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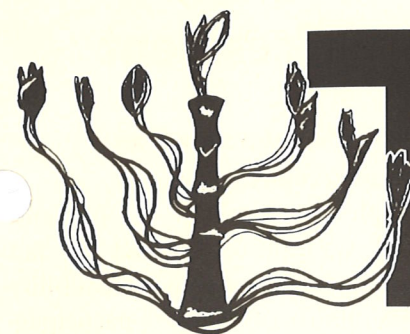
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Temple Israel Tidings

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Scholar-in-Residence

Dr. Dvora E. Weisberg

"God, Torah and Israel: Stories from our Early Rabbis"

Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25

"There are incredible stories about how famous rabbis became learners, and they are particularly interesting for adults, because they always involve individuals who did not study until adulthood," said Dvora Weisberg, associate professor of rabbinics and director of the *Beit Midrash* at Hebrew Union College (HUC)-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. Dr. Weisberg, who earned a Ph.D. in Talmud and rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary, will share some of those stories as a weekend scholar-in-residence at Temple Israel.

Dr. Weisberg has been at HUC since 2001. Prior to that, she taught the history of ancient Israel, rabbinic Judaism, Bible, biblical Hebrew, introduction to Judaism and women in Judaism at the University of Pittsburgh between 1996 and 2001. From 1993 to 1996, she was an instructor in biblical Hebrew, rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

"I love working at HUC," Dr. Weisberg emphasized. "I already knew several HUC professors and had heard great things about the college," before she started teaching there. "In

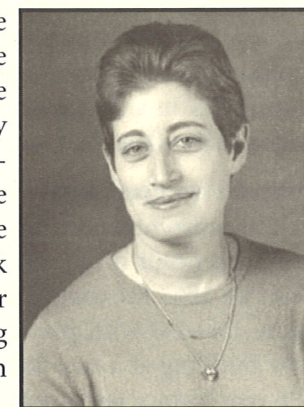
addition, the job description was precisely what I wanted -- teaching rabbinic texts in their original language and being an active participant in preparing students for careers as Jewish professionals."

Originally from San Francisco, Dr. Weisberg graduated *summa cum laude* from Brandeis University. She majored in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Her senior thesis topic was: "Can the Demands of Jewish Feminists be Met Within the Halakhic System?" She continues to be interested in and explore gender issues in rabbinic texts.

"I was thinking of becoming a rabbi...so I thought majoring in Jewish studies in college would be good preparation for my future studies," she explained. She earned her master's and doctoral degrees in Talmud and rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Weisberg has published articles in *Encyclopedia Judaica* (2006), *Hebrew Union College Annual*, *Shofar*, *AJS Review* and *Lilith* among other publications. She plans to publish a book on the evolution of levirate marriage (between a man and the childless widow of his brother) in classical Judaism.

All the sessions are open to the community and sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.



Friday, March 23
Shabbat Worship Service
7:30 p.m.

D'var Torah - "The Search for 'Truth:' Rabbinic Stories as Fact or Fiction"

Saturday, March 24
Sparks Beneath the Surface
9-10:15 a.m.

"And the Study of Torah is Equal to Them All: Stories about Torah Study"

Sunday, March 25
Bagel Brunch
10 a.m.

"What Does God Do All Day? Rabbinic Stories About God"



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MANY STORIES...ONE CONGREGATION

Frequently Asked Questions of the Temple Israel President

By Wendy Goldberg

What is happening with the building?

The Temple Building Steering Committee and programming committees are working with our architects Finegold, Alexander and Associates to study and make recommendations to the Board to determine and articulate the need for a new Temple, including all the details regarding site, size, design, costs, funding and related issues. The Board will consider these recommendations and make the final decision on **if** and **how** this should be presented to the Congregation for their consideration and vote. We are taking this task seriously; the Board of Trustees is spending a lot of time planning the process and policy concerning the new building project. There has been board 'consensus' in arriving at every decision addressed to date.

Why do we need a new building?

Our current facility no longer meets the daily needs of our active congregation. In 2003 the congregation voted to move forward with plans to move to a new building at a new location. In our 136 year history, we have been in 3 buildings—first for 24 years, then 46 years, and now it's been 53 years. We are working hard to create a common vision for the future design of our worship setting that considers the diverse needs of all of the members of Temple.

Do you think we can raise the money for a new building?

Once base-line expectations of need and intent have been determined, our architect can provide preliminary estimates of cost. I am confident that our members will contribute to the capital campaign according to their means and meet the challenge *L'dor v'dor* from generation to generation, in order for us to respect and preserve our tradition of Reform Judaism in Omaha. Building a new synagogue is an inspiring, affirming, exciting and sometimes daunting project. By spiritually, emotionally and

financially supporting the building project we have the opportunity to value the past, live in the present and look forward to a stronger Jewish future for the synagogue. Only once in your lifetime will you be asked for your financial support to build a new Temple Israel, but this may well be that once.

What is the reaction from the community conversations?

Generally we have had a very positive reaction. The primary focus of the conversations is to articulate the process and timeline for our new building project. People are showing up. There is a very high level of interest; in fact several members have come to more than one conversation. A highlight is the opportunity to listen and ask questions of our potential campus partners. Most, not all, of the congregants are supportive of the tri-faith concept. Some of our members have expressed they are only in favor of a move if there is a tri-faith component. Many who originally expressed concern or were "on the fence" found that after coming to a meeting they walk away favorably inclined—realizing that "it wasn't what I thought" or it is "less scary than I had imagined." *We encourage you to attend the scheduled meeting on Sunday, February 25.*

Is the tri-faith thing a done deal?

Members of our congregation have engaged at several levels in conversation and meaningful relationships with members of the Nebraska Episcopal Diocese and the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture (AIISC)—I don't see a turn about from this. We've made new friends and new relationships and we're moving forward. We may determine that it's not feasible to be neighbors or share a building but while we study the feasibility we will work together, share time together and learn. My message to you is that *the relationship* is quickly growing roots.

