

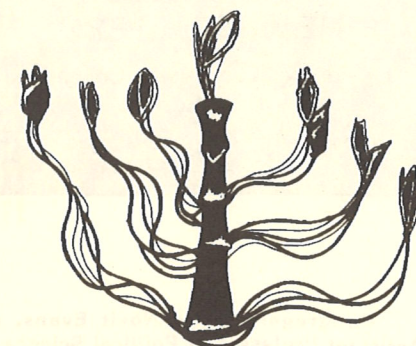
TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			APRIL	2	3	4
			1 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School and Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m.	Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tot's Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 1-7 4-6 p.m. Gift Shop Passover Preview 4-7 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.		Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Alex Clark
5 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon (Grades 3 & 4 @ J.C.C.) Mini-University 10 a.m. Temple Tones & M'shor'im 12-12:45 p.m.	6	7	8 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon No Religious School	9 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. No Religious School Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	10 Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	11 Shabbat/Passover Service 10:30 a.m. Congregational Seder 6 p.m.
12	13	14 AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	15 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon TIGGS 12 Noon No Religious School	16 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Women's Seder 11:30 a.m. No Religious School	17 Passover Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m.	18 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
19 Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon AOL 10 a.m. Men's Club 10 a.m. Social Justice Panel 10 a.m.	20	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	22 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Community Yom HaShoah Service @ Temple 7 p.m.	23 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Torah Tot's Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	24 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	25 Grade 6 Shabbat Club 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Alex Katz Scholar-in-Residence 4 p.m.
26 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m. Temple Tones & M'shor'im 12-12:45 p.m.	27	28 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	29 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	30 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tot's Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-7 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	MAY	2 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Andrea Comisar



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, April 3
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Louri and Charlie Sullivan
and Darlynn and Tom Fellman in honor of
the 2nd birthday of Joshua

8 p.m.

Sermon in Song

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Millie and Sam Calig
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew

Saturday, April 4
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Alexander Clark
son of Mindy and Wayne Clark

Simcha B'Shabbat
(text Study and Service in the Chapel)

Torah Portion: Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Friday, April 10
5 p.m.

Shabbat/Passover Service

Saturday, April 11
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion:
Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

Friday, April 17
10:30 a.m.

**Conclusion of Passover
Yizkor**

Torah Portion:
Exodus 14:30-15:21

5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

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Sacred Stories of the Ordinary...

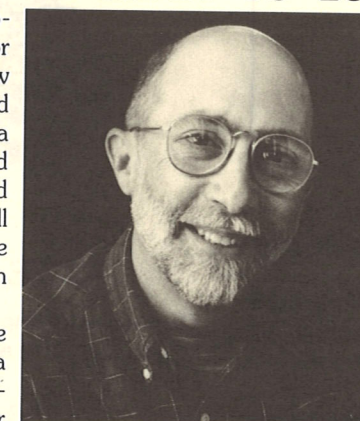
**Plan to Spend an Extraordinary
Weekend with a Master Story-Teller**

**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
LAWRENCE KUSHNER**

APRIL 24 TO 26

Acclaimed theologian, speaker and author Larry Kushner will draw you in with humor and spell-binding language to a world "where the sacred meets the ordinary, and above all, where you will meet yourself and find the invisible connections in your own life."

When asked why he chooses storytelling as a vehicle to express spirituality, Rabbi Kushner answered, "I think that stories are the most painless, effective way of communicating I know. You can remember stories from speeches and lectures you heard ten years ago, effortlessly. They skip right by the censor and go right to your soul. You



don't have to think about them and so the truths they carry remain amorphous. ...You just have the story, and it can constantly generate new truths."

A native of Detroit, Michigan, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained rabbi from the Hebrew Union College in 1969. He has served as rabbi of

Congregation Beth El in Sudbury, MA for the past 25 years.

Rabbi Kushner has been a faculty member of HUC-JIR for over a decade and is a regular commentator on N.P.R.'s *All Things Considered*.

Shabbat Service, April 24

8 p.m.

"Invisible Lines of Connection:
How God is in Everything and we are in God"
Oneg Shabbat following

Shabbat Service, April 25

10:30 a.m.

D'var Torah in Simcha B'Shabbat

Saturday, April 25

4 p.m.

