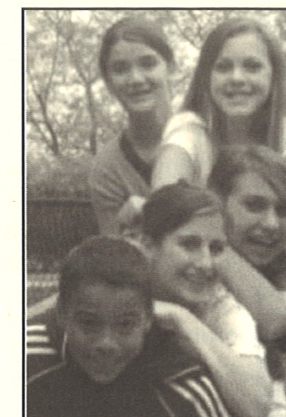
\$600 first Prize
\$350 second Prize
\$250 third Prize
\$125 fourth Prize

Prize money can be used for
college tuition, a trip to Israel,
or for a camp or educational
program sponsored by a
Jewish organization.

The entire community is invited
to attend and watch Jewish high
school students compete for the
prizes and the bragging rights!

JYG Gears Up For The Year With A Colorful Start

Leora Azriel, JYG/Club 56 Advisor



Twenty-two 7th and 8th graders came ready to get their hands wet and dirty with color! We had an amazing turnout for our "TYE-DYE Extravaganza" on October 4.

To help us with the program, we had Rabbi Linder join us, as well as a speaker from Nebraska Aids Projects. We learned about what young teens can do for the Omaha community, AIDS/HIV prevention and about the ANNUAL AIDS WALK.

As participants in the AIDS walk on Sunday, October 15, JYG'ers and parents wore their super-groovy shirts to show some Temple Israel pride! Also, we can't forget that our spectacular shirts will be worn for Spaghetti Dinner and JYG chavurah later this year.

Our next totally-fun JYG event is Wednesday, November 8 at 5 p.m. We'll be painting a piece of furniture to auction off at the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction (see page 8). Every year we have a fierce competition with OTYG to see which group can raise the most money with their painted furniture. Come bid and help us win this year!

(Pictured above) Yaniv Azriel, Rachel Saferstein, Haley Burns, Haley Gordman and Emily Katz piling up for an afternoon of fun.

Religious School Field Trips Are Lots of Fun!

Pictured right: Jordana Glazer, Emily Glazer and Jacob Arnold get ready to stack the shelves at the Omaha Food Bank on October 22. "Feeding the Hungry" is the theme for mitzvah study and the focus of their visit to the Food Bank.



Pictured left: Second graders enjoying a beautiful day on a hay ride at Gifford Farms on October 22. This wonderful experience reinforces the religious school curriculum of kindness to animals.



Club 56 Kick-Starts a Great Year!

On Wednesday, October 11, our fifth and sixth grade students had a "ball" brushing up their Hebrew skills during two rambunctious kickball games. It was every girl and boy for themselves during GaGa, and fifth versus sixth grade during kickball. Both grades scored big!



Our next "fun-tastic" event will be on Sunday, December 17 at Noon (right after Religious School). We'll have some pizza, and then comb the building for clues and prizes during the Chanukah Scavenger Hunt. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to Leora Azriel at 950-5796 or tisrael@templeisraelomaha.com.

It's Never Too Early to Plan for Summer Camp

B'nai B'rith Beber Camp

www.bebercamp.com/

Camp Sabra

www.campsabra.com/

Herzl Camp

www.herzlcamp.org/

OSRUI

www.osrui.urjcamp.org

Shwayder Camp

www.shwayder.com/

Sukkot in Southeast Asia



On a base in southeast Asia, a few Jewish soldiers including one of Temple Israel's congregants, Jonathan Beha (3rd from the left) celebrate Sukkot with lulavs and etrogs at the sukkah they put up in front of the base chapel.

i had a little meatball

Sunday, December 3, 5 p.m.

Omaha Temple Youth Group's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

Members of Omaha Temple Youth Group (OTYG) are hoping you'll come for meatballs and pasta with your family and friends at the youth group's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction at Temple Israel.

Just in time for Chanukah, OTYG is soliciting a basket filled with everything needed for a night of lighting candles in the menorah, playing dreidel and feasting on latkes. Other baskets the youth group is asking for are a dinner and movie basket; another filled with food for a party, others with children's toys, books; knitting essentials; or sports which could include lessons, sporting equipment, tickets to an athletic event or a round of golf. Jewelry is always a popular auction item too, according to OTYG Dinner and Auction Chairs Ashley Bernstein and Sarah Bleicher.

"Now is the time to reserve your parking space at Temple, too," Sarah said.