How will you determine if an interfaith campus will work?

Temple Israel's Tri-Faith Steering Committee, chaired by Jan Schneiderman, is studying the feasibility and desirability of Temple's participating in a campus with identified partners, and will make recommendations to the Board with all relevant factors considered the benefits of collaboration, any detriments, compatibilities, timetables related to facilities/site master planning, fund development, strategic planning, community building and relations. The Board will consider these recommendations and make the final decision on how to proceed.

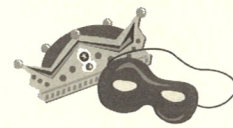
Will the Congregation get a say?

Yes. The Board has created a task force to identify and study all issues related to how this vote is presented to the Congregation and handled, and it will make recommendations to the Board. Such issues include (and others are likely to be added to the list) determining Notice of the Meeting, determining a Quorum; who can vote, and how they vote (ballot/personally present/secret ballot/independent counters etc.); how the Meeting is conducted; do some "Rules of Order" apply; what kind of vote is the Board looking for? This Committee will study and recommend on these issues, but the Board of Trustees will make the final decision on how these types of issues will be handled.

How can I be more informed or involved?

Thanks for asking! Attend community conversations. Talk to other Temple members. Call a member of board members and/or steering committees and tell them about your about excitement, willingness to participate and your concerns or questions. Watch for ongoing updates and upcoming opportunities to meet the architect and potential campus partners.

I welcome your questions and comments. Please send your emails to wgoldberg@cox.net and I will respond in the Next Tidings.



PURIM AT TEMPLE!



Purim Service, Spiel and Celebration Saturday, March 3, 7:30 pm.

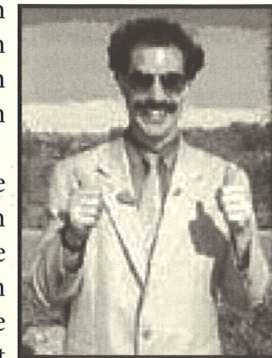
Temple Israel is committed to Outreach and Interfaith Dialogue. We have a long history of building interfaith relationships and many of us have continued this tradition during our recent series of community conversations with our potential Episcopalian and Muslim partners.

Sometimes, the goal of these outreach efforts is to engage in dialogue with those who are misinformed about Jewish practices, the Jewish people or Israel. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that a foreign journalist will join our celebration of the unique holiday of Purim. His name is **Borat Sagdiyev** and he hails from **Kazakhstan**. No doubt the experience of seeing our Purim Spiel will dispel any misperceptions he harbors about who we are and what we believe.

As a gesture of hospitality, Borat will be invited to sing the Israeli National Anthem, *Hatikva*, at the start of our Purim Spiel.

Please join Borat for dancing and libations immediately following the service. In speaking with Borat, he mentioned that it is a common Kazakhstan custom to have an appetizer and costume competition as part of any large community event. So, in the spirit of mutual understanding, bring an appetizer to share, wear a costume and let's show Borat our famous Midwestern hospitality! High five!

(p.s. The Purim Spiel is rated PG-13 and is not recommended for children under the age of 13.)

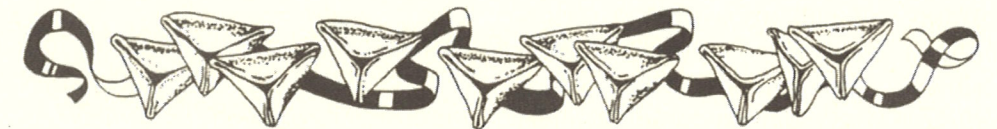


Purim Carnival! Sunday, March 4

Limber up your wrist for grogger twirling at the Megillah reading. Then get ready to celebrate at the Purim Carnival.

Pre-kindergarten children and their parents are invited to a sneak preview at 11:30 a.m.
Queen Esther welcomes everyone else from Noon to 2 p.m.

This year, try your luck at a candy walk! Winners will take home a BIG bag of sweets. No one will go home a loser! Cotton candy, snow cones and games galore are planned. Try your hand at inflatable basketball and soccer and even Gorilligans Island! Have a kosher hog dog, peanut butter sandwich, or pizza for lunch. All in the name of the miracle of Shushan's Jews who were saved from the evil Haman!



Haman Is In The Hall Challenging Us One And All To Do A Good Deed And Help Those In Need....In celebration of Purim!!

Grab a "hamentaschen" out of Horrible Haman's pocket and complete the mitzvah on the card. This tradition of Matanot L'evyonim – doing mitzvot on Purim – is brought to you by the Social Justice Committee. There are lots of choices – from cooking a meal for someone just home from the hospital to collecting "active play" items for a mobile gym in Israel.



Pick Haman's pockets today!

Adult Education

"Jewish Values in Islam"

Guest speaker: Iftekhar A. Hai

Friday, February 23, 6 p.m.

As we continue building relationships with the Muslim and Episcopalian communities, we invite you to hear one man's story in navigating prejudice and finding hope in a multi-faith world. Iftekhar Hai, a Muslim from Southern India now based in San Francisco, is living the American dream of success with his wife and family. Along the way, he attended Catholic schools, went to university at a center of Hindu revivalism and lived with an elderly Jewish landlady while studying for his MBA in California. All of these experiences have given him the tools to understand those of different religions and the conviction that the future of the world depends on peace. Currently, he is the Director of Interfaith Relations of the United Muslims of America.

Mr. Hai writes frequently about negative stereotyping and the differences between moderate and extremist interpretations of Islam. He is a humanist who "focuses on humanity, living as one family with its wonderful diversity, on one piece of real estate - THE EARTH." Join us for a Shabbat of peace and understanding as we welcome this special guest.

