

TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			DECEMBER 30	31	JANUARY 1	2
			No Religious School	No Religious School	Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. B'not Mitzvah of Sara Rips & Margaret Terry
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No Religious School		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. College Night 7 p.m. @ Brazen Head AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Midrashah 10 a.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School & Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Religious School Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 10-Noon Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. Family Worship Assembly 11:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m. OTYG Family Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m.		Family School 6:15-7 p.m. Healing & Renewal Service 7 p.m.	Religious School Grade 7 4-6 p.m. Grade 8 6-8 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Religious School Pre-Kindergarten I-Grade 6 10-Noon OTYG Pizza Sale 12 p.m.		Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Midrashah 10 a.m. Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. Grade 7 6-8 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Sisterhood/Men's Club Wine Tasting @ Spirit World 6-8 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Religious School Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 6 10-Noon Outreach AOL Dr. Freund Lecture 10 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 7/8 5-6 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades Kdg-6 7-9 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.	Torah Tot's 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wolf
31	FEBRUARY 1	2	3	4	5	6
Religious School Pre-Kindergarten I-Grade 1 & Grade 3-6 10-Noon AOL 10 a.m. Grade 2 @ Blumkin Home 10:30-11:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Midrashah 10 a.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. High School & Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, January 1
5:30 p.m.

D'var Torah
Rabbi Lane Steinger
Director UAHC Midwest Council

Saturday, January 2

10:30 a.m.

B'not Mitzvah of
Sara Elizabeth Rips
and
Margaret Lisa Terry
daughters of Jane and Harlan Rips and
Michele Marsh and John Terry

D'var Torah
Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie
President UAHC

Torah Portion: Vayecchi
Genesis 47:28-50:26

Friday, January 8
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Judy and Howard Vann in honor
of the 2nd birthday of their
grandson Jacob Steven Vann

8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, January 9
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1

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Building a Strong Jewish Identity

Scholar-in-Residence
Lori Serbin Lasday
January 10 through 14

January 10 10-11:30 a.m. Friedman Social Hall
"Our Y2K Challenge: Partnership in
Raising the Next Jewish Generation"

January 12 7-8 p.m. Livingston Chapel
Renewal and Healing Service

The community is invited to these events.



Ms. Lasday teaching a very young pupil

Even when a goal, such as building a strong Jewish identity in our children, is agreed upon and clear, the path to its fulfillment may be less obvious. What are the keys to building Jewish identity? What does it take? How do we get there?

Educator extraordinaire and gifted storyteller Lori Serbin Lasday will teach us ways to teach our children. She will guide us on the path to developing Jewish identity in our children; and, along the way, we will find that our own Jewish identity is enriched.

Ms. Lasday is Executive Director of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE). Educated in Pittsburgh at Chatham College, Haifa University and the Jerusalem Institute, Ms. Lasday has an extensive teaching background. She has been an instructor and has developed Jew

ish education programs for students of all ages, toddlers through adults.

Prior to her current position at NATE, she was Education Vice-President and Assistant to the Headmaster at the Columbus (OH) Torah Academy, a community Jewish day school with 350 students. In that capacity, she also implemented a community-wide adult Jewish education series for women.

In addition to the two events open to the community, Ms. Lasday will work closely with the teachers and leaders at Temple Israel to address issues affecting these groups as well as accreditation of our Religious School.

Temple Israel extends a warm welcome to Ms. Lasday.

Kathy Laudin Beauchaine

Rabbi Azriel Nominated to Be CCAR Officer

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel was recently notified of his nomination to the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Election will be at the May 1999 CCAR meeting in Pittsburgh.

The CCAR is the official body of the American Reform Rabbinate. Among its functions is helping guide the theology and practices of the Reform Movement.

There are over 1700 rabbis comprising the CCAR.

(worship service continued)

Friday, January 15
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.
Family Service

Mark B. Levy
Ventriloquist

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Noni, Trudi, Beth, Jason and Lily Selner
in honor of the birthday of Hal Selner

Saturday, January 16
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Va'era
Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, January 22
8 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Joel Grishaver

**"The Soul of the Jewish Family -
Rabbinic Insight in Getting Along With
Your Mother, Father, Son, etc."**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, January 23
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16

Friday, January 29
8 p.m.

