

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.	6	7 Healing & Renewal Service 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	8 Sisterhood Adult Education & Midrashah 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 & Parents 6:30-8:30 p.m.	9 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	10 Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	11 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah of Max McCann and Jamie Tully
12 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 3 & Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 4 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:30 a.m. Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. History Class 10:15-11:45 a.m. Jewish Spirituality 10:15-11:45 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.	13	14 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	15 Religious School Hebrew Club 5-6 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	16 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m.	17 Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	18 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Sara Cowan
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Worship Services

Friday, March 3
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. David Ellenson
"Exile and Return in Jewish History:
The Recurring Pattern"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism
Dialogue with Scholar following service

Saturday, March 4
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible" with
Dr. David Ellenson

10:30 a.m.

Dr. David Ellenson
"The Destruction of the Temples
and our People's Responses"

Torah Portion: Vayakhel
Exodus 35:1-38:20

Friday, March 10
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the
parents of Max McCann and Jamie Tully

Saturday, March 11
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

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AS I SEE IT...

First there was psycho-therapy. Then there was family therapy and scream therapy. But for pure fun, my favorite is Purim therapy.

Purim therapy exposes us to hundreds of children during the reading of the Purim story. "This is therapeutic?" you scoff. "The children are noisy. They shout and make a commotion. What's therapeutic about that?" You're right. The children are rambunctious. They also possess incredible healing powers. They have the power to heal the most indelible scars caused by Anti-Semitism.

Every Jew has been scarred by Anti-Semitism. Those who lived through the Nazi Holocaust were scarred in ways that I can only dimly imagine. Even those Jews who merely observed the Holocaust experienced a powerful bruising. The reality of mass Jewish graves seared our imaginations. We should not trivialize the impact of this nightmare. It sends us a bleak message: we too would have died if we had been there.

Though Anti-Semitism in America is certainly not as virulent as that of Nazi Germany, it does exist. It also can scar. A tiny minority of Anti-Semites can make us feel like outsiders. They evoke a fear that in America, too, we will not belong.

There are many ways to overcome these feelings. First and foremost, we can participate in the work of Jewish defense organizations. Employing one's power constructively is good medicine for a weakened self-image. Second, we can

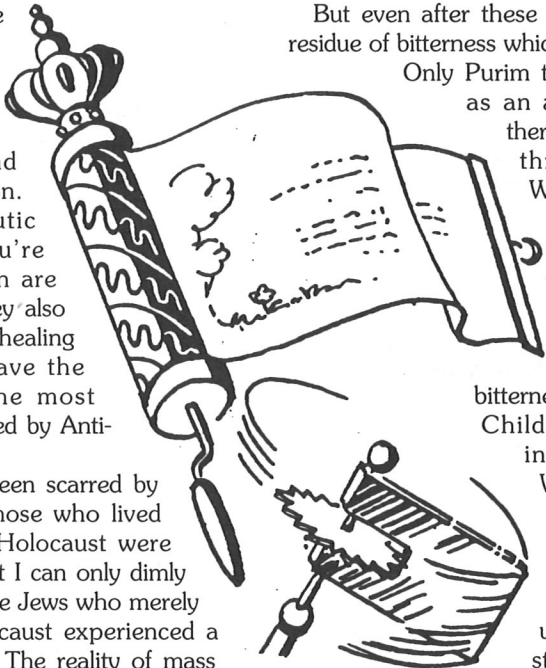
become knowledgeable Jews. We can undertake the study of the Jewish classics, the Bible, the Talmud, and Jewish philosophy. In this way we rediscover the brilliance of our heritage and the gift we have yet to share with the world. Nothing gives us more appreciation for our Jewish identities than such knowledge.

But even after these efforts, there is a residue of bitterness which may cling to us. Only Purim therapy can serve as an antidote. Purim therapy burns it away through laughter. We make fun of the Anti-Semite. We laugh at Haman. Only then are we able to let go of the last residue of bitterness that we feel. Children are crucial in this process. Without children, we adults feel too self-conscious to carry off this purging. We are uncomfortable stamping our feet, shaking our groggers.