The AIISC, our Muslim partners in the tri-faith initiative, are hosting Mr. Hai and invite the Temple community to hear him again when he speaks at **All Saints Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 24.**

Torah on Wheels

Thursday, March 1, Noon

Courtesy of John Lehr, Temple Israel's once-a-month Torah study group will pull up wheels at Grace-Mayer Insurance (10050 Regency Circle). Everyone is invited. Please make a reservation by calling Temple, 556-6536. Lunch is \$6.

The ABCs of Education

Legislation: Experts

Evaluate the Proposals

Panelists: State Senators: Gwen

Howard and Lowen Kruse

School Board Members: Tom Baker

(WCS), Nancy Huston (OPS)

Sunday, March 11, 10 a.m.

The Nebraska Unicameral is considering a wide array of bills that will directly impact school children in the Metro. Join a few local school board members and state senators to find out what legislative changes lie ahead. This panel of experts welcomes your questions and looks forward to a free exchange of ideas!

Please note the change of date...

Have a Cup of "Joe" with the Clergy at Theology Café

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Theology Café will be serving "hot talk" along with the Starbucks when Cantor Wendy Shermet hosts the next conversation at Barnes and Noble across from the Oak View Mall.

Inquiring minds want to know....

What you think about....

Adult Education!

The adult education committee wants five minutes of your time. Recently, you received a short survey, either by e-mail or snail mail) asking for your feedback about adult education at Temple Israel. Please respond at your earliest convenience. We are making plans for 2007-2008 and your response will help us immeasurably!

If you didn't receive the survey, please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536, or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

**Four B's:
Behaving, Belonging,
Believing and Bagels**

Sunday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Steve Leder

Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Los Angeles, CA

"Raising Mensches in a World of Excess"

Get the tools and insight on bringing up children as caring and contributing community members.

Rabbi Leder's newest book "More Money Than God: Living a Rich Life Without Losing Your Soul" is receiving national acclaim. Rabbi Leder has made appearances on the CBS Morning Show and NPR's "The Tavis Smiley Show."

Come have a cup of coffee and a bagel! There is no charge to attend this enlightening adult community discussion.

Sponsored by the Janis Yale Enrichment Fund



Adult Study with the Clergy Gets Behind the Headlines

Thursday mornings, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eric Linder has begun meeting with the Thursday morning adult study group in the Milder Center.

Rabbi Linder's topic is: "Open my lips that my mouth may declare Your glory." He is exploring how the Amidah is a focal point for improving our relationships with friends and family, with ourselves and with God.

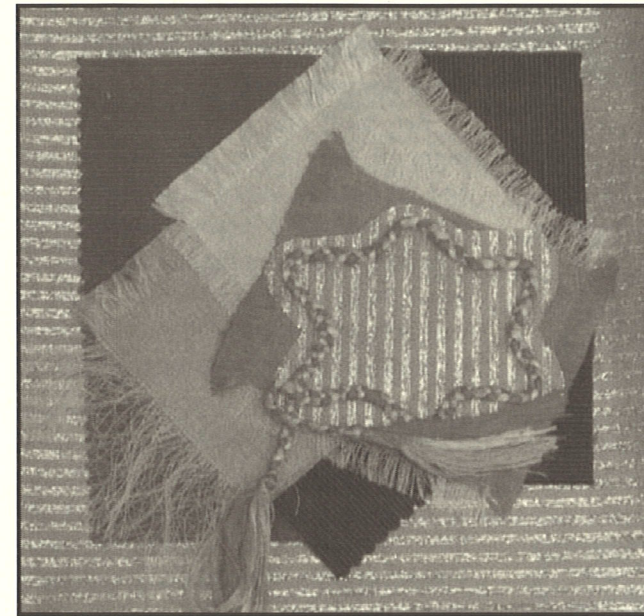
"I had no Hebrew training," pointed out Ruth Cain, who regularly attends Adult Study. When she was a girl, young women didn't have *Bat Mitzvahs*. "It's very important to know your background," she said. "It helps curb the anti-Semitism that's growing in our country." Recalling that she was reluctant as a child to say she was Jewish, now she's proud to proclaim it. "Everyone contributes" at Adult Study. "It's a good group, and it's very enlightening, and wonderful for me."

Karen Lepp also enjoys it. "On Thursdays, I have the morning off. It's a perfect time to do my studying. I love it. It's real down-to-earth and very informative and relaxed. I walk out of there every week knowing I learned things." The rabbis suggest further reading, and Karen usually finds the book for additional study. The clergy "aren't opposed to getting off the planned topic if something's going on in the news or in Israel," she added.

Cantor Wendy Shermet will begin her turn with the adult learners on March 15 as she shares some stories on Jewish culture such as biographies, movie and theater anecdotes, music themes and book notes.

Please register for Adult Study with the Clergy by contacting Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536, or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. Newcomers are welcome!

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



Pictured left: By Ducky Milder (Lois Rodin Milder) and Mike Milder. "The Star of David is not the most important symbol of Judaism, however, it offers explicit identification of a Jew or Jewishness. It was chosen as the symbol for the Israeli flag, depicting the Jewish State. Jews were required to wear a yellow star during the days of the Holocaust. This golden Star of David represents my gratefulness to my Rodin and Milder families and my teachers for my love of Judaism. It also represents the memory of those who

perished in the Holocaust and elsewhere, because they were Jews. The colorful abstract background represents our rich and amazing heritage, overlaid with braided threads in the shape of the Star of David."

Temple Tapestry Project Workshops

- Wednesday February 28, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- Sunday, April 22, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 6, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$18 is greatly appreciated to defray some of the costs.

Shabbat Shalom, Welcome to our Home

Friday, April 27

What is the BEST way to welcome a neighbor or make a new friend? By breaking bread together, of course, something Jews do especially well! Please consider opening up your home for a special Shabbat evening with members of the Muslim and Episcopalian communities.