"Sermon-in-Song"
Cantor Blum
Kol Rina Choir

"Miriam's Song of Triumph"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Nancy and Phil Wolf in honor of
the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, January 31
10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of
Hannah Beth Wolf
daughter of Nancy and Phil Wolf

Simch B'Shabbat
(Text Study and Service in the Chapel)

Torah Portion: Beshalach
Exodus 13:17-17:16

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
worshippers are seated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Albert
Yelena and Yuriy Mashynson
Bernice and Alan Wolfson

Welcome

*"The giving of Torah happened at one
specific time, but the receiving of Torah
happens all the time, in every genera-
tion."*

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome the following people
who have recently chosen Judaism:

Ellen Platt
Janice and Dwayne Smith and
their children Donna and Cassandra
Smith

May they go from strength to
strength!

Additional Worship Times

SUNDAY MORNING CHAPEL
PRAYER SERVICE
January 10

9:15 a.m.

This service gives members of the
congregation an additional opportunity to
pray and recite kaddish.

FRIDAY, EREV SHABBAT
January 15
5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Union Prayer Book Service

Come on your way home from work;
meet family and friends. This service is
especially planned so that, at its conclu-
sion, you may be home early to enjoy a
Shabbat meal and evening.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,
hosted this year by Temple, collected
\$780 and many canned foods for
Omaha area food banks.

A Note From The Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

At sundown January 29, we will usher
in a very special Shabbat. This Sabbath
like many others on religious calendars,
has a name. It is known as Shabbat Shi-
rah—the Sabbath of Song.

Shabbat Shirah derives its name from
the exuberant and majestic song of thanks-
giving to God that Moses and the Israelites
sang after their miraculous crossing of the
sea which proved to be a watery grave to
their Egyptian pursuers.

This song, which is part of the Torah
portion of the week, is followed by a sec-
ond, shorter song by Moses' sister, Miri-
am. Miriam sang her own song of jubila-
tion as she led the Israelite women in cele-
bratory dancing accompanied by the play-
ing of crashing timbrals. Imagine the
sight!

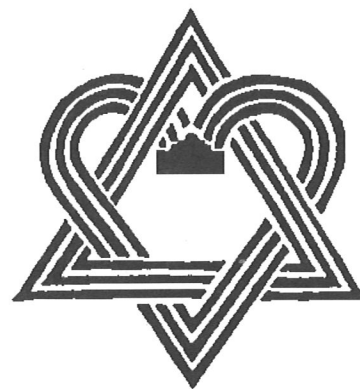
Shabbat Shirah is a time for us to
become better acquainted with our incom-
parably rich musical heritage, to introduce
more Jewish music into our homes and
into our lives. This year on Shabbat Shi-
rah, the Kol Rina choir will give new voice
to Miriam as they perform Miriam's Song
of Triumph by Franz Schubert. Join us for
what promises to be an evening of great
joy and celebration.

Eiezar ben Yehudah, who devoted his
life to the rebirth of Hebrew as a spoken
language, gave us the unforgettable epi-
gram: "A people that lives, speaks; a peo-
ple that speaks, lives." We can para-
phrase him by saying: "A people that lives,
sings; a people that sings, lives."



Joel Grishaver
Returns to Temple
And Community

A popular and dynamic educator, Jo-
el Grishaver will speak at worship services
and to our students, parents, and teachers
January 21 to 24. Please articles on pages
7 and 9 of this Tidings.



Are You Mitzvah-Deprived?

Do you know what it feels like to
bring a smile to a stranger's face?

Do you know how rewarding it is to
make someone else's day a little bit easier?

Do you know how it feels to bring
mandel bread to a person who can no
longer bake, but still can remember when
her mother made mandel bread for her?