We need our children to encourage us with their uninhibited enthusiasm, their hopeful gaiety, their playful energy.

We need to think that we are doing it for their sake, so that they will have fun at the Purim services. But we, the adults who have felt the sting of Anti-Semitism, are the true beneficiaries of this process.

Children like Purim services, but Purim services are for adults too.



Aryeh Azriel

(worship services continued)

B'nai Mitzvah of
Max McCann
son of Julie Tully and John McCann
and
Jamie Tully
daughter of Cinda and David Tully

Torah Portion: Pekude
Exodus 38:21-40:38

Friday, March 17
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:15 p.m.
Family Service

Storyteller
Rita Paskowitz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Alison and Ken Cowan in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, March 18
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Sara Elizabeth Cowan
daughter of Alison and Ken Cowan

Torah Portion: Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Welcome New Members

Leigh Goodman
Lynne and Patrick Jensen

Aryeh Azriel Rabbi
Debbie S. Stiel Rabbi
Jennifer G. Blum Cantor
Dorothy Spizman Executive Director
Iris J. Ricks Program Director
Joan Cooper Religious School
Coordinator
Elyce Azriel Middle/High School
Director

Stephanie and
Barry Grossman Youth Advisors
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Spencer Brookstein . . . Vice President
Sally Kaplan Vice President
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Andi Willensky Secretary
Dennis DePorte Treasurer
Dr. Larry Roffman Past President
Wendy Goldberg WRJ-O President
Marc Delman Men's Club President
Whitney Taxman OTYG President

Monday, March 20
7 p.m.

Megillah Readers
Colleen Kennealy and Will Wallace

Special Oneg sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Friday, March 24
8 p.m.

Jazz Shabbat
Special Guest
Mark Bloom

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, March 25
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

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

Friday, March 31
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
"Shabbat Across America"

Saturday, April 1
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Michael Andrew Belmont
son of Betsy and Ben Belmont

Torah Portion: Shemini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Additional Worship

Friday, Erev Shabbat,
March 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
conclusion, you may be home early to
enjoy a Shabbat meal and evening.

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Martha Mafoda and
her children David, Donna, and
Nicole Mafoda** who have recently
chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!

Service of Healing and Renewal

Tuesday, March 7
7 p.m.

Are you or your family coping with
illness, loss or grief?

Are you looking for a special
opportunity for spiritual renewal through
prayer, song and reflection?

Then join us for this beautiful and
inspirational bimonthly Service of Healing
and Renewal.



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
Joe Soshnik
With love from,
Miriam

David and family
Robert and family

In honor of Birthday of
Bob Newman

With love from,
Your Children and Grandchildren

Shabbat Across America

Friday, March 31

Synagogue 2000, in cooperation with
the national Shabbat Across America
program, invites you to share a special
Shabbat with your Temple Israel family.

**The evening will begin at 5:30
p.m. at Temple when we join
together as a congregation for a
short worship service. We will then
go to different congregants' homes to
enjoy a delicious Shabbat meal.**

You will soon receive an invitation to
this special event asking if you would
prefer to be a host or a guest that evening.
**Please respond as soon as you
receive the invitation because no
forms will be accepted after Friday,
March 17.**

The Shabbat Across America
Committee, Sally Kaplan, Deb Marburg,
Lee Needelman, Beth Walts, Dorothy
Spizman and Iris Ricks, is very excited
about this event and looks forward to
sharing this special evening with you!



Add these e-mail addresses
to your directory:

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Rabbi Stiel	dstiel@uswest.net
Cantor Blum	jblum@uswest.net
Iris Ricks	iricks@uswest.net
Dorothy Spizman	dspizman@uswest.net

Temple's Website
templeisrael-ne.org

A Note from the Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum



Weekend of Music, Worship, Study with Musician Mark Bloom March 24, 25, 26

If you were here last year for Mark
Bloom's Jazz Shabbat, you know what a
joyous worship service he led. Now, the
Minneapolis native returns for a full
weekend of events.