You provide the meal and a few open seats at your table, and we'll find some enthusiastic guests who want nothing more than to learn a little bit about Judaism, try challah and share stories of faith and identity. Feel free to co-host the evening with a friend. If hosting a dinner isn't your forte, volunteer to be a guest!

Please fill out the form below and mail it to Temple Israel, attention Rosie.

☐	Yes, I/we would LOVE to host a "Shabbat Shalom" dinner
☐	We would like to include people with children.
☐	The best ages would be: _____
☐	We prefer adults only
How many guests would you like to host: _____	
☐	I can't host a dinner, but I would love to participate as a guest.
Name(s) of Host: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____	



Cradle Roll Sunday, February 25 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 do a fun holiday activity.

Tot Shabbat Friday, March 2, 6 p.m.

Bring your young ones up to five years old or let grandma and grandpa bring them for some special time with those tots. There will be a dinner to follow. Please RSVP to Temple, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make a reservation for dinner. The cost is \$5 for adults and children are no charge.



WRJ Poker Night! Thursday, March 8, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Home of Jennifer Miller 13616 Seward Street

Bet, bluff and be yourself at a fun night of *free* poker. No need to ante and no need to count your change, just come, nosh and enjoy the company. Whether you are a beginner or an old pro, a night of Texas Hold'em is just for you! Please RSVP to Temple, 556-6536, or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com.

Booksale Workday Sunday, March 11, 10 a.m. - Noon

Help organize hundreds of books for our booksale this summer. Volunteers can take home five complimentary books!

SAVE THE DATE!



Pancake Man is Coming to Temple on Sunday, March 25!

Deli Night Pictures



Pictured above l-r: Eliza Cowen, Annie Rips, Jane Rips, Kathy Simon, Phyllis Glazer and Nancy Hornstein enjoyed Deli Night and comedian Joel Chasnoff along with Deb, Elijah and Dan Marburg (pictured right l-r).



Pictured above: Howard and Lee Needleman served sandwiches at Deli Night.



From the Center for Jewish Education

"Eye on Israel," focusing on current happenings in Israel and the Middle East, will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays in March.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will participate in "It's Not Your Maxwell House Hagaddah Anymore," on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. Take a look at the development of the *hagaddah* and the ancient wisdom of the earliest architects of the Seder. Rabbi Jonathan Gross of Beth Israel Synagogue and Rabbi Mordechai Levin of Beth El Synagogue will join Rabbi Azriel to discuss the *hagaddot* that they use and share Passover experiences. Nancy Rips, the library's resident "book maven," will read selections from her forthcoming book revealing some of her favorite Passover memories. Various *haggadot* will be on display and orders will be taken to purchase them.

If you enrolled in "Notions of the Afterlife," taught by Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of the Center for Jewish Education, you'll be interested to know that the class will continue at Beth El Synagogue in March. Dates are **Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7 to 8 p.m.**

Dr. Matalon uses sources such as the Torah, Talmud and rabbinic works to explore different perspectives on the afterlife as texts and various alternatives presented in the Jewish tradition are discussed.

How This Night is Different, by Elisha Albert, will be the topic of the Library Book Discussion group at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.

Pre-registration is required. Please call CJE at 334-6445 or send an email to mgrossman@jewishomaha.org to register. Tuition is \$18 for any one who has donated to the Jewish Federation annual campaign and \$23 for all others.



Tree of Life

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

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

**In Celebration of
Suzanne Richards Singer's
Special Birthday
From Her Many Friends
with Love and Admiration**

A Voice from Home in Iraq



"I've always been a news hound," said Temple member Cathy Christensen. "But when they talk about Iraq, I turn the news down. I suppose I'm hiding my head in the sand. I don't pay attention to the politics. To me, it's all about 'the boys.'"

Who can blame her? Army Specialist Fourth Class David Christensen, son of Cathy and her husband, Bill Christensen, is serving his second tour in Iraq.

David grew up at Temple Israel and was Rabbi Aryeh Azriel's first *Bar Mitzvah* in Omaha in 1988. David was also confirmed at Temple. Now 31, David had no idea what he wanted to do when he graduated from Central High School in 1994. His parents suggested that he join the Army and then go to college.

David's first overseas assignment was in Germany. He was trained as a dental technician. After a year in Europe, he returned to Omaha. He joined the Reserves and settled down with his wife Tiffany and her now nine-year-old son, Connor. Two more sons, Alex, two, and Dawson, one, were born in Omaha.

David re-enlisted in the Army in 2003, and the family moved to Fort Riley near Manhattan, KS. In 2005, David, now a trained medic, spent two months in Iraq. He was back at Fort Riley for a year before being transferred to Iraq for a year beginning in October, 2006. He spends his days on patrols in the Salah al Din province near Tikrit, Iraq, keeping alert for IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

Trying to think from an Iraqi's perspective "is difficult," confided David. "We value every human life as dearly as they do not. You ride around and can see the raw hatred in the eyes of a large percentage of the local population. It is disturbing. Children still wave at us, but the adults have stopped. There are very brief moments when I can see a similarity between home and here, a strip of grass or a child on a swing. But then a moment later it vanishes and the poverty of this country shows through. They have no sanitation. Garbage from a year ago is left in the streets with no one to pick it up. Have there been improvements in the two years since I was here last? Yes, but they are few and far between."

African Children's Group to Perform at March Prayer Assembly Sunday, March 4, 11 a.m.

"The Chosen," a song and dance group of children ages 6 through 12, will present songs from their homeland of Uganda. The group is associated with the AIDS Orphan Education Trust (AOET), which represents African children who have AIDS or whose family or friends have AIDS. AOET offers a wide-spectrum of education and services for those who have been widowed, orphaned or affected by this disease.