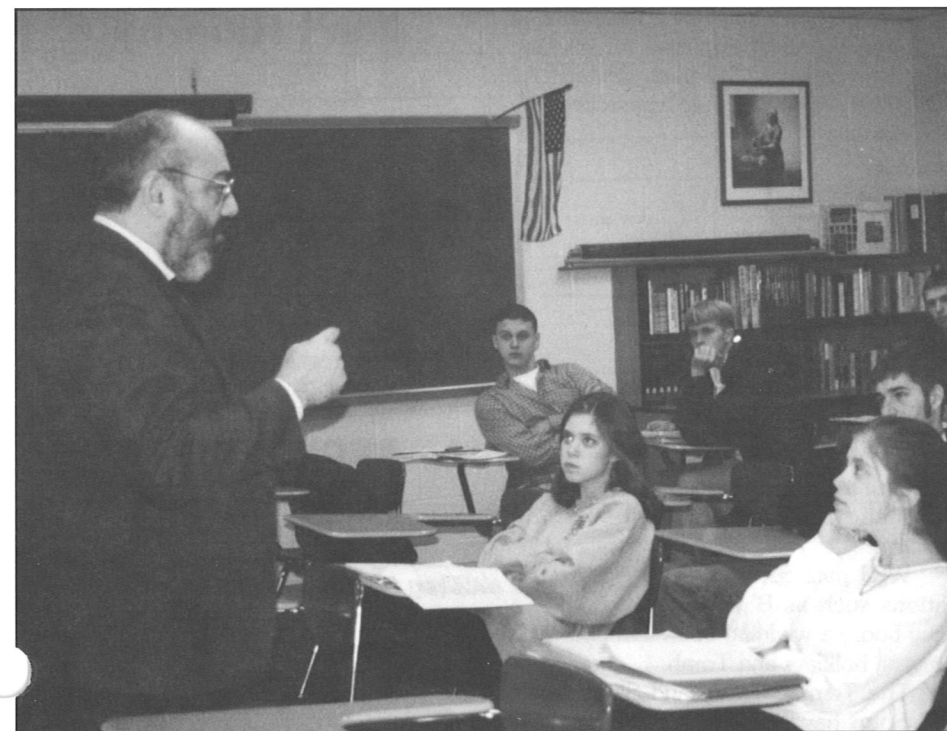
Do you know what it feels like to nur-
ture a child who never gets a hug?

Do you know how to feel uncondi-
tional love from an animal?

All these feelings and more can
become part of your spirituality.

Join Mitzvah Day!
March 21, 1999

If you have questions or comments,
please call me, Susie Cohn, 697-1111.



Rabbi Azriel spoke recently to a class at Millard North High School
on "Jewish Religion in Modern Time."

Outreach, AOL and Dr. Richard A. Freund Lecture Series

Sunday, January 24
10 a.m.

Rabbi Richard A. Freund, Issacson
Professor of Judaic Studies and Director,
Bethsaida Excavation Project, University of
Nebraska at Omaha, will deliver the third
of a five-lecture series. His topic January
24 will be "Who Wrote the Bible?: Are
There Divine Codes in the Bible?" The
entire congregation is invited to attend.

Food For Thought

Tuesday, January 19

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Temple Israel

We will provide the drinks - bring a
Brown Bag lunch.

Rabbi Stiel will lead a discussion on
current issues and events.

SAVE THESE DATES!



Friday, February 26

JAZZ SHABBAT



featuring
guest artist/musician
Mark Bloom
of Minneapolis
Bring your coolest shades
and fingers for snapping!

Wednesday, March 3

J.C.C.

A unity congregational
celebration of
PURIM!

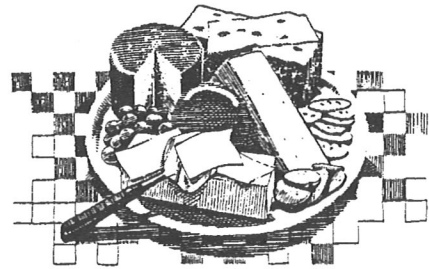
More information will follow.

**TO ENSURE A
FUTURE AS
GREAT AS ITS
PAST REMEMBER
TEMPLE IN YOUR
ESTATE PLANS**

Sisterhood

Diane Gaul

Wine-Tasting of the World



January 23 6-8 p.m.
Spirit World
75th and Pacific

\$10 per person

Join your friends for a wonderful evening of conversation, wine, cheese, crackers and fruit.

Please make your reservations to Temple Israel by January 12.



Annual Friendship Tea is February 21

This is a long-standing annual event that invites members of more than 500 Omaha-area congregations to spend an afternoon learning about Judaism.

Can you help? Please call Martha Lerner, 445-4091, or Bonnie Colcher, 393-2327.

Do you want to let people know that you are thinking of them?

For just \$3, a Sisterhood Tribute Card can be sent to anyone—for any occasion. Just call Lois Epstein, 330-1134.

Thank you to—

Everyone who has brought books to Temple for our huge

Used Book Sale
Spring, 1999

It's not too late. Bring your books to Temple, or call Debbi Josephson, 758-2772, for pick-up.