Friday, March 24 8 p.m.

Mark Bloom and I will lead a creative,
dynamic and spiritually uplifting "Jazz
Shabbat" service. Jazz Shabbat is a prayer
service which takes traditional liturgical
music and combines it with innovative and
compelling jazz arrangement. The result is
a musical service which maintains a
respect for the sanctity of worship while
generating an infectious spiritual energy
through the rhythms and harmonies of
jazz.

Saturday, March 25 7 p.m.

Youth in grades 9-12 in the Jewish
community will be invited to join Bloom at
Temple Israel for a special Havdalah and
musical concert.

Sunday, March 26 10 a.m.

The weekend will culminate in the
religious school with special musical
demonstrations for our children and their
parents.

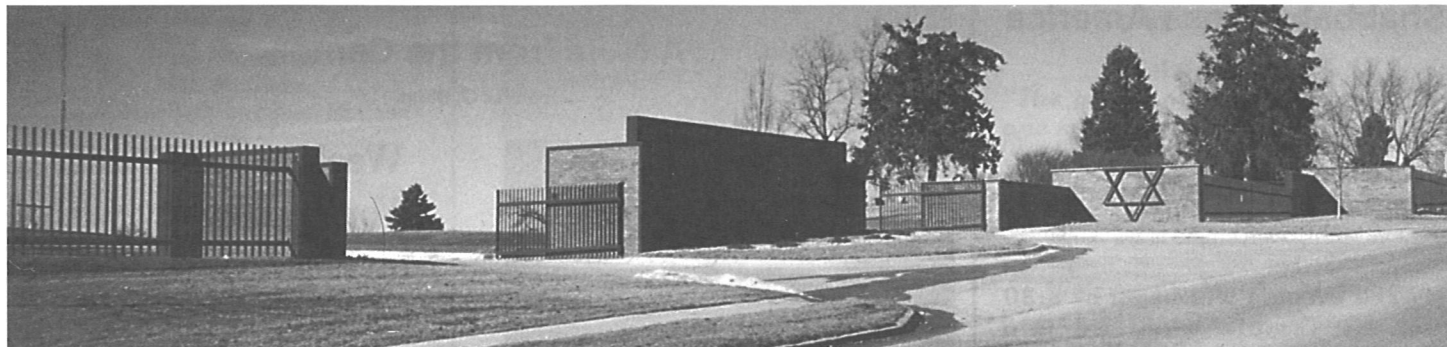
From Minneapolis, Bloom is an artist
with a broad range of musical talents. He
is a composer and sound designer and has

scored literally hundreds of stage
productions for both regional theaters and
national tours. His original music has
been heard at the Guthrie Theater,
Cricket, New Classic, History Theater,
Actors Theater of St. Paul, Orchestra Hall
and Illusion Theater, where he wrote and
performed for many of Illusion's award-
winning prevention projects.

He has served as both stage and
musical director for many musicals, variety
shows, revues and live industrials and has
also been music coordinator/director for
such varied acts as Joan Rivers, Peter
Himmelman, Noa and Gil Dor, Ron Eliran
and Second City. Bloom is extensively
involved in both secular and liturgical
Jewish music. Over the years he has
served as both cantorial soloist and choir
director working with a variety of age
groups. He is frequently commissioned to
write and arrange liturgical music and has
developed, produced and performed his
Jazz Shabbat program at congregations
across the country.

I hope you will join us for this wonderful
weekend.

**To Ensure A Future As Great As
its Past Remember Temple Israel
In Your Estate Plans**



New Entrance Enhances Temple Israel Cemetery

Last year, Temple member Phil Schrager saw a need for a new entrance to the Temple Israel Cemetery. The old entrance was dangerous and not very attractive.

After purchasing the additional land needed, Mr. Schrager met with the architect, landscaper and contractor. He presented a design to the Board of Trustees for approval and created the

beautiful and dignified new entrance.