Grant Glazer, son of Jennifer and John Glazer, decided to dedicate his Bar Mitzvah project to helping these children who live in extreme poverty. Grant is currently collecting pencils, pens, notebooks and monetary donations to help supply a new school built by AOET in Uganda.

Grant has asked local office supply stores, Temple Israel and the J.C.C. to have collection boxes available for donated items. He will also be accepting items at the March 4 Prayer Assembly and hopes to give the donations to the children after the Prayer Assembly.

Please join us for what promises to be a beautiful performance!

Welcome New Members!

Brian Cipperly

Brian was raised in Omaha and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel in 1988. He most recently lived in Ft. Lauderdale and moved back to Omaha in 2005. He currently works closely with Justin Kohll as the Director of Sales for the compounding division of Kohll's Pharmacy. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and traveling everywhere.

Amy Cotton

Amy, a lover of theater and the arts, moved to Omaha from Rockville, MD, in 1995. She graduated from Brandeis University in 2006 with a focus on health policy and peace and conflict studies. Currently, she is an intern in Senator Nelson's office and works part-time as our very own OTYG advisor. Amy plans to pursue a master's degree in public health. The newest member of her family is an 8 month-old poodle named Gracie.

Celebrating A Joyous Passover

Do You Need Passover Haggadot?

The Temple office has several *haggadot* available.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis has published a beautiful *haggadah* with traditional and innovative blessings. Price: \$19.95 each.



This Haggadah will be an exquisite addition to your Seder. It is a work of art you will be proud to own.

The complete directions for the Seder and optional choices of readings will make your Seder memorable.

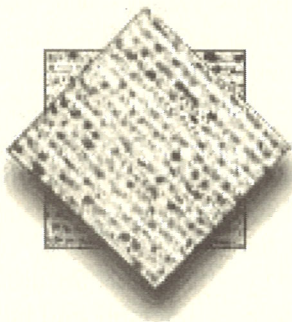
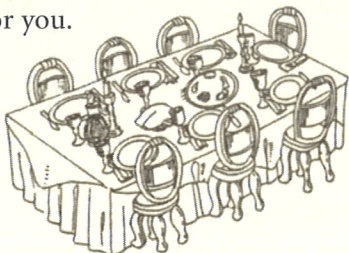
Also available is the "Family Haggadah: A Seder for All Generations." This Haggadah contains readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion and traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest. Price: \$7 each.



Do You Want To Share the Seder?

The first Seder will be celebrated **Monday, April 2.**

If you are new to the community or do not have extended family in the Omaha area with whom to share this joyous holiday, please call Caring Committee Chairman Lisa Epstein, 496-9159, and we will find a host family for you.



Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Monday, April 9**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names. Please phone by **Thursday, April 5.**

Temple Israel Congregational Second Seder Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m.

"We have a family Seder on the first night of Passover," explained Jack Noodell. On the second night, "We enjoy a community Seder at Temple. You get a different perspective at Temple. It's a different experience. And Maxine doesn't have to make another Seder!" Jack pointed out.

"It's like one large extended family," added Maxine Noodell. "You can sit with your friends. It's not overly long and it's meaningful and understandable."

Paul and Sally Fine don't have a lot of extended family here so the congregational Seder "is a chance to be with a variety of people from the community of different ages," pointed out Paul.

Sally said, "The second night is a very nice, meaningful occasion for us. It's spiritual and even humorous. We enjoy how well the children are made a part of the service."

"For an event with a group that size, it's very nicely done," Paul commented. "It's neither too big or too small. It's just right as Goldilocks would say," he kidded. "The rabbis and the cantor do a memorable Seder."

A traditional Seder meal and a vegetarian option will be served.

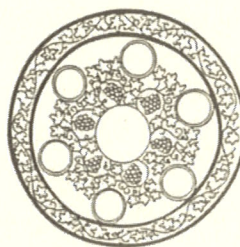
Adults, \$19; children in sixth grade and younger, \$8; children two-years-old and younger, no charge.

Your check payable to Temple Israel is your reservation and must be received in the Temple office by Monday, March 26.

Congregational Second Seder

Name _____		
Phone _____	Amount Enclosed _____	
	<u>Chicken</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>
Adult @ \$19 each	_____	_____
Children Grade 6 and under @ \$8 each	_____	_____
Children 2 years and younger @ No Charge	_____	_____
We would like to sit with _____		

Send your check and reservation form to:
Temple Israel, 7023 Cass Street, Omaha (68132)



Anatomy Of A Seder Plate

The word *Seder* means "order," and the foods on the Seder plate symbolize the pain and bitterness of slavery. We eat these special foods to internalize the experience of slavery so that we may love freedom all the more.

ROASTED EGG: The *betzah*, boiled first, then roasted in the oven, is a reminder of the special sacrifices brought to the Temple on Passover and other festivals. In addition to the roasted egg on the Seder plate, there is a custom of serving hardboiled eggs in salt water as the first course of the meal. The egg is a symbol of redemption and rebirth.

BITTER HERB: The *maror* of the horseradish root's taste is a reminder of the bitter lash of slavery.

SHANK BONE: The *zeroa*, roasted by some for authenticity, boiled by others to make clear that it's only symbol, represents the paschal lamb sacrifice eaten by our ancestors as they prepared to leave Egypt. The rabbis point out that the paschal sacrifice was an act of courage and independence; in Egypt, the lamb was an object of worship. You can use either a lamb shank or chicken bone on your Seder plate.

MORTAR MIXTURE: The *charoset* symbolizes the mortar that the Jewish slaves used in Pharaoh's projects. *Charoset* is made of nuts, apples, raisins, cinnamon and wine.

VEGETABLE OF THE GARDEN: *Karpas*, usually a green vegetable like parsley, but sometimes a boiled potato, is dipped into salt water that is symbolic of the tears shed by our ancestors.