A Tish with stories and songs:
"Your self and the self of the universe—tales of religious mystery"
Havdalah following

Sunday, April 26

10 a.m.

"What really happened in Sinai:
The real truth behind the 10 Commandments"
Bagel Brunch

All events are open to the public at no charge.

Generous funding from an anonymous donor

Worship Continued

Saturday, April 18

10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Shemini
Leviticus 9:1-10:11

Friday, April 24
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Larry Kushner

**"Invisible Lines of Connection: How God
is in Everything and We Are in God"**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, April 25
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Alexander Filler Katz
son of Amy and Richard Katz

Simcha B'Shabbat
D'var Torah
Rabbi Larry Kushner

Torah Portion: Shemini
Leviticus 10:12-11:47

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP TIMES

FRIDAY, EREV SHABBAT
April 17
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.

SUNDAY MORNING CHAPEL
PRAYER SERVICE
April 19
9:15 a.m.

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



TREE OF LIFE

**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
Stanley Slosburg**

With love from, friends and family

**In honor of 70th birthday of
Eleanor Slosburg**

With love from, friends and family

**In honor of Ducky and Mike Milder's
40th anniversary**

With love and affection, Roz Friedman

**In honor of Harold P. Farber's
95th birthday**

With love and admiration, Farber and
Noddle Families

**To our dear friend Steve Simon
on his birthday**

With love, Phyllis and Dick Glazer,
Sheryn and Arnold Joffe,
Jane and Harlan Rips,
Hermene and Speedy Zweiback

Aryeh Azriel.....Rabbi
Debbie S. Stiel.....Rabbi
Sidney H. Brooks.....Rabbi Emeritus
Erik L.F. Contzius.....Hazzan
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Dennis DePorte.....Vice President
Sally Kaplan Secretary
Spencer Brookstein Treasurer
Jane Rips.....Past President
Diane Graul Sisterhood President
James Clark.....Men's Club President
Amy Willensky.....OTYG President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth and Martin Cohen
Brian Rosen
David Rosen
Maggie Zerger

**Congregant Bette Novit Evans, an
Assistant Professor of Political Science at
Creighton University, spoke recently at Temple
on the Constitution's "Free Exercise of
Religion" clause. Excerpts follow:**

Increasingly, people seek protection
under the First Amendment for activities
that would not previously have been con-
sidered religious.

Religion isn't just theology or medita-
tion, and it isn't either just about what you
eat or what you do when your kid turns
13. But both are equally crucial, and I
realized that any adequate account of the
religious freedom must encompass both.

To treat religion as a choice is to trivi-
alize religious obligations...indeed, if reli-
gious practices were matters of choice,
there would be far less powerful reason
for protecting them; it is their obligatory
character that makes the protection of
these acts seem so compelling.

Religion is powerful precisely because
it is not a choice, but a command—an
obligation which the believer does not
choose. In this view, the point of religious
liberty is to protect people from agonizing
conflicts between obligations to the state
and to religious commands.

HEALING

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

If you know another person
who needs the same, please ask
the individual in need before calling
the office.

BOARD CAMEOS

A monthly glimpse at
Temple Israel's Trustees



Back: Jim Farber, Paul Epstein
Front: Jane Rips, Ajon Farber

Jim Farber is a life-long Omahan and
Temple member. He and his dad Harold
were both congregational presidents, and
Jim is a presidential appointee to the
Executive Committee. He, Judy and their
daughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth, are very
active in many congregational activities.
Jim enjoys reading, tennis and running in
his leisure hours.

Ajon Farber and his wife Carol have
been integral parts of Temple for decades.
Temple finances, building and grounds,
and youth group have been focal points of
their involvement. A native Omahan,
Ajon's family has belonged to Temple
since 1920. He was designated Honorary
Trustee for Life and sits on the Executive
Committee. The Farbers' son Bjorn and
his family live in San Francisco, daughters
Debra Dresner and Josi Rein and their
families live in the Chicago area; nine
grandchildren complete their family.

Paul Epstein is a vice president of
Temple and is currently chairman of the
Fund Raising Task Force. A native of
Omaha, he and Sandy have been Temple
Israel members for 21 years. Their chil-
dren are Kari, 17 years old, and Cory, 15
years old.