Another way to help make the Spaghetti Dinner a success is "to adopt a receipt," in other words, reimburse OTYG for expenses incurred in sponsoring the dinner. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, OTYG will fill a theme basket in your name.

Proceeds from the auction provide funds for Camp CoHoLo near Gretna, Camp Rainbow near St. Louis, Missouri, Temple's Jewish summer camp scholarship fund and all three of Temple's youth groups: OTYG, Junior Youth Group and Club 56. Camp CoHoLo and Camp Rainbow are one-week summer camps for children suffering from cancer and blood disorders. The youth groups use their share of the earnings to provide programming and scholarships for travel to chavurot (conclaves).

Call Temple at 556-6536 or send an email to lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com to donate a basket, money for a basket or "to adopt a receipt" and to make reservations for the dinner. A table of ten can be reserved for \$80. Otherwise, adults are \$7 each, children from three to 12 are \$4 and children two or younger are free.



Name: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	Email: _____
Auction Donations:	
Theme Basket: _____	Table (seats 10): \$80
Cash Donations: _____	Adults: \$7 each
Adopt a Receipt: _____	Children (ages 3-12): \$4 each
	Children (ages 0-2): Free
Dinner Donations:	

Dr. David Chand

December 8, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Services

Learn more about the genocide in Darfur. Temple Israel has invited Sudanese native Dr. David Chand, UNO Professor of International Studies, to speak at Shabbat services. Dr. Chand immigrated to America in the late 1970's, got an education and returned to try to help his people. He stayed for 10 years but came back to the U.S. when he realized how futile his efforts were.

Did you know that there are 10,000 Sudanese living in Omaha? That's the largest Sudanese population in the United States. About 100 are from the Darfur region. What can we do to help this persecuted people?

For more information on what we are doing to help local Darfur Refugees please contact Mimi Silverman at Mimitaffet@cox.net.

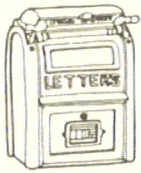
Keep Us Informed

Changes in privacy laws now restrict hospital chaplain offices from notifying Temple about congregants who are patients. We want to visit our members. You can help us keep in contact by:

1. Calling Temple prior to a scheduled hospital stay.
2. During admissions, inform the hospital staff of your Temple affiliation and give permission for your name to be released to the Temple office.
3. If you are unexpectedly admitted to the hospital, ask a family member or friend to call Temple.
4. Call and tell us if someone you know is ill or in the hospital and might be helped by a visit or telephone call.

Help us keep in contact with our Temple family!

In the Mail



In September, students enrolled in World Religion Class at Bellevue West High School visited Temple Israel and were given a tour by Rabbi Aryeh Azriel. The students wrote the following comments in their thank you notes:

"Thank you for giving up some of your time to further our knowledge of your religion. I found it extremely interesting. I enjoyed visiting the synagogue and hearing your personal views."

"Thank you for talking to me about Judaism and I thought your synagogue was really pretty. I really liked the wall with all the names on them remembering those who passed. I thought the Torah was really cool. You were really funny and you helped me understand the religion and I think it is interesting."

"I enjoyed how open you were. I'm glad to say I've taken on some of your rituals and incorporated them into my daily life. Also, thank you for letting me hold the Torah."

Temple Volunteers Give Schools a Boost

"Nothing is more gratifying than listening to a six-year-old read or teaching newcomers the English words for things like various foods and animals," according to Shari Hess, a member of Temple Israel's Social Justice Committee. Shari is retired from Omaha Public Schools but continues to teach writing at Castelar Academy 15 hours a week.

Last year, Allison Latenser and her son Danny spent Thursday afternoons, after Danny was dismissed from his classes at Lewis and Clark Junior High School, volunteering at Castelar at 2316 South 18th Street. Danny worked with a couple of sixth grade boys in the ESL (English as a Second Language) classroom. As he helped the sixth graders with English, they helped him with Spanish.

Allison helped teachers with "things like cutting lamination, putting up bulletin boards or assembling work booklets." Allison said that volunteering at Castelar "enabled me to play a small part in making the city where my children are growing up into a better place to live." She also wants her sons to develop relationships with people who have different backgrounds than her sons "to make them aware that all people have value and all cultures have made positive contributions to the history of Omaha." She hopes this awareness will build tolerance and prevent prejudices based on ignorance.