Passover Recipes

Joan's Passover Granola Mix

4 cups matzo farfel
¼ cup honey or more – to taste
¼ cup peanut or safflower oil
1 cup chopped nuts – any kind or combination (walnuts, almonds, sunflower, pecans, etc.)
1 tsp sugar and cinnamon - to taste
*1 cup raisins or chocolate chips (ADD AFTER MIXTURE HAS COOLED!!)

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix ingredients* then put on cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Stir occasionally so mixture does not stick to sheet. Let cool. Take off cookie sheet as soon as granola has cooled. Mix again and store in airtight container. Serve as snack or as breakfast cereal with milk.

Passover Brownies

½ lb. butter or shortening
2 semi-sweet baking chocolate bars
1 cup chopped nuts
4 eggs
1 ½ cups matzo cake meal
2 cups sugar

Melt shortening and chocolate over hot water. Beat eggs, add sugar gradually and beat until thick. Add chocolate and shortening and blend well. Fold in cake meal and nuts. Pour into a greased 8-inch square pan. Bake at 350° F. for 30 to 45 minutes. Cool. Cut in squares.

Matzo and Cheese

4-5 matzos
½ lb. Farmers Dry Cottage Cheese
3 Tbsp. butter/margarine melted
Salt to taste
1 Tbsp. or more sugar
Cinnamon (optional)

Break up Matzo into boiling water and let stand until soft. Place in strainer and press out excess water. Combine with remaining ingredients and serve immediately.

Visit the WRJ-O
Gift Shop for
Seder Plates,
Matzah Trays and
Beautiful Covers,
Elijah and Miriam Cups,
Children's Books,
Puzzles and more!
Weekdays,
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sundays during
Religious School

Voices from the Pews:

Sharing Our Stories

Ann Pickel and her husband Harvey have belonged to Temple Israel since about 1976. Through all those years, Ann has also belonged to Sisterhood (Women of Reform Judaism). "I used to be more active. But the friends I made in Sisterhood are still my friends." She said there's "a closeness I feel in my heart towards Temple. We feel very loved and very cared for."

"For my son K.C.'s *Bar Mitzvah* six years ago," explained Marcy Ruback, "they pretty much changed the whole *bimah* to accommodate his wheel chair. When we came to Temple 14 years ago, they welcomed us with open arms."

Over approximately the past 35 years, Ernie Saltzman has participated in "all the school activities when our kids were younger" and been a member of Men's Club and the Caring Committee. His favorite memories are of his daughter Keri's wedding at Temple and of his wife Rosalie's *Bat Mitzvah*. "She was in the first adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class," he said.

Madrichim In The School

The benefit that our Madrichim provide is substantial. Depending on the assignment given, the grade and the teacher's need, they help with routine classroom activities and preparation for classes. They help with reading, crafts and movement activities in the lower grades. In the older classes, teachers often use them in working with smaller groups of students or in helping individual students review material.

In addition to the tasks they complete successfully, our madrichim have another equally important role to fulfill. They model post b'nai mitzvah involvement in education. Our younger students look up to these students as role models to follow. Additionally, these teens obtain real leadership and teaching skills and their commitment to Temple Israel and the education of others is a satisfying achievement for all concerned.

Our biggest challenge now is that we are literally flooded with Middle/High School students that want a Madrichim position in the lower grades. They truly have become a vibrant part of our school this year.



Madricha Brenna Robinson helps in the Religious School office when she isn't co-teaching trope in sixth grade with her mother, Kimberly Robinson.

What's Happening In Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 4
Hooray! Kindergarten students are invited for a sneak preview of the Carnival at 11:40 a.m. when accompanied by a parent. The carnival is open to the community from Noon - 2 p.m.

Purim Prayer Assembly.....Sunday, March 4
Join us and your child at 11 a.m. for an enjoyable workshop experience including the Megillah and a march of the costumes. So, please come in a costume.

No Religious or Family School..... Wednesday, March 14
Due to public school breaks there will be no class.

Prayer Assembly Sunday, March 18
Yes, we have two Prayer Assemblies this month! Join us with your child at 10 a.m. and then stay for another wonderful Four B's session (see page 4 for more details).

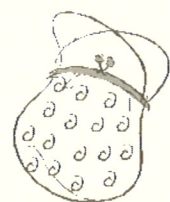
"Making Menschies in a World of Excess" Sunday, March 18
Join Rabbi Steve Leder in a discussion.

Grade 6 Shabbat Service and Dinner Saturday, March 24
The sixth graders will lead the morning service which begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon follows immediately after the service.

No Religious School..... Sunday, April 1 - Sunday, April 8
Due to public school breaks and the observance of Passover, there will be no classes. School resumes after Passover on Wednesday, April 11 and Sunday, April 15.

"A Celebration of Learning An Educators Shabbat" and Dinner has been postponed from Friday, March 2 and will take place in the Fall of 2007.

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● *Sunday, May 13 is a great day to celebrate...*
● *the last day of a fantastic school year,*
● *all the fun things to do during summer break,*
● *and...Mother's Day!*



Everyone is invited for a bagel and yummy noshes brunch, brought to you by Temple Israel's Men's Club, followed by our last Prayer Assembly of the year led by the singing rabbi - JOE BLACK!
And, to honor the very special women in our lives, we'll have a shuk (gift bizzare) of beautiful gifts, flowers and cards to purchase!