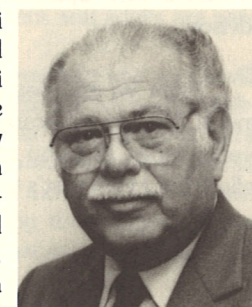
Jane Rips is immediate past president of
Temple, serves as UAHC Midwest Council
president, and is a national board member
of the UAHC. Born in Sioux City, Iowa,
she has lived in Omaha 15 years.
Husband Harlan's family has been life-long
Temple members. Jane and Harlan have
two daughters, Sara and Anne. Jane lists
needlepoint and UAHC as special inter-
ests.

The Committee for Social Justice Presents: Understanding African American/Jewish Relations in the '90's

Join us for a thought-provoking
discussion

Sunday, April 19, 1998 10 a.m.
Friedman Social Hall

R a b b i
Saltzman served
as Senior Rabbi
of the Baltimore
Hebrew
Congregation
until his retire-
ment at the end
of June, 1996.
His career as a
rabbi spanned 40
years. During
that time, he was
involved with
local, state-wide and national organizations
concerned with human and civil rights,
health care, and the State of Israel.



Guest panelist:
Rabbi Murray
Saltzman

He has been nationally recognized as
an outstanding leader in the Civil Rights
movement. Currently, he serves as part-
time rabbi for Temple Bat Yam of Sanibel,
Florida and is Chairman of the National
Federation of Interfaith Volunteer
Caregivers.

Magda Peck will be moderator of the
panel. Dr. Peck is on the University of
Nebraska Medical Center faculty and is co-
chairman of Temple Israel's Black/Jewish
Dialogue.

The community is invited to hear
Rabbi Saltzman and other speakers in this,
the last of three panel discussions spon-
sored by Temple Israel's Social Justice
committee this year.

**That's right ladies and gentlemen...
OTYG is holding its very own....
(drum roll please)**

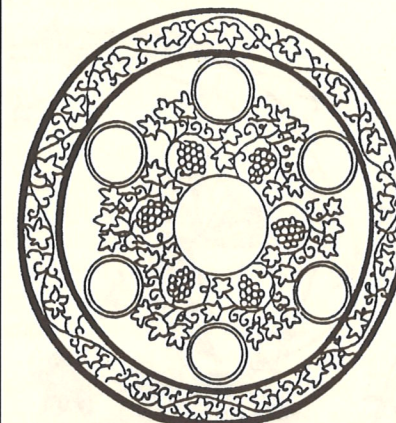
KIDS' BOOK DRIVE

Any and all books are greatly
appreciated and can be dropped off
at Temple Israel, 7023 Cass St.

**Youthgroupers will be reading the
books to children staying at the
St. Vincent Shelter for Women and
Children and then leaving them
there for further usage.**

Thanks a bunch of bananas!

WOMEN'S SEDER AND LUNCH



**Why is the women's
seder and haggadah dif-
ferent from all others?**

The women's seder, while
retaining the basic form and flavor
of the traditional seder, celebrates
the "going forth from Egypt" in
terms of our own lives and times
and in terms of Jewish women's
concerns and interests.

Please join us as we come
together to share in a unique seder
experience. Rabbi Stiel will lead the
seder. Then we will all enjoy the
delicious food prepared by the
members of the Sisterhood Adult
Education class.

Lunch and Seder
Thursday, April 16
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Milder Center

**Following Sisterhood
Adult Education**

Lunch is \$4.00

Please call your reservation into
the Temple office, 556-6536, by
Friday, April 10. Questions? Call
Rabbi Stiel.

New, Readable Family Haggadah With Something For Everyone

- Readable text with prompts for stimu-
lating discussion. Traditional order
with abridged text, short enough to
maintain interest
- Traditional and children's songs, includ-
ing musical scores

The Haggadahs are available for
\$7.95 each in the Temple office. The
UAHC adult and children's Haggadot are
also available.

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Wednesday, April 22 8 p.m Temple Israel



This year's commemoration includes a dramatic presentation of "Night Words" by David Roskies and features Omaha teens, Hazzan Erik Contzius, Cantor Emil Berkovits, and Cantor Leo Fettman. The director is Max Sparber, Temple's OTYG advisor.