Berta Meyers and Patsy Wallace who deserve a round of applause for cooking the congregational Chanukah dinner. All their hard work was truly appreciated by all attendees.

Did you know

that members of Temple Israel's Sisterhood are automatically members of District 20 of the National Women of Reform Judaism?

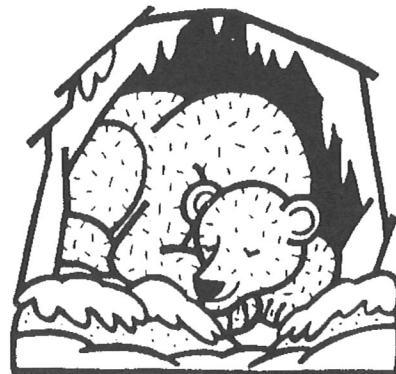
WRJ puts out numerous useful publications such as B'nai Mitzvah books, a baby book, a wedding book and books on prayers, holidays and Torah.

The Temple library and Sisterhood's Gift Shop have copies of many of these books. For additional information, call Diane Gaul, 391-5631.

Men's Club

Brunch
Sunday, January 10
10 a.m. Milder Center

Join us for our traditional lox and bagels get-together and a special guest speaker. Non-Men's Club members, \$3.



Don't Hibernate

Just because it's cold doesn't mean your brain needs to go into a deep freeze.

Come to classes and programs at Temple.

Read the calendar and the Tidings for topics and times.

RECYCLE CANS - BENEFIT TEMPLE

Save your aluminum beverage cans - They are worth \$\$\$ to Temple Israel.

Can-Pak, 85th and Blondo, pays non-profit organizations more than the individual rate for aluminum cans.

Take your empties to Can-Pak, 85th and Blondo, and ask them to credit Temple Israel.

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Barnes & Noble	_____ x \$10	\$ _____	_____ x \$10	\$ _____	_____ Monthly
Bakers	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ Quarterly
The Gap	_____ x \$20	\$ _____	_____ x \$20	\$ _____	
Cub Foods	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	
Hy-Vee	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	
Spirit World	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	
Younkers	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	_____ x \$25	\$ _____	
Younkers	_____ x \$100	\$ _____	_____ x \$100	\$ _____	
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Signature _____

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"I Wish I Knew What All These Funds Do"

Do you know how vital your donations to Temple Israel's funds are?

Dues alone cannot maintain the programs, maintenance and services provided to our growing membership.

Your contributions support and enable a wide variety of activities that educate and care for our diverse congregation.

This issue continues a monthly explanation of some of these funds so that you will be aware of the many ways you can help assure a healthy future for our synagogue.

Landscape Fund

This enhances the beautiful grounds of Temple Israel and replaces plantings lost to storms.

Library Fund

Donations replenish and buy books for the Temple Israel Library.

Music Fund

This helps fund special musical programming throughout the year.

Charles and Jae Rosenstock Fund

This fund was originally established in Mr. Rosenstock's memory by his wife. Her name was added, following her death. The fund helps pay for the annual Temple Israel Institute for Clergy, now in its 56th year.

Harold Garber Memorial Fund

Monies are provided to advance Jewish education, including programs for adult education.

Louis and Flora Rubin Fund

Established by their daughter, Nellie Van Dorn, this is used to acquire and purchase liturgical items for the congregation.

Center for Adult Jewish Learning Donna Greenberg

In September, a task force was formed to look at the possibility of creating a program for adults which would both engage their intellect and increase their thirst for more knowledge about Judaism.

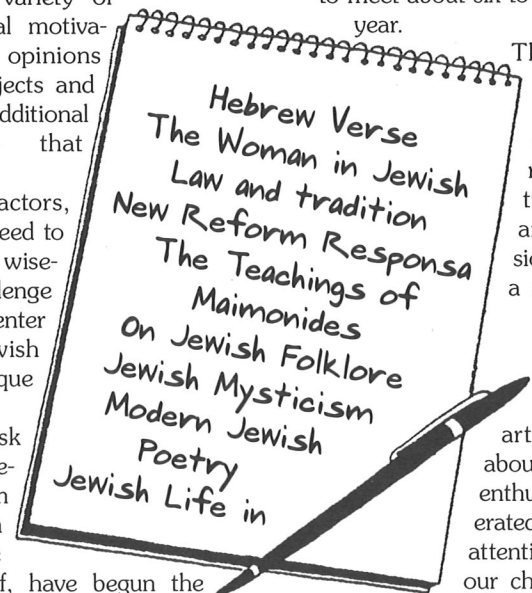
As adults we have a wealth of life experiences, a variety of interests, internal motivation, strong opinions about many subjects and a desire to add additional knowledge to that already existing.