- 🌹 Roses direct from Israel
- 🌹 Scrapbooking supplies from Close to My Heart & Creative Memories
- 🌹 Jewelry, accessories and handbags from DeniZ
- 🌹 Judaica from Temple Israel's Gift Shop
- 🌹 Handmade goods from Yad LaKashish (Lifeline for the Old in Jerusalem)

Middle/High School Offers a Garden of New Spring Classes

Spring classes are ready to sprout at Temple Israel's Middle/High School. Looking forward to moderate temperatures and melting snow, Mace Hack, Bruce Goldberg and Joe Slosburg will introduce their students to **Jewish Camping - Is This for Real?**

Highlighting the class will be a trip to the Ponca and Niobrara State Parks. This fun outdoor experience filled with great *ruach* is open to ninth through twelfth graders.

Rita Paskowitz will facilitate **The Value of Memory and Conversation: Connecting Generations**. This class will be entrusted with the important responsibility of retrieving personal narratives from the senior generation in our community and sharing memories from the past.

Taking a look at some key social and political issues that have absorbed the American Jewish community's attention over the past several decades, Patrick Jensen and Jeff Gates will lead the **Social Justice** class.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will work closely with tenth graders as they study a variety of topics related to classical Jewish texts, their relevancy to modern day living and the challenges of living as a Reform Jew in today's rapidly changing world. A trip to New York City, March 29-April 1, is the highlight of being enrolled in this class.

Introducing and familiarizing students with food most American Jews associate with the Jewish home will be the focus of Lisa Epstein and Toby Fellman's class, **Jewish Cooking/Karing Kids**. The foods prepared will be delivered to families identified through Temple's Caring Committee as the students learn how Judaism provides nourishment for both body and soul.

A key element in a Jew's life, the holiday cycle provides a spark to a deeper understanding of Jewish heritage. **Experiencing the Holidays**, with Stephanie Grossman, will look at the major holidays from an adult perspective.

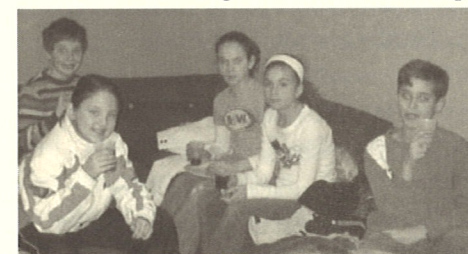
Highly motivated students with the self-discipline to study and discuss Jewish text might be interested in **"Advanced Gemara"** taught by Rabbi Jonathan Gross who comes to Temple from Beth Israel Synagogue. Students in his class will embark on an in-depth study of a tractate of the Talmud.

Linda Marcoe, who teaches band and orchestra in the Ralston public schools, and Cantor Wendy Shermet continue to practice with the middle/high school **Klezmer Band**.

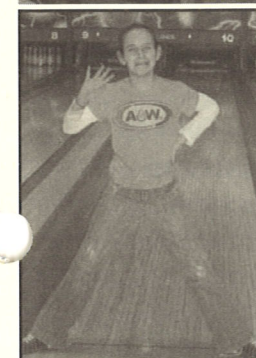
Kripke Jewish Federation Library Administrator Gary Katz resumes his **Jewish Literature** class, taking a look at contemporary authors whose work reflects challenges of the Jewish people and shapes and alters Jewish consciousness and identity.

Classes begin Wednesday, February 28, and continue through April 25.

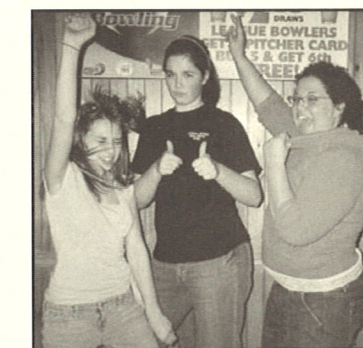
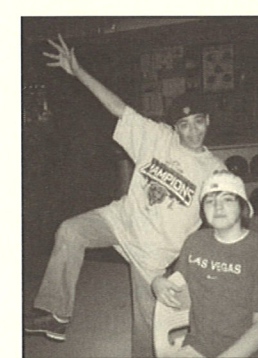
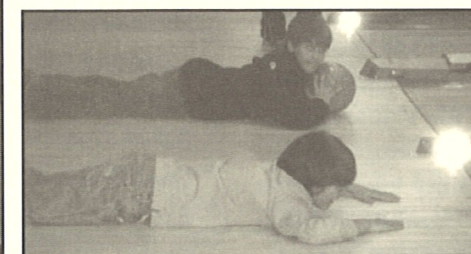
Club 56 and JYG Got Totally Bowled Over!



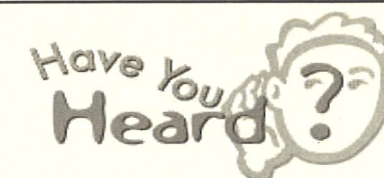
Fifth and sixth graders went *meshugana* over pizza and bowling on a cold day in February! Pictured left, 1 to r: Justin Norton, Katelin Zetzman, Brooke Schneiderman, Emily Glazer and Tyler Siegel enjoyed lunch before bundling up for a brisk walk to West Lanes. Pictured lower left, clockwise: Brooke



Schneiderman, Jack Gilinsky and Josh Sullivan had fun getting crazy doing some whacky moves.



(Pictured left) Yaniv Azriel, Ben Hale, Haley Burns, Grace Hack and JYG Advisor Leora Azriel (pictured above) show their own craziness during JYG Cosmic Bowling on February 10.



Club 56

will celebrate Passover with a delicious,

Chocolate Seder

Wednesday, March 28 at 5 p.m.

You won't want to miss the fun! \$3 for all 5th and 6th graders.

Questions? Call the Religious School office (556-6536).

Mark Your Calendar! Havdalah in Pajamas

With singer, songwriter, and guitarist

Steve Brodsky

Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m.

Steve is the URI's Midwest Council Regional Educator and co-founder of *Mah Tov*, Jewish rock 'n roll band.

This fun and musical evening is for children sixth grade age and younger, and their families!