Ellen Platt also volunteered at Castelar last year. She helped the special education teacher on a once-a-week basis. She was interested in doing "whatever would help (the teacher) so she could concentrate on teaching. The school has some extra challenges," Ellen said. "It's such a safe, nurturing place for its kids and teachers who are really up against things like poor economic conditions and not being fluent in English. Going there also plugs me into another part of Omaha," she added.

Justin Norton, ten, has spent his *tzedakah* money buying school supplies for Castelar students for the past four years. Justin is the son of Temple members Mike and Susie Norton. Women of Reform Judaism also helped by purchasing school supplies for Castelar.

For several years, money has been donated to both Castelar and Lothrop Magnet Center, 3300 North 22nd Street, through Temple Israel from the Ike and Roz Friedman Foundation. These funds are used to purchase incentives/prizes to meet academic goals at Lothrop and attendance goals at Castelar.

"We can always use volunteers at Castelar and Lothrop," said Shari. Teachers need assistance checking papers, filing and other types of 'teacher business,' the kinds of things they would do in their minimal amount of free time." Please call Shari at 556-6211 if you have any time to volunteer. "We'll take any time you can spare," she said.

"I always left the school more cheerful than I arrived," mentioned Allison, "because of the happy smiles on the faces of the students and the gratitude of the faculty. The 45 minutes that Danny and I spent there each week was time well spent."

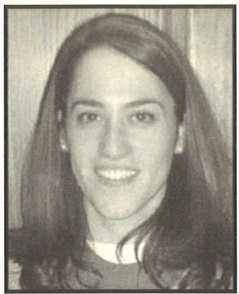
Meet Our Staff!

Amy Cotton, a May graduate of Brandeis University, has been named advisor of Omaha Temple Youth Group (OTYG). She began her new position November 1.

While earning her bachelor's degree in Health: Science, Society and Policy with a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies, Cotton worked as a community resident advisor at Brandeis for three years organizing programs and served as a resource to students in various campus residence halls. During the summer of 2005, she interned in Cape Town, South Africa, with UMAC (U Managing Conflict), an organization built on a culture of human rights that works to create a transformed, participatory, democratic and egalitarian civil society in South Africa. As an ethics and co-existence student fellow from the Brandeis Internationsl Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, Cotton helped "jump start" an assessment process of a consortium of non-governmental organizations to which UMAC belongs. Being in South Africa "was an amazing learning experience emotionally, culturally and academically," she said.

Recently, Cotton was a staff assistant on Child Health Policy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Currently, she is a full-time intern at Senator Ben Nelson's Omaha office. She is interested in a career in public health and plans to pursue a master's degree in that field.

By working with OTYG, Cotton, who has lived in Omaha since she was 11, hopes to help the students develop leadership skills, implement successful programming and learn new perspectives on working effectively together. She added that having fun will also be part of her role with the high school students.



Did You Know?

- John Latenser was the architect of Temple Israel's second home at 29th and Jackson which was dedicated in 1908. His great-granddaughter, Allison Latenser, and great-great-grandsons, Danny and Alex Pachman, are current members of Temple Israel. Allison is married to Lou Pachman.
- It cost about \$52,750 last year to heat and cool Temple Israel.
- Temple's prayer books include one for the High Holy Days, Gates of Prayer, the Saturday morning Siddur compiled by Cantor Wendy Shermet, Gates of Shabbat, Gates of Joy, prayer books for Tashlich, Shabbat Shuva, Family Shabbat worship services and Tot Shabbat worship services, a Haggadah, a memorial service prayer book and children's and youth service books. We have four prayer books just for the High Holy Days.

Will It Be Applesauce or Sour Cream?
Friday, December 15

Family Shabbat Worship Service, 6 p.m.
Chanukah Dinner immediately following

What do you like on your latkes? You don't have to make that decision yet, but start making plans to attend Temple's Chanukah Dinner and Service.

Everyone is invited to our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha. Bring your own menorah, along with candles, to be lit for your table.

Please send a check, along with the reservation form to the Temple office. **Reservations are due by Friday, December 8. No telephone reservations will be accepted.**

Adults, \$9.50 --- Children Grade 6 and younder, \$5.00
Children 2 years and younger, no charge

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

Fund Contributes to the Sound of Music at Temple

Temple Israel's Music Fund helps subsidize special events and musical complements. This year's concert in May with Maria Harding, flutist with the Omaha Symphony, and Cantor Wendy Shermet; High Holy Day programming; Julie Sandene, Temple's accompanist; the professional octet; additional instruments; the string quartet; music purchased for Shabbat Shira; musical liturgy; and piano and organ maintenance are among the Music Fund's beneficiaries.