"Night Words" has been described as one of the few Holocaust commemorative pieces today that, by form and content, reflect the Holocaust's unique and disturb-

ing elements. This dramatic production juxtaposes eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust with Biblical and rabbinic readings to bring all of Jewish history into relationship with each other in a very evocative and thought-provoking manner. Join us for this moving experience.

The program is free and open to the public. Temple Israel is a member of the Jewish Cultural Arts Council, a sponsor of this program.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OFFERS HEALING SERVICE

The congregation's first weekday Healing Service will be **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Livingston Chapel.**

The concept for this service grew from the work of the Synagogue 2000 committee who have realized that there are times when an individual may need more than the regular Shabbat Services provide in the areas of wholeness and well-being.

If you, a friend, or a family member are in need of additional healing for physical, emotional or spiritual comfort or if, perhaps, your presence at a healing service would provide strength to others, please join us for this special evening service.

The healing service is not meant to replace any other service but is intended to bring an additional layer of comfort and contentment to those who attend.

The service will be rather informal and will include prayers read by congregants, as well as clergy. Distinctive music will create a mood of wholeness, renewal and healing.

If you cannot attend this service, we hope you will come to one of the services planned in the coming months. If you need a ride to Temple, please call 556-6536.

CONSIDER THESE HUC-JIR STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

KALLAH '98

Study spirituality under the stars, becoming a master chef & more!

Experience joyful study and worship with exemplary scholars, rabbis and cantors.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, July 8-12
UC SANTA CRUZ, July 22-26
BELOIT COLLEGE, August 5-9
GENEVA PARK, Ontario, August 12-15
ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST,
Colorado, August 26-30
SUKKOT IN SONOMA, California,
October 8-11

Call Rabbi Stiel, 556-6536, for information on these programs.

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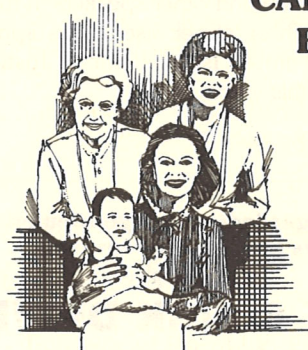
WORSHIP AND STUDY

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
December 11-13

Reform Jews in the Midwest can share the riches of the HUC-JIR faculty in a weekend immersed in study, worship and dialogue. Faculty members are Rabbis Shelly Zimmerman, Richard Sarason, Stacia Deutsch, and Kerry Olitzky and Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller.

CANTOR HAL FIRESTONE RETURNS FOR MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

Sunday, May 10 3 p.m.



Former Temple Israel Cantor Hal Firestone will present his new compositions at this concert. He will be joined by Hazzan Erik Contzius and Tamara Field. Julie Sandene is accompanist.

Original compositions by Cantor Firestone and Hazzan Contzius will be included, along with songs and popular music by other composers and lyricists.

ISRAEL 50 JUBILEE CELEBRATION, MAY 2 AND 3

Saturday evening, May 2

- 9:30 p.m. Havdalah
- Teen coffee house with entertainment by Mah Tov

Sunday, May 3

Morning:

- Israel 50 Walk/Run
- Pancake breakfast
- Lecture with Gad Ben Ami

Afternoon:

- Israeli café with authentic kosher food
- Family concert with Mah Tov
- "Old Jerusalem" Israeli marketplace
- Archeological Dig
- Crafts and Judaica
- Awesome inflatables for kids of all ages
- Lecture by Zvi Gittleman
- Wine-tasting for adults and Israeli food demonstration

Sunday Evening:

Concert with Donny Maseng
Reception following

OMAHA TEENS TO KICK OFF ISRAEL'S 50TH CELEBRATION

Saturday evening, May 2, Jewish teens from Omaha synagogues and Jewish youth organizations will begin Omaha's celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary with a community-wide havdalah service, followed by a "Coffee House Café" at the JCC. All Omaha teens and adults are welcome.