These factors, along with the need to utilize extra time wisely, make the challenge of creating a Center for Adult Jewish Learning a unique opportunity.

This task force, with representatives from the congregation as well as the professional staff, have begun the journey of looking at other congregations in the United States and Canada and their programs, existing programs at Temple Israel, needs of our congregation and dia-

logue with other congregants with the goal of eventually establishing such a center.

Under the guidance of two faculty members from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rhea Hirsch School of Education, this task force plans to meet about six to eight times during the year.



These meetings will focus on visioning exercises, community conversations, research on innovations in adult learning and brainstorming sessions which will serve as a catalyst for the actual creation of this Center for Adult Jewish Learning.

Look for more articles in the Tidings about this task force. The enthusiasm that will be generated is bound to attract attention. After all, we want our children to become life-long Jewish learners...what better way to ensure this than to model this behavior for them.

OSRUI ...

A Great Place to Hang Around Next Summer!

It's also a great place to go sailing, ride horses, light Shabbat candles, play tennis, make new friends, paddle a kayak, run the triathlon, paint a picture, produce a video, speak Hebrew, build a campfire, swim across the lake...

For information about the fabulous summer programs at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, UAHC, call Temple, 556-6536.

High School Footnotes Elyce Azriel, Director

Thursday evening, January 21st, 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, our high school department along with Temple Israel's youth group will participate in a workshop for high school students in the community with Joel Lurie Grishaver. The workshop is entitled "Randy's Navel Piercing."

Randy, seventeen, wants to have her belly button pierced. When she was considering it, she discussed it at a youth group weekend and was told by one of the staff that "If you do it, you will never be allowed at another youth group event or allowed to work at the Jewish camp."

Randy then asked, "I don't understand why I can pierce my ear and not my navel—what is the real Jewish answer?"

In this world-famous workshop, Joel takes teens through the process of writing a rabbinic responsum (answer) to Randy's question. Together they look at what Biblical texts, Talmudic passages, Medieval codes and commentaries and modern responsa have to say about tattooing, piercing and branding. (This workshop teaches values—it gives no permission!)

Joel Lurie Grishaver is a teacher, storyteller, writer, editor, family educator, cartoonist and preacher. He has served as a counselor, youth advisor, teacher, camp director, principal, designer of children's museums, editor, illustrator, consultant, professor and even a layperson. He co-owns two publishing companies, Torah Aura Publications and the Alef Design Group and has authored more than 60 books.

February 17, 1999, our high school department will participate in the second workshop for students and parents. This workshop, entitled "Jewish Responses to Death and Grief" will be led by Rabbi Sam Joseph from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The subjects of death and grief are generally difficult topics to approach with youth and their parents. The fact is that older children long to talk about death and loss and to share feelings and anxieties. Young people in their high school years sense the personal meaning to death.

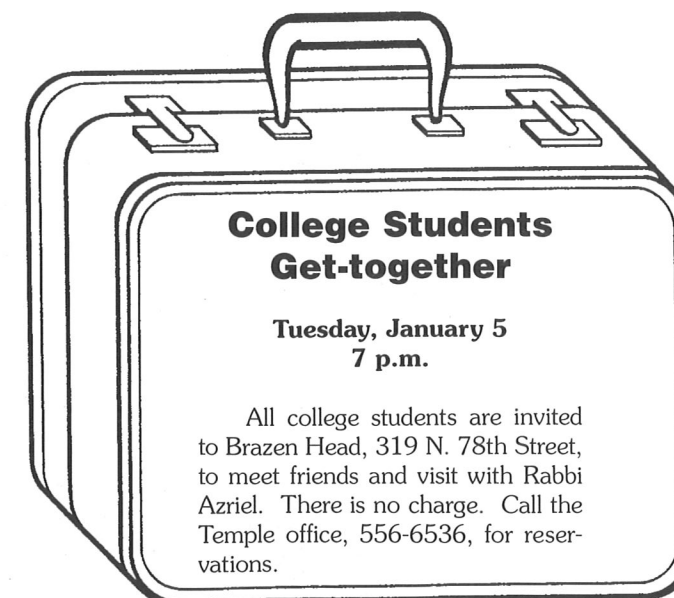
What is most damaging, however, is our avoidance with youth of this subject.