Our congregation is grateful to Phil and Teri Schrager for the vision, initiative, and generous donation of an entrance befitting this sacred place.

Pesach Is Coming!

The first Seder will be celebrated Wednesday, April 19. 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 Shelly Fox, 397-1578, or the Temple office, 556-6536, and we will find a host family for you.

Do You Need Passover Haggadot?

Haggadot, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, may be purchased in our Temple office for \$12.00 each.

These beautiful *Haggadot* will be exquisite additions to your Seder. The *Haggadot* are illustrated by Leonard Baskin and are works of art you will be proud to own.

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

At Last! A New, Readable Family Haggadah With Something For Everyone!

- Combines tradition with teaching and humor
- Readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion. Traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest
- Traditional and children's songs, including musical scores

The *Haggadot* are available for \$8 each in the Temple office.

Volunteers Needed to Take Belvedere Academy Students to Children's Museum

April 5-6 9:30 a.m.

Last year's volunteers had a wonderful morning as they shared the fabulous Children's Museum with more than 300 students who had earned this special field trip.

Call Susie Cohn, 697-1111, or Anne Weitz, 391-1109, for information and to sign up. You will have a memorable time!

The Premier Assembly of Reform Jewish College Students from North America



The Eighth Annual Keshet Convention

March 9-11
In Cincinnati and on
the campus of HUC-JIR

All the fun of College Convention is Awaiting YOU!! Renew old friendships; create new ones.

Call the Temple office, 556-6536.
Application also on-line:
www.keshetnet.com/conventions2000.htm

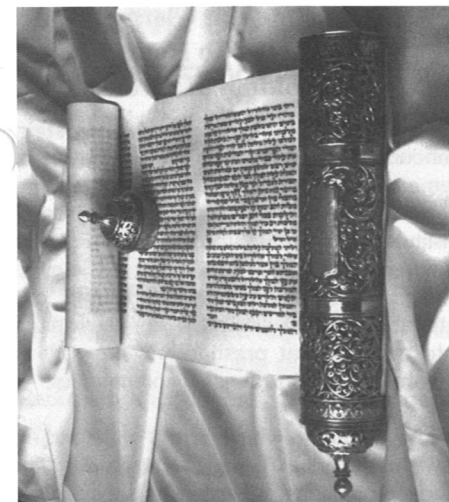
Remember Our Funds

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
- Samuel and Ida Kaiman Endowment Fund
- Landscape
- Library
- Music
- Rabbi Azriel's Discretionary
- Rabbi Stiel's Discretionary
- Cantor Blum's Discretionary
- Dorothy Spizman's Discretionary
- Outreach Fund
- Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy
- Milton and Rosalie Saylan Jewish Education Fund
- Social Justice
- Jennifer Soshnik Scholarship Fund
- Brad Sperling Memorial Fund for education of young children
- Temple Youth Group
- Elinor Whitman Religious Education
- Hermene Zweiback Fund for Lifelong Jewish Learning

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



Gift to Temple

A special recent gift to our congregation was a silver Megillah, donated by Colleen Kennealy and Will Wallace. This beautiful Scroll of Esther was purchased during the recent family mission to Israel.

Hamentashen Recipe

Hamentashen, a traditional Purim delight, is a three cornered pastry filled with mohn (poppy seed) or other sweet filling.

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 lb. mohn filling

Cream sugar, oil, and shortening. Add eggs and juice and mix well. Blend with dry ingredients and roll into a ball. Divide into four parts.

Roll out each piece very thin (approx. 1/8 inch) on a floured board. With the rim of a cup or glass (depending on desired size) cut into the dough to make circles. Place 1/2-2/3 tsp. of filling in the middle of each circle.

To shape into triangle, lift up right and left sides, leaving the bottom side down, and bring both sides to meet at center, above the filling. Lift bottom side up to center to meet other two sides.

Preheat oven to 350. Brush dough with beaten egg before baking. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake for approx. 20 minutes.

Yields 4 dozen hamentashen.