Poems, songs, readings and music will enhance the traditional service and complement Israel's birthday. Temple members on the havdalah committee include Jennie Gates, Whitney Taxman, and Glenn Wigodsky. Assisting the teens with the construction of the service are Hazzan Erik

Contzius, Cantor Emil Berkovits and Jewish Cultural Arts Council chairman Justin Cooper.

The Jewish Rock 'n Roll group "Mah Tov" will entertain at the "Coffee House Café" following Havdalah. The Denver-based band consists of Steve Brodsky, Kenny Chasen and Omaha native, Temple's own Josh Zweiback.

A \$2.00 cover charge includes an assortment of coffee with a variety of flavors and toppings and Israeli desserts. Temple teens planning the coffeehouse include Lauren Brown, Ally Freeman and Ali Lerner.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTNOTES

Elyce Azriel, Director

Panim el Panim is a Washington, D.C. program that exposes Jewish high school students to a range of public policy issues facing America and the Jewish community through the people who work on these issues daily in Washington.

The unique aspect of the program is that, after hearing experts share views and insights on issues such as Social Justice, Equal Opportunity, Human Rights and Israel-Diaspora relationships, we then study Jewish texts that relate to the given topic.

Nine Temple Israel students were joined by four Beth El and Beth Israel students, along with adults Scott Littkey, Hollis Glaser and me. We were delighted to see how informed our teens were and how insightful their questions were.

In addition to the seminars, we had time for sightseeing, socializing, small group discussions and a visit to the Holocaust Museum. Our four days in Washington culminated with a meeting in Senator Bob Kerry's office with one of his aides.

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



Students pose on Capitol steps.



Kitchen-master Dennis DePorte led the recent Deli Night brigade.

YOM HA'ATZMA'UT CELEBRATION AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Hazzan Erik Contzius

Shabbat Service May 1
8 p.m.

In honor of Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) and the 50th anniversary of Israel, we will be augmenting our Shabbat evening worship Friday, May 1 with special prayers and liturgies for this auspicious occasion.

The main feature of our prayers that evening will be the Omaha premiere of Bonia Shur's Hallel Service. This work, written for choir, violins, cello, double bass, marimba, and classical guitar, will certainly be a spiritual treat.

The Hallel Psalms are a collection of psalms recited on festive occasions to praise God and God's works. Traditionally, they are said on Passover, Sukkot, Shavuot, the New Month and, more recently, on Yom Ha'atzma'ut. In this way, we can truly praise God in a special way for a specific miracle: in this case, the establishment of the State of Israel.

Bonia Shur's setting of this text is, according to the late Jakob Petuchowski, very evocative of the way the ancient Israelis would have prayed to God: in a manner with many instruments and using antiphonal (responsorial) singing.

Please join us in prayer May 1 as we begin a weekend of celebration of Israel with prayers and song. It will be a most spiritual and uplifting worship service.

SYNAGOGUE 2000

All year, Synagogue 2000 has been developing a vision of what kind of place we want our temple to be—a place where every Jew can come to pray, to connect, to celebrate, to feel spiritually nourished, and to find God in ourselves and in others.

The “regulars” find this connection. Most of our members come to Temple for large gatherings such as the High Holy Days, funerals and celebrations. However, they fail to find a meaningful sense of community in the presence of so large a number of people. It is not the time to share personal celebrations and passions, nor to ask serious questions of one another or face life's challenges.

Synagogue 2000's focus this year will be forming “Jewish Journey Groups” where people can deepen their sense of spirituality in small groups. For example: support groups for loss, illness, newly-weds, parenting, divorce, single parents and special interest and study groups which already exist successfully to which we can add great Jewish books, siddur, Torah, etc. In time, we will form many of these groups after seeking the desires of our membership.

Starting with prayer and then study, eventually, small, cohesive and intimate groups will be created. These small groups will be led by clergy, therapists, educators, and laymen from our congregation, depending upon the needs of the group.

Our task is to make our temple a truly sacred space as we gather for prayer and study, combined with the richness of human relationships. **Ducky Milder.**

MEN'S CLUB and ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

Sunday, April 19, Men's Club and AOL will join the congregation at the Social Justice panel discussion “Understanding African American/Jewish Relations in the '90's.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Family Service
April 17 7:30 p.m.

Children who celebrate their birthdays during the month of April will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service. The Temple Tones and M'shor'im choirs will sing at this family service.