For this reason, it is apparent that death and grief education is necessary and that we must deal with this subject. We must introduce it throughout our curriculum and in parent/student workshops, helping students to view death and grief as a natural occurrence and providing them and their parents with the attitudes and skills needed to cope with loss as a reality.

It is vital that we deal with death realistically and that we answer our students' questions simply and factually, using correct words and tone.

Teaching about death and loss sends a clear message that, like sex education, this topic is an appropriate one for parents and youth to discuss.

We would like to thank the Milton and Corrine Livingston Foundation for giving us the opportunity to bring this program to our community.



College Students Get-together

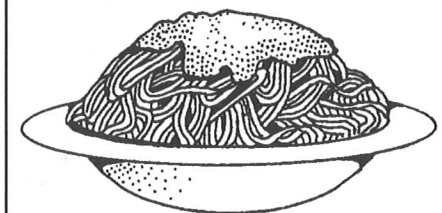
**Tuesday, January 5
7 p.m.**

All college students are invited to Brazen Head, 319 N. 78th Street, to meet friends and visit with Rabbi Azriel. There is no charge. Call the Temple office, 556-6536, for reservations.

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



OTYG SPAGHETTI DINNER and AUCTION



Sunday, January 10

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Adults - \$7.00
Children - \$4.00**

An exciting auction of goods and services

Proceeds will benefit Camp Rainbow (for terminally ill children)

Call the Temple office, 556-6536, by **Monday, January 4** to make your reservation

Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$1.00 more!

If you can donate an item or a service to be auctioned, please contact the Temple office or Nikki Flatowicz, 333-3561, as soon as possible.

Confirmation Class Encounters New York City!

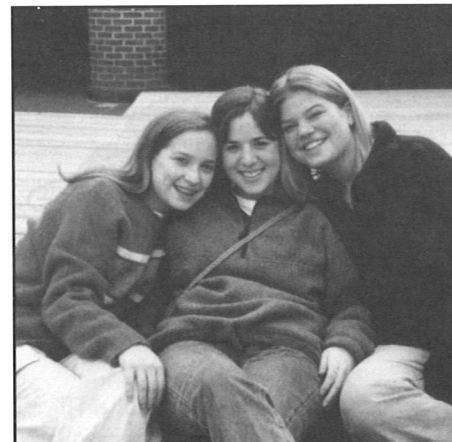


Anne Muskin and Jamie Skog

Confirmation class students write short reports about the annual trip to New York City. Excerpts from some of the students' impressions follow:

"...Seeing the Statue of Liberty in person and visiting Ellis Island were both very interesting and valuable experiences. We were given the chance to see and learn the roots of Judaism in America. The Lower East Side tour on Sunday also made a connection with this. Coming from a city like Omaha, where Jews are at a large minority, we aren't able to see many Jewish aspects in the secular community, such as restaurants. The deli was a fun aspect that we also got to experience."

"...My favorite part of the trip was visiting the Lower East Side...We visited the important historical areas all around the neighborhood...I enjoyed services on Friday night. There was dancing and singing and then we had dinner. There was left-over food, so (we) went around the hotel and gave the food to homeless people."



Anne Muskin, Melissa Josephson and Alissa Manvitz

"...The trip gave me the opportunity to get closer to and bond with my friends...I really enjoyed going to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island...As I walked along the island, I couldn't help but think that my great-grandparents walked in the same place almost 100 years ago..."

Tamara Meyers, Alissa Manvitz, and Nicole Cohn

"...I learned a lot about other types of Judaism...and it was fun being in such a big Jewish city."



Brad Lerner and Scott Eggermayer

What's Happening In Religious School Ann Kibel Schwartz

Classes Resume January 5
Classes resume Tuesday, January 5 for Family School; January 6 for 7th and 8th grades; January 7 for grades 3-6; and January 10 for PK-II, K, 1st and 2nd grades, as well as grades 3-6 students.