IT'S PURIM!

AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Monday, March 20

6 p.m. Box Dinner and Create your own Masks

7 p.m. Purim Spiel, Costume Parade, Reading of the Megillah, Sisterhood Oneg

Bring your own "Box Dinner"
Drinks will be provided

Please call in your reservation, 556-6536, by **Tuesday, March 14.**

Children of all ages who wear costumes to the dinner or Megillah reading will receive prizes!

Marvelous Masquerade Mystery to be Unveiled!

The professional staff is nervously awaiting their costume selection, once again. What will it be? Last year, we were greeted by characters from Disney. The prior year there were stars from Broadway musicals. And before that there were characters right out of the Book of Esther; a plethora of Elvis Presleys; characters from Star Trek, The Blues Brothers, bumblebees, pirates, and the Wizard of Oz folk. What Machiavellian machinations is the staff up to this time?

As The Grogger Turns The Reader's Digest Scroll of Esther

King Ahasuerus dethrones Queen Vashti after she disobeys his order to dance in her birthday suit at his banquet. Esther (Hadassah) is crowned queen at a beauty contest. Mordecai (Esther's uncle) refuses to bow before Haman (the king's right hand man). Haman then seeks to destroy the Jews. Mordecai appeals to Esther to save her people. (She has not yet revealed to the king that she is Jewish.) Esther, at great personal risk, approaches the king and invites him and Haman to a banquet where Mordecai is finally honored for having saved the king's life earlier. Esther's banquet is such a hit, she invites the king and Haman for leftovers. At the second banquet, Esther pleads for her people. Aghast at Haman's plans, the king grants her request and condemns Haman to die on the very gallows he built for the Jews. Everyone (except for Haman and his family) lives happily ever after.



Temple Carnival Sunday, March 19

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten children are invited to a special preview from 11:30 a.m. to Noon.

Carnival open to the community from Noon until 2 p.m.

Face painting
Rock climbing wall
Cake Walk
Clown
Balloon animals

Great food for Lunch!
Popcorn — Cotton Candy
and much more!

Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon.
Brought to you by OTYG (Omaha Temple Youth Group) and WRJ-O (Women of Reform Judaism—Omaha).



Community Purim Celebration

- Dinner • Purim Spiel
- Entertainment

Tuesday, March 21
6 p.m. J. C. C.

Sponsored by the Jewish Cultural Arts Council.

**A Service of
Repentance and
Reconciliation
Between the Catholic and
Jewish Communities**

**5 p.m.
March 8, 2000
(Ash Wednesday)**

**St. John's Church
Creighton University
24th and California Street**

Sponsored by Creighton
University's Center for the Study
of Catholicism
and the Jewish-Catholic
Dialogue Group at Temple Israel

In recognition of the new millenium and the Jubilee Year, Pope John Paul II has called for Catholics throughout the world to designate this Ash Wednesday as a day of repentance for the centuries-long Christian discrimination against and persecution of the Jewish people.

Ash Wednesday is for Christians the beginning of the long Lenten season that leads up to Easter. It is traditionally a day of fasting and reflection, a day that encourages consideration of the ways in which individuals and communities need to change in order to more fully live the law of God's love. It is a day that calls for "turning" in a new direction.

The themes of Jubilee and of "turning" and of the imperative of God's Law are familiar to the Jewish community. They are rooted deep in the life and worship of ancient Israel. They can form a bridge between the Christian and Jewish communities.

In this spirit, the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Group at Temple Israel and Creighton University's Center for the Study of Catholicism will sponsor this service of Repentance and Reconciliation.

All members of the Jewish and Christian communities of Omaha are invited.

Parking is available in the lot at the Lied Education Center for the Performing Arts, Cass and 24th Streets.

OUTREACH

Come Hear a Fascinating Discussion

Sunday, April 2 10 a.m.