REMEMBER OUR FUNDS

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

\$6.00 fund contributions:

Caring
Cemetery Improvement
David Bleicher Camp Scholarship Fund
Education
Endowment
Landscape
Library
Music
Outreach
Rabbi Azriel's Discretionary
Rabbi Stiel's Discretionary
Rabbi Brooks' Discretionary
Hazzan Contzius' Discretionary
Ann Kibel Schwartz' Discretionary
Dorothy Spizman's Discretionary
Charles and Jae Rosenstock Memorial
Brad Sperling Endowment Fund for education of young children
Social Justice
Temple Youth Group
Elinor Whitman
Religious Education
\$25.00 Gift of Inscribed Prayer Book

BEQUEST

The Board of Trustees was notified that the late Sadie Kohn and Bertha Weintrob directed a bequest to our congregation.

We are very grateful for their including Temple Israel in their estate planning.

If you wish information about Temple's endowment program, please call Dorothy Spizman, Executive Director, 556-6536.

NEW TEMPLE ROSTER

Sisterhood, along with Men's Club, is in the process of updating the **Temple Israel Membership Directory**. This directory contains members' names, addresses, phone numbers, zip codes, and names of school-age children.

If you do not wish to be included in the directory, or if there is certain information you would prefer that we not publish, please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, as soon as possible.

OUR SYMPATHY

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Beverly Hoffman, aunt of Debbie Baack;

Bess Lipsey Steinberg, mother of Lorrie Bernstein and Beverly Pafacher and sister of Lil Feldman;

Bernard Hahn, husband of Verna Hahn, brother of Sylvia Stein and Helen Kirke, brother-in-law of Arlene Huffaker and Charles Kookken;

Joseph Arch, father of Dr. Stacie Bleicher

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

YIZKOR

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Friday, April 17**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names to be read. Please phone by **Tuesday, April 14**.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Gavin Corbet Rogers, son of Marcee and Chuck Rogers. Grandparents are Pat and Chuck Rogers and Karolyn and Don Marti, Lincoln, NE. Great-grandparents are Velma and Buck Carpenter, Mt. Airey, N.C. and the late Gertrude and Moses Kagan.

Isaiah Miles Schrier, son of Tracy and Jeffrey Schrier. Grandparents are Felicia and Stan Schrier and Sue and Tom Moore. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Schrier and Opal Lodwig.

Brett Alexander Robinson, son of Kimberly and Andrew Robinson. Grandparents are Paula and Daniel Singer, Tucson, AZ and Frances and Sam Fried and the late Burton L. Robinson. Great-grandparents are Celia and Leonard Rofey, Pittsburgh, PA.

Brandon Michael Idelman, son of Jill and George Idelman. Grandparents are Gloria and Martin Hersh, Northbrook, IL and Barbara and Ronald Archer, Assaria, KS.

On the Engagement of:

Tonya K. Fluty and Robert G. Simons, Houston, TX. Parents are Kay and Charles Fluty and Linda Siref Simons and Ronald Simons.

Educational Perspectives

Ann Kibel Schwartz

Why Is Family School Different From All Other Religious Schools?

What Is Family School? Family School is a place for families to learn together in both formal and informal settings in both intergenerational and parallel adult/children's classes. Family School also encourages us to expand our concept of family beyond the nuclear family, reaching toward the extended Temple family.

Who Is Family School For? Family School is open to Religious School students in grades 3 – 5 and their families, as well as all adult learners from the broader Mishpacha (extended family) of the Temple. Educational Sitter Service will be available if there are enough requests. Sitter Service fees must be paid by each family that uses the service.

Why am I writing about Family School? To find adults in the congregation who would like to join our Mishpacha, increase their knowledge and share some of their wisdom with others.

When Is Family School? Family School classes are held on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

A typical Tuesday schedule:

6:15-7:10 p.m. 1st Period - Parallel classes with adults and children studying a variety of Judaica topics at the appropriate age levels.

7:10-7:20 p.m. Entire school gathers for social/snack time.

7:20-8:15 p.m. 2nd Period - Intergenerational Hebrew classes.