Minimum contributions of \$6 will help sustain the Music Fund. Call the Temple office, 556-6536, or email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make a donation.

Thank You to All Who Participated in the 5767 High Holy Day Services

Our congregation thanks these members who accepted pulpit honors: Elyce Azriel, John Dacey, Toby Fellman, Tom Fellman, Jeff Gates, Larry Gendler, Orly Gilat, Laura Gilinsky, Molly Gilinsky, Cindy Goldberg, Joe Goldberg, Wendy Goldberg, Hannah Grossman, Stephanie Grossman, Grace Hack, Haley Halsted, Shari Hess, Ben Holmberg, Jill Idelman, Patrick Jensen, Gary Kaplan, Colleen Kennealy, Allison Latenser, Ellen Long, Joan Marcus, Gary Marshall, Julie Martin, David Meyers, Ducky Milder, Bob Newman, Nancy Noddle, Sandy Nogg, Susie Norton, Aaron Passer, Jeffrey Passer, Magda Peck, Jeff Platt, Jonathan Rathsam, George Quittner, Kimberly Robinson, Jan Schneiderman, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Jeff Schweid, Mimi Silverman, Suzanne Singer, Ally Slosburg, Dorothy Spizman, Louri Sullivan, Ali Willensky, Alex Wolpa

Thanks also to our ushers: Harry Alloy, Justin Cooper, Mimi Rogers-Farkas, Scott Farkas, Hillary Fletcher, John Fletcher, Harry Gates, Jeff Gates, Paul Gerber, John Glazer, Bruce Goldberg, George Idelman, Larry Kipperman, Matt Kirshenbaum, Natasha Kraft, Denny Lewis, Ellen Long, Howard Marcus, Milton Marcus, Gary Marshall, Mark Martin, Howard Needelman, Aron Neesman, Ann Noodell, Dave Noodell, Mike Norton, Aaron Passer, Jeff Passer, David Radler, Rob Reiss, Al Rieder, Craig Saylan, Jeff Schrager, Jeff Smedlund.

And to our greeters: Deborah Alpert, Barton Arnold, Barbara Ault, Lynn Beha, Larry Budwig, Toby Fellman, Barry Grossman, Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Stephanie Grossman, Colleen Kennealy, Corinne Levin, Hugh Levin, Ellen Long, Bette Evans Makoid, Mike Makoid, Brett Miller, Jennifer Miller, Madelin Miller, Morissa Miller, Paul Miller, Sophia Miller, Lee Needelman, Suzy Rubin, Alexis Slutzky, Jeff Slutzky, Jordan Slutzky, Lesley Slutzky, Sarah Teetzel.

Our worship this year was enhanced by the melodic voices of: David Anderson, Jim Anderson, Elyce Azriel, Tami Field, Tom Friedman, Lonnie Graul, Barry Grossman, Hannah Grossman, Jill Idelman, Jon Meyers, Marvin Parilman, Jon Rathsam, Jeff Schweid, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Sharon Sobel, Patsy Wallace and Taylor Workman; conductor, Jerry Brabec, the accompanist, Julie Sandene; and cellist Mark Motycka.

And special thank yous to: lay leaders Magda Peck and Mike Walts, Sam Anderson, Angela Friedman, Amy Katz, Dick Katz, Emily Katz, Max Katz, Aron Neesman, Harry Schulman and Sophie Schulman who so beautifully led our Yom Kippur Service in the Chapel; Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, David Jacobson, Stan Krieger, Gary Marshall, Patrick McNamara and Mimi Silverman for their participation in the thought-provoking panel discussion; Jim Farber for his eloquence on Yom Kippur; and to those who sounded the shofar: Yaniv Azriel, Len Burrell, Sam Burrell, Noah Grossman, Emily Katz, Milton Marcus, Alex Pachman, Danny Pachman and Aaron Passer.

Our Religious School students and faculty are grateful to: all the volunteers during the High Holy Days who helped bring the sweetness of the New Year to each classroom with apples and honey.

We are blessed to have had our Religious School Madrichim lead us in Havdalah on Yom Kippur.