Parents' Day Sunday, January 10
A special parent session featuring Educator-in-Residence, Lori Serbin Lasday will begin with breakfast at 10 a.m. See front page for more details. At 11:30 a.m., students will join parents in the main sanctuary for a Family Worship Assembly that will feature a D'var Torah by Ms. Lasday which is designed to inspire both children and their parents.

Parent/Teen Classes on Wednesdays January 13 and 20
January 13, for Grade 8 and January 20, for Grade 7, the second in a three part series of Parent/Teen classes, will be held Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. These classes for parents and youth explore healthful, life affirming choices. The group will discuss peer pressure and how to make tough choices that are consistent with family and religious values. Emphasis will be placed on communications between parents and youth to affirm their willingness to support each other as they face the challenges of modern life. These classes are coordinated with professional staff from Planned Parenthood of Omaha. This series is made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous donor. For more information, call the Religious School office (556-6536).

Camp Schwayder Sunday, January 17
At 11:40 a.m., Josh Menkin, Director of Camp Schwayder, will present slides and answer questions about camp.

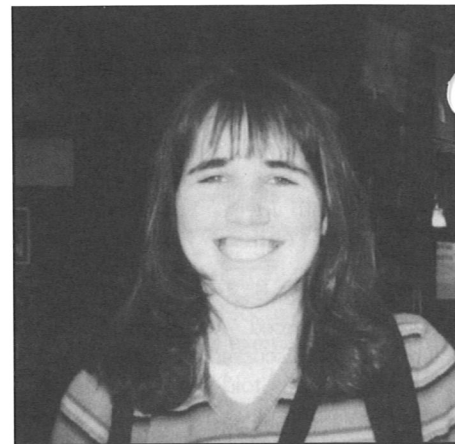
Grade 3 Family Shabbat/Dinner Friday, January 22
Third grade families will enjoy a Shabbat dinner and service. The congregation is invited to participate. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. The family service at 6:45 p.m. will be conducted by the 3rd grade students. By sharing Shabbat, families get to know each other better and strengthen our Temple Israel community. Please make dinner reservations in advance by calling 556-6536. Adults meals cost \$7.50 and children are \$4.00, children under 2, no charge. Sitter service is available during the worship services by advance reservation. Please call 556-6536.

Joel Grishaver January 22-24
Noted Jewish author, publisher and educator Joel Grishaver will be in Omaha under the sponsorship of the Davis Teachers Institute of JELS, Jewish Educational and Library Services. Friday, January 22, he will be our special guest at the 3rd Grade Family Shabbat, as well as speaker at the 8 p.m. adult service. Sunday, January 24, Joel will lead a Teachers' Lunch and Learn at 12:30 p.m. at the JCC.

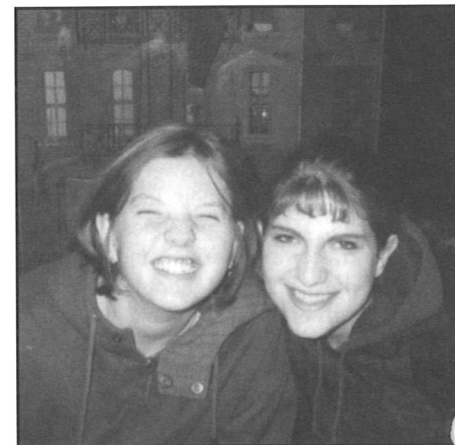
Parent/Teacher Conferences . . . Wednesday and Thursday, January 27 & 28
Wednesday, January 27, 5-6:00 p.m., parents, teachers and students in 7th and 8th grade will participate in conferences to discuss student progress. Thursday, January 28, 7-8:30 p.m., 1st grade through 7th grade parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress. Children are welcome.

Grade 2 visits Blumkin Home Sunday, January 31
The Second Grade will meet at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a Tu B'Shevat celebration with the residents. Lois Wine, volunteer coordinator of the Rose Blumkin Home, will visit the Temple in advance to help prepare our students for a positive experience at the Blumkin Home. "Kibbud Zekaynim," honoring the elderly, is an important part of our 2nd Grade curriculum.