NOTE: Religious School students who participate in Family School also attend regular Sunday morning Religious School classes, but attend Tuesday evening instead of Thursday afternoon classes. Family School will begin on August 29, with a Shabbaton at Mahoney State Park. To culminate the year of learning together, a Friday evening in May is reserved for Family School participants to lead the service for the entire congregation.

What Are The Goals Of Family School? We view Jewish education as a life-long pursuit, leading people to live their personal and communal lives in harmony with Reform Jewish values. Family School fosters an individual and family sense of belonging to a series of communities; the Temple, the Jewish community, and Israel. Our educational programs are designed to help people find personal meaningful ways to worship, to participate in Jewish ritual and Mitzvot, and to encounter the sacred in their lives.



How Do We Join and What Does It Cost? Family School registration deadline will be May 3, 1998. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-in basis. Children enrolled in Religious School pay no additional fees. Adult participants may choose to pay one \$95.00 fee per family or \$50.00 per person. Scholarships are available. Call Director of Education Ann Kibel Schwartz with questions and/or to reserve your space in Family School or call Gloria Ketter at 556-6536.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Parent Opportunities Sunday, April 5
Grades 3 and 4 will be at the JCC from 10 a.m. to Noon for “A Walk Through Jerusalem.” Meanwhile, a “Passover” Mini -University for adults will be held 10 a.m. to Noon at Temple Israel.

Classes During Passover There will be no classes April 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 21

Classes will resume Sunday, April 19. Family School will resume April 28. Happy Pesach!

Grades 2 through 6 Worship Assembly April 19
Students and families will meet from 10:10 to 10:35 a.m. in the main sanctuary. After the assembly, students return to classes, and parents are invited to stay for coffee. Preschool through First Grade classes will have other activities.

Spring Torah Tots Class Sessions begin. April 23 and 24
Thursday and/or Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m. classes for 2-to-4 year olds who are ready for independence from their parents. Class size is limited; early enrollment is encouraged. Thursday classes run concurrently with Sisterhood Adult Education to allow parents to continue their own Jewish education while children enjoy the Torah Tot class. Call Stephanie Grossman, 556-4596, for additional information.

New Parent Toddler Classes begin April 23 and 24
Thursday and/or Friday classes 10-11:15 a.m., for parents and toddlers, age 9 to 30 months. Classes provide a variety of age-appropriate activities; a portion of each class is devoted to discussion of a parenting issue. Ann Kibel Schwartz will facilitate with assistance from Joan Cooper, Temple rabbis and other Jewish professionals. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Grade 6 Shabbat Club. April 25
Students and their parents begin with a 9:15 a.m. brunch, followed by a special program presented by guest speakers. At 10:30 a.m., everyone will attend Shabbat services together.

Grade 7 to Visit Cemetery April 30
The cemetery trip is part of the students' studies of Jewish attitudes about death. They will participate in a “geniza,” burial of worn-out sacred books, which is a Jewish custom that shows respect for holy books.

TOT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 3
and
Friday, May 1
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.

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.

SPRING INTO SCOUTING!

Fun, friendship, adventure in the wilderness, achievement, rank advancement, leadership and skill building—these are a few of the phrases that Scoutmaster Mark Pilley uses to describe the experiences his scouts have had in Pack and Troop 218.

Omaha has had a Jewish scout troop since 1992. Sponsored by the JCC, it is a troop that provides scouting experiences with an additional dimension: the members are allowed to celebrate their Jewish heritage and beliefs. Activities include Sukkah building, Chanukah, Purim and Passover meetings, as well as the opportunity to participate in a national gathering of Jewish scouts in the Fall.

Pack and Troop 218 will be recruiting at Temple Israel, Sunday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Friedman Social Hall. All boys ages six and up are invited to come with their friends and parents to learn about plans for the upcoming year.

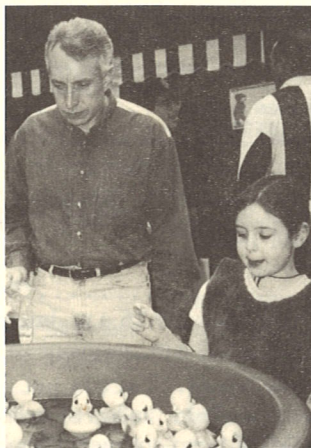
For more information, call Mark Pilley, 392-1746 or Allison Latenser, 553-8853.