A special thank you to: Ann Osborne for being the Lead Contact for the Kindergarten Consecration.

We greatly appreciate George Eisenberg's funding for the Nova String Quartet whose music added serenity and beauty to our worship.

And to all who brought food donations on Yom Kippur Day, thank you for helping fill the shelves of the Omaha Area Food Bank with 4,233 pounds of food.

Voices from the Pews:
Imagining a Synagogue for the 21st Century

The synagogue of the twenty-first century "should serve a variety of interests and should provide a number of ways for people to connect to Judaism and Temple. Kol Rina has helped me stay connected," said Lonnie Graul, a member of the choir. He has belonged to Temple for 18 years.

A member of Temple for 28 years, Nancy Greenberg was vice president of Sisterhood (now the Women of Reform Judaism) for six years and served as chair of the annual Interfaith Tea. "Temple is a wonderful place for my children and grandchildren," she stated. "They're very comfortable and involved at Temple. They find spiritual comfort which gives their lives more meaning. They know every prayer and every song, and they love it! It's become a very integral part of their lives."

Nancy added that she's "all for a new building. It's exciting!" But she feels "it's not the building, it's the people" that matter. "I love anything that's traditional" and she hopes that a new building will incorporate as much tradition as possible.

"I'm pretty impressed with the social justice and outreach programs at Temple," commented Gary Javitch, a 30-year member of the congregation who occasionally participates in Men's Club and Tikkun Olam projects like Habitat for Humanity. "Rabbi Azriel is an outstanding representative to the general community. However, I happen to be more of a centrist. Some of the synagogue's positions are way too liberal for me. Still, the synagogue is a place to help those who are needy, to reach out to interfaith couples and to promote social justice." He believes that Temple's roles in those areas have been good.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Job Samuel Feierstein, son of Heather and Seth Feierstein. Grandparents are Kimberly Ford, GA, Alan Wannemaker, Murray, NE, and Roslyn and Steven Feierstein, KY.

Aiden Bella Meyerson, daughter of Jamie and Troy Meyerson. Grandparents are Penny and Randy Endelman and Ardeen and Larry Meyerson. Great-grandparents are Peggy and Chris Krasne, Lois and Bob Endelman, and Leo Meyerson.

Allyson Hannah Sherman, daughter of Shannon and Mitch Sherman. Grandparents are Rhonda and Roger Heffelfinger, Grand Island, NE, and Claudia and Marc Sherman. Great-grandfathers are Irvin Harris, La Mesa, CA, and Jim Schlegel, Lincoln, NE.

Preston Scott Wisnia, son of Dana and Adam Wisnia. Grandparents are Mary and Doug Current, and Shelley and Abe Wisnia. Great-grandparents are Bernice Adler and the late Morrie Adler, Mary and John Martich, and Sara Wisnia and the late Berek Wisnia.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo A. Ilko. Mrs. Ilko is the former Jill Kohn. Parents are Sherry and Mark Kohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Karotkin. Mrs. Karotkin is the former Beth Hornstein. Parents are Nancy Hornstein, the late Bennett Hornstein, Alden and Richard Karotkin, Fort Worth, TX, and Lonnie and Albert Taub, Austin, TX.

Our most sacred prayers are recited when the congregation is standing. Therefore, we ask that you not enter or leave the sanctuary or chapel until worshipers are seated.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Hannah Aizenberg, wife of Morris Aizenberg and mother of Jeffrey Aizenberg;

Menasse Bohbot, husband of Fanny Bohbot, father of Brigitte Baines, Rachel Shapiro and Nicholas Bohbot;

Shawn Bohbot, son of Fanny Bohbot, brother of Brigitte Baines, Rachel Shapiro and Nicholas Bohbot;

Lorraine Lyles, wife of Elton Lyles and mother of Linda Sadofsky, Sharon Sovick, Jeanette Delaney and Laurie Mitchell;

Miriam "Mimi" Malacoff, mother of Lisa Epstein;

Fred Ostrow, father of Ellie Militzer, Nadine Ostrow and Gary Ostrow;

Dr. George D. Roffman, son of Yvette Roffman, brother of Jackie Christensen and Randy Roffman, father of Scott and Jeffrey Roffman;

Beatrice Schimmel, mother of Mary Bernstein, Judy Weil and Connie Shapiro;

Howard Schlaifer, brother of Elaine Ginsburg and uncle of Larry Ginsburg;

Audrey Sophir, mother of Martin, James and Richard Sophir, and sister of Etta Mehlinger;

Harold Wilcox, husband of Mary Lou Wilcox, father of Terri Schrager, Kim, David and Todd Wilcox, brother of Darlene Shafer, Vivian Janasik, Bob, Duane and Dwight Wilcox.