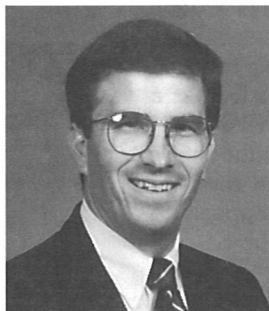
Rabbi Norman Cohen will speak on
"Stereotypes and Misconceptions of Jews
and Christians and What to do About Them"

Rabbi Norman Cohen, the spiritual leader of Bet Shalom Synagogue in Hopkins, Minnesota, will present an insightful program exploring the top ten misconceptions Christians have of Jews and the top ten misconceptions Jews have of Christians.

This program, presented at Temple Israel's 1999 Institute on Judaism for Clergy, will help foster greater understanding between Christians and Jews.

In addition to his pulpit responsibilities, Rabbi Cohen serves as Chaplain for the Minnetonka Police Department and is the author of numerous magazine and newspaper articles as well as the book "Jewish Bible Personages in the New Testament."

He has also been a faculty member at



Macalaster College in St. Paul, MN, St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, MN and at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN. Currently the president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis, Rabbi Cohen has served on the boards of many Jewish and inter-religious organizations both locally and nationally.

A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Rabbi Cohen received his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA and completed his graduate studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati where he received the degree of M.A.H.L. and his rabbinic ordination.

The entire community is encouraged to attend this special event.

Institute For Clergy Renamed To Honor Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

Temple Israel President Paul Epstein announced at the recent *azkarah*—service of remembrance for Rabbi Brooks, that the congregation's 62-year old Ministers' Institute has been renamed the Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy in recognition of the tremendous impact our late rabbi had in building this annual institute into one of great prestige and integrity in Omaha and the surrounding communities.

The Institute, which brings outstanding Jewish scholars to Temple to teach clergy of all denominations, has been held every year since 1938 with three exceptions: 1939, 1940, and 1965 (following a monumental blizzard.)

The gracious consent by the family of the late Charles and Jae Rosenstock in whose names the Institute functioned for 30 years, enabled the congregation to pay tribute to Rabbi Brooks in this most meaningful way.

Prof. Richard Freund To Be Institute Scholar

Dr. Richard Freund will speak on "Jewish and Christian Ethics for the 21st Century to area clergy at this year's Institute to be held April 7 at Temple Israel.

His topic for the morning session is "Sarah and Mary and the Women of the Bible." In the afternoon session, he will address "The Near Sacrifice of Isaac: Martyrdom, Suicide, Euthanasia and Self-sacrifice in 21st Century Jewish and Christian Ethics." Dr. Freund is the Director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies and Greenberg Professor of History at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

Please note this date change: Freund April lecture postponed until November

Professor Richard Freund was scheduled to present the last of his series of Sunday morning lectures at Temple Israel, April 9. Due to a conflict, this lecture has been rescheduled for November 12.

Dr. Freund's topic will be "The Five Greatest Women of Jewish History: Deborah, Beruriah, Dona Gracia, Gluckel of Hameln, Golda Meir."

The Sabbath Journey Group: Not for the Secular Traveler

Kathy Beauchaine

Exploring ideas, especially in community study, is a key aspect of living a Jewish life. Thus, the study group about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's book, "The Sabbath", that was held in October and November seemed an ideal way to gain knowledge and inspiration. Added to this was the appeal of two excellent lay leaders/facilitators, Lee Needelman and John Dacey.

The fact that the study group was called a "Journey Group" did not phase me. A veteran of more permutations of learning groups than I care to admit, I was willing to try something new. The Journey Group goes beyond the typical lecture or group discussion format. Perhaps the most striking features were the inclusion of opening and closing prayers and opening and closing personal comments of the participants. Between these bookends was the study of Heschel's book.

The prayers before and after study are reminiscent of the blessings before and after the Torah and Haftarah readings. Our prayers, however, were of our own choosing and sometimes of our own invention. The personal comments were optional, typically informal, and always welcomed and provided insights into the other participants. The study was unique because the entire group was composed of lay people. Our skilled and knowledgeable facilitators guided the direction of the group discussion.