The Blues Brothers - Aaron, Jeff, and Joel Passer



Sam and Rebecca Noddle

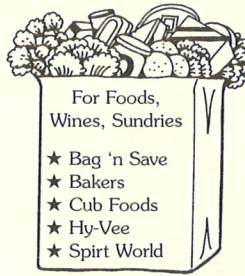


David and Rachel Martin



Left to right: Dustin Ginsburg, Julianna Scheet, Chloe Ginsburg, Rachel Scheet

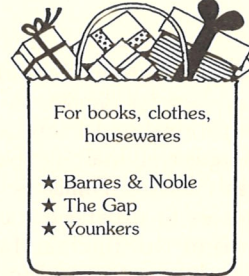
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Back, left to right: Ann Kibel Schwartz, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Hazzan Erik Contzius. Front, left to right: Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Dorothy Spizman

The Confession

by Julie Heifetz

I was born a Catholic and a German, in Munich, the capital of the movement. I Hitler came to power when I was four, the war ended when I was 16. Today I am, by choice, Jewish and an American. You may be wondering why I've come to talk with you. I've been wondering myself. It isn't easy to talk about these things. But I'm at that stage of life where I feel an obligation. Maybe you could also learn from me to think twice before you join anything that goes against your better sense. Sometimes even parents are wrong.

I wish I could give you a nice story, that I was against the Nazis, that I was a hero, a Righteous Gentile. But I believed the movies. Jews were freaks, dogs who'd hurt you, cheat you, though I never saw one. It was enough to have hair like my Mother's, dark like a Jew's. I believed the principal, my teachers. We were the Master Race.

We were the deprived ones, crowded, hungry. We were pushed into the corner. We needed room in the East. The Russians prevented us. The Poles, the Gypsies, the Jews. I believed the crowds, the flags, the trumpets, marching for unity. I wanted the uniform, the sweatpants and white blouse, the kerchief.

ZAKHOR זכור

On Yom HaShoah, let us remember through study.

Study is a most traditional way of remembering.

The Pulpit Rabbis of Omaha ask you to pause at 11:00 on Yom HaShoah morning (this year on April 23, 1998) and join with Jews throughout the city in recalling the events of the Holocaust

We were guided to this selection by Dr. Ben Nachman.

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Hitler Youth had fun. They had meetings, they played ball, they sang, they had walls they jumped over. They looked so good together. I wanted badly to join and have fun, not to be left out.

I saw Hitler in person. One day I rode my bike downtown and waited three hours. A soldier on a white horse rode through the crowd. When he came to me he smiled, leaned down, and handed me a rose. He was so handsome I couldn't breathe. It was my first present from a man. The Hitler came in his big Mercedes, commanding, fascinating, he mesmerized the crowd. He was my leader, my Father, my Savior. I waved my rose and yelled "Heil Hitler," part of the thrill of the crowd.

Pamphlets the English threw down were lies, the villages we destroyed, propaganda to make us weak. Our Communist neighbor, tarred, thrown out of a car, friends who disappeared, we never saw again. Dachau, I didn't believe. Germans didn't do that. Russians do that. Poles to that. Gypsies, dirty Jews. Impossible, the Germans.

I sat on the roof in my ignorance and watched the firebombs light the night like pretty birthday candles. Later, when the bombs had detonators, when by night the English came, by day Americans, with planes that hummed higher than the English, one after the other, houses exploded, our shelter filled with water. Still we were the strong ones, better than the others.

In 1945 the war ended. I saw the crematoriums, the evidence. The shock has never left. It haunts me in the night, betrayed, ashamed to be a German.

I would like to forgive myself a little. I was young, impressionable, naive. I never informed on anyone. I never threw a stone.

But I believed. We needed room in the East. Russians were cruel, Poles, Gypsies, Jews. Never Germans. I believed I was better than the others.

So be careful what games you play, what songs you sing, what uniform you wear, what leader you choose to follow. Think about the consequences of joining something that could give you a lifelong trouble, like the memory of a twisted cross, a poisoned rose, the fear of what you might have done if you'd been older.

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Oral History & the Holocaust
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