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Temple Funds

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

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

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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.

November/December • Cheshvan/Kislev 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					10	11 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Anna Eirinberg
12 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Tapestry Workshop 10 a.m. Grade 6 Parent's Meeting 11 a.m.	13	14 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Big Love 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	15 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Scrapbook Club 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7 - 12 6-8 p.m. Kol Rina 8 p.m.	16 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	17 Shabbat Service with Middle/High School Klezmer Band 7:30 p.m.	18 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of David Glazer
19 Federation Library Book Sale 9 a.m. Pancake Man 9 a.m. Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Chanukah Concert at Beth El Synagogue 4 p.m.	20	21 Share the Moment 12:00 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	22 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO FAMILY SCHOOL NO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Interfaith Service at Dundee Presbyterian Church 7 p.m.	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed	24 Office Closed OTYG / JYG Flag Football 12:30 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	25 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
26 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	27	28 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	29 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 Informal Ed. 6-8 p.m.	30 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 -11:30 a.m. RSSC Meeting Noon	1 Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m. Shabbat Service Joel ben Izzy 6 p.m. December	2 Sparks Beneath the Surface Joel ben Izzy 9:00-10:15 a.m. Grade 5 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
3 Teacher Learning Coffee 9 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. 4 B's Joel Ben Izzy 10:30 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m.	4	5 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. Interfaith Couples Dinner at Roja Mexican Grill 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	6 NO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner Meeting 6 p.m. Teacher Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Torah on Wheels at Fraser Stryker Law Offices Noon	8 Shabbat Service Dr. David Chand 6 p.m.	9 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Cohen
10 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Cradle Roll 10 a.m. Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren 10:30 a.m.	11	12 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	13 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 at Bible Quiz and Dinner(JCC) 6-8 p.m.	14 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	15 Chanukah Family Service 6 p.m. Congregational Chanukah Dinner Following Light 1st Candle	16 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Chanukah Light 2nd Candle

Worship Services

Friday~November 10

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Dr. Richard Freund

Saturday~November 11

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Anna Eirinberg

Daughter of Teresa and Lewis Eirinberg

Torah Portion: Vayera
Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Friday~November 17

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Middle/High School Klezmer Band

Saturday~November 18

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of David Glazer

Son of Jordana and James Glazer

Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Friday~November 24

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~November 25

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning

Torah Portion: Toledot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah: Malachi 1:12:7

Friday~December 1

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Storyteller: Joel ben Izzy

6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Dinner immediately following

Saturday~December 2

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

Storyteller: Joel ben Izzy

10:30 a.m.

Grade 5 Service

Torah Portion: Vayetze

Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Friday~December 8

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Dr. David Chand

Saturday~December 9

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Cohen

Son of Marla and Robert Cohen

Torah Portion: Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4-36:43

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

Friday~December 15

6 p.m.

Chanukah Family Service

Dinner immediately following

Saturday~December 16

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah: Zachariah 4:1-4:7

Birthday Blessings

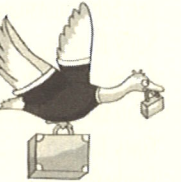
Family Service

Friday, December 1

6 p.m.

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

Winter is on the Way...



Time for "Snowbirds" to Fly

Before leaving Omaha for warmer climates, please take the time to call the Temple office with your winter address and phone information so that we can keep the communications going to where you're heading.

P.S.: If, despite sunny weather, you are "under the weather" and would like a phone call from the clergy, please let us know.

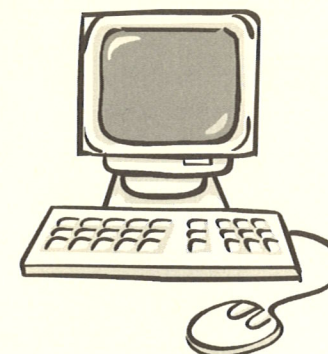
Have a safe trip and a warm and healthy winter!

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. Please email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.



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