Sponsored by the Janis Yale Enrichment Fund

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Isaac Scott Braun, son of Nancy and Steven Braun. Grandparents are Beverly and Kenneth Braun, Chicago, IL, Nancy McLemore, NC, and David McLemore, N.C. Great-grandmother is Stella McLemore, NC.

Ryan Henry Kugler and Evan Brandon Kugler, twin boys of Traci and Lance Kugler. Grandparents are Sandra and Stuart Kutler, and Cynthia and John Kugler. Great-grandparents are Harriet Singer, Fran and Bob Koehler, Louise and Gary Blohm, and Dee and Dale Kugler, Lexington, NE.

Sophia Marie Stern, daughter of Kim and David Stern. Grandparents are Skip and Shelley Stern, and George and Betty Grillo. Great-grandmother is Asuenta Grillo.

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Givner. Mrs. Givner is the former Laura Hinzmann. Parents are Marjorie Ceto, Gibraltar, MI, Robert Hinzmann, Kalamazoo, MI, Donna Givner, and Nathaniel Givner, Scottsdale, AZ.

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.

Our Sympathy

*The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of...*

Dorothy Platt, mother of Michael Platt and Connie Stillwell, and grandmother of Lisa Leopold, Kim Noddle, Jeff Platt, Joe Platt, Margie Singer, Scott Singer, Jill Swanberg, and Carolyn Zastera;

Sophie Halperin Katz Schulman, wife of Harry Schulman, mother of Richard, David, Helen and Miriam Katz, and sister-in-law of Ida Halperin;

Norman E. Ruback, brother of Barbara Kushner and Howard Ruback, and uncle of Kimberly Placzek;

Miriam "Mimi" Waldbaum, mother of John and Jerry Waldbaum, and Susan Hughson;

Mildred Walmsley, grandmother of Stacy Simon.

*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*

Did You Know?

- Temple Israel and our current neighbors, First United Methodist Church and the Omaha Community Playhouse, cover approximately 25 acres of land compared to 30 acres at 168th and Western Avenue, the site of the future home of Temple Israel.

- Bonnie Sullivan, Temple's clergy secretary, who has worked at Temple Israel since March, 1991, met Rabbi Sidney Brooks, who was rabbi at Temple from 1952 until he retired in 1985, at College of St. Mary in 1985. Rabbi Brooks held the Chautauqua Chair in theology of the Bible at the college. Bonnie has worked with five other rabbis and four cantors at Temple.

- The cemetery at 42nd and Redick, purchased in August, 1871, is older than our congregation itself. Not until November, 1873, were articles of incorporation filed by the Congregation of Israel (which became Temple Israel) with the Douglas County Clerk. (*from Consider the Years by Suzanne Richards Somberg and Silvia Greene Roffman*)

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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.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					23	24 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Ben Hale
25 Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Community Conversations 10 a.m. Cradle Roll 10 a.m. Grade 2 VIP Seder 10:30 a.m.	26	27 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	28 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Tapestry Workshop 4 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7 - 12 6-8 p.m. Jewish Notions of the Afterlife 7 p.m.	1 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Torah on Wheels at Grace/Mayer Insurance Noon March	2 Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m. Grade 4 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	3 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Purim Service and Party 7:30 p.m.
4 Purim Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Kindergartners Carnival Preview 11:30 a.m. Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival Noon	5	6 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	7 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m. Tapestry Workshop 6:30 p.m.	8 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 - 11:30 a.m. WRJ-O Poker Night at home of Jennifer Miller 7 p.m.	9	10 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Thomas
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25 Pancake Man 9 a.m. Teacher Learning Coffee 9:30 a.m. Grades K - 6 10 a.m. - Noon Dvora Weisberg 10 a.m.	26	27 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	28 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Club 56 Chocolate Seder 5 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7,8,9,11,12 6-8 p.m.	29 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	30 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	31 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Friday~February 23

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~February 24

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of Ben Hale

Son of Debbie and Pat Hale

Torah Portion: Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday~March 2

6 p.m.

Grade 4 Shabbat Service

6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Dinner immediately following

Saturday~March 3

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17

Friday~March 9

4 p.m.

Shabbat Comes to You at

Remington Heights

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 10

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Thomas

Daughter of Andie Gordman and Paul Thomas

Torah Portion: Ki Tissa

Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

Friday~March 16

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 17

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Bailey Newman

Daughter of Karli and Jody Newman

Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekude

Exodus 35:1-40:38

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25

Friday~March 23

4 p.m.

Shabbat Comes to Blumkin

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Dvora Weisberg

"The Search for 'Truth:' Rabbinic

Stories as Fact or Fiction"

Saturday~March 24

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

Dvora Weisberg: "And the Study of

Torah is Equal to Them All: Stories

about Torah Study"

10:30 a.m.

Grade 6 Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayikra

Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Friday~March 30

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 31

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Tzav

Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Social Justice Fund Helps Fulfill Temple's Mission

Social justice is an essential component of Temple Israel's mission. The congregation strives to fulfill the obligation to repair the world (*tikun olam*) through education, *mitzvot* and advocacy.

Temple hosts educational forums with guest speakers from the local, national and international communities to engage congregants in issues of the day. Temple members also perform *mitzvot* through social action projects such as partnering with inner-city schools, working with refugees and lending helping hands by working with Habitat for Humanity.

Temple's Social Justice Fund has helped subsidize the cost of meals served at the Stephen Center, a homeless shelter; the Watanabe Wellness Center; dialogue between African-Americans and Jews; and general awareness about refugees from Darfur who have settled in Omaha.

Minimum contributions of \$6 help sustain the Social Justice Fund and Temple's other funds. Larger donations are also welcome at all times. Contact the Temple office, 556-6536, or mkube@emp-leisraelomaha.com to make a donation.

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.

Birthday Blessings

Family Service

Friday, March 2, 6 p.m.

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