As is true at the end of any great adventure, there was some hesitation in ending our Journey Group. We added a class to have one more study time and to have our Rabbi (Heschel) join us (via videotape). Then, we parted ways, knowing more about Heschel's thinking, more about our own relationship to Shabbat and more about one another.

WRJ-O

Fun(d) Raisers

New Date

Friday, March 11

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Come stitch with us! Join Elyce Azriel and Jane Rips for lunch and stitching. Bring your canvases and we will help select just the right fibers and stitches to make them come alive! Don't know how? We'll teach you all about the joys of needlepoint! Cost is \$20. Please RSVP to Stacey Rockman, 397-7930.

Temple 2000

Olympics

Saturday, June 3

New Time:

3:30 p.m.

Weinsteins' Cabin

(Near Mahoney State Park)

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Men's Club

Sunday, March 12

10 a.m. Social Hall

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

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTNOTES

Elyce Azriel, Director



Jeremiah Bleicher interviewed Sarah Lewis during the recent Youth/Senior Program. Mrs. Lewis wrote that she believed they "had a good rapport. I know I enjoyed the interview. The entire committee deserves a round of applause for excellent planning...and warm welcome by everyone."

This program was co-sponsored by Temple Israel's Caring Committee and Jewish Senior Services.

2nd Tikkun Olam Day for Middle School



Our seventh and eighth grade students visited Quality Living, a residential facility that specializes in services for young adults with brain injury, physical disabilities and multiple sclerosis.

What a wonderful way to participate in repairing of the world! *Tikkun Olam* is not something one does out of the goodness of one's heart, but rather out of one's sense of responsibility toward God and toward one's fellow human beings.

The Middle School sponsored one more *Tikkun Olam* day at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home on February 23rd.

Reminder

Rabbi Aaron Panken
"Ancient Traditions,
Modern Life Experiences:
The Teaching of Jewish Values"

Wednesday evening, March 8th
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Temple Israel Middle/High School
Parent/Student Workshop



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, March 3
and
Friday, April 7

7 p.m. Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. **Come enjoy a story with Rabbi Debbie Stiel and songs with Patty Nogg.**

Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening and Saturday morning as well as Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

Birthday Blessings

Family Service

March 17 7:15 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the month of March will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Family Service.

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator

Grade 4 Service and Luncheon Saturday, March 4

At 10:30 a.m., Fourth Grade students will conduct a Shabbat morning service that will enable them to apply their study of Hebrew prayers and Bible to actual Jewish worship. A family Shabbat luncheon will provide a wonderful opportunity for Fourth Grade Families to extend their joy. The congregation is invited to attend the Shabbat morning service. Anyone also interested in attending the luncheon should RSVP to Gloria at 556-6536 and pay in advance. [\$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children (under two -no charge)]

Grade 4 Visits Blumkin Home Sunday, March 12

Fourth Graders will again be meeting at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:15 a.m. Our students will be studying a Torah portion from their textbook, Sedra Scenes with the seniors. This intergenerational learning is a remarkable experience for everyone who participates.

Grade 6 at Jewish Federation Library Sunday, March 12

Sixth graders will begin working on Personal Research Projects with the assistance of Harris Finkelstein, our Federation Librarian. We will meet at the Library in the JCC from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Grade 5 B'nai Mitzvah Meeting Thursday, March 16

At 7:30 p.m., 5th graders and their parents will meet with the rabbis, cantor and other professional staff in preparation for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah during the 2002/2003 year.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting Sunday, March 19

Second grade parents will meet 10-11 a.m., with Rabbi Azriel and Joan Cooper to discuss ways to help their children succeed in Third grade, which marks the beginning of mid-week attendance at Religious School.

Purim Assembly Sunday, March 19

Grades 1 - 6 families will have a Purim Assembly in the Main Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. At the same time, Preschool and Kindergarten students and their parents will have a preview of the carnival, which opens to the public at Noon. See article on page 5.

Grade 6 Service and Luncheon Saturday, March 