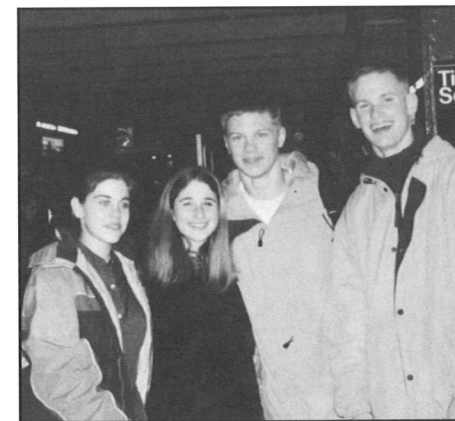
Kindergarten PATT Sunday, February 7
PATT means "Parents Are Teachers, Too:" and Kindergarten parents will join their children 10 a.m. to Noon for a special day together.



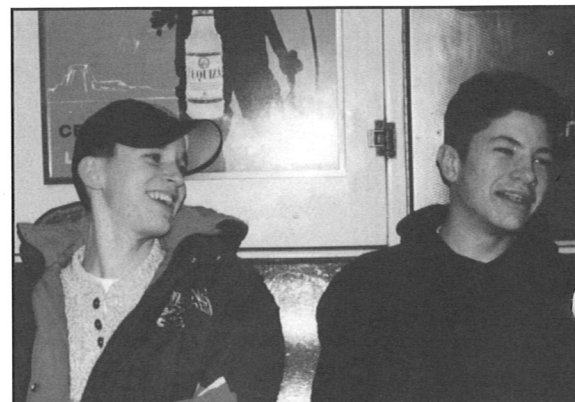
Lauren Freeman



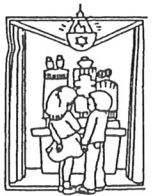
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Tot Shabbat Services

**Friday, January 8
and
Friday, February 5
7:00 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.

**Birthday Blessings
Family Service
January 15 7:30 p.m.**

Children who celebrate their birthdays during the month of January will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service.



Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening, Saturday mornings when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. Sitter Service is also available Sunday mornings during Religious School hours. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly.

Cost is \$2.00 per family if reservations are made prior to Friday. Drop-ins will be \$3 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

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

The following leaves have been added to our Tree of Life:

In honor of 80th birthday of
Gramma Pearl Gross

From her 9 loving grandchildren

To my loving wife Pearl on her
80th birthday

From her loving husband Jerry Gross

In honor of birthday of Harvey Aronson
From the birthday group

Buy a leaf on
the tree of life
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CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Abigail Rose Hack, daughter of Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack, Princeton, NJ. Grandparents are Hermene and Speedy Zweiback and Renee and Bob Hack, Greenwich, CT. Great-grandmother is Julia Levinson Davis, Prairie Village, KS.

Aaron Paul Noddle, son of Kim and Jay Noddle. Granparents are Nancy and Harlan Noddle and Barb and Mike Platt. Great-grandparents are Harold Farber, Dorothy and Max Platt and Edith Noddle.

Allison Jordan Siegel, daughter of Jackie and Richard Siegel, Wichita, KS. Grandparents are Fefe Passer and the late Jerry Passer and Claire Siegel and the late Arthur Siegel, Miami, FL.

Madison Claire Simon, daughter of Kim and James Simon. Grandparents are Stephen and Kathryn Simon and Vibeke Trusty, Kansas City, MO and Michael Trusty, Santa Fe, NM. Great-grandparents are Jean Daniel, Rogers, AR, Jean Weil, Cleveland, OH and the late Gertrude and Lester Simon.

OUR SYMPATHY

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Phillip Constans, grandfather of Robin Dwinell;

Laurie Jane Misle, wife of Bryan Misle, mother of Andy and Amy Misle, daughter of Dr. Milton and Maxine Simons, sister of Dr. Jerry Simons, Carol Parsow and Shari Fields;

Sidney Novak, brother-in-law of Ducky Milder;

Judi Aizenberg Lerner, husband of Sheldon Lerner, mother of Jodi and Justin Lerner, daughter of Morris and Hannah Aizenberg and sister of Jeff Aizenberg, sister-in-law of Richard Lerner;

Rose Rudoy, sister of Merrian Spiegel;

Louis Canar, husband of Eudice Canar, mother of Joyce Swartz, sister of Gertie Zevitz, and brother-in-law of Esther Canar

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Abigail Rose Hack: The Needelman Family, Keri and Phillip Bahar; **Aaron Paul Noddle:** Doris and Harry Alloy; **Asher**

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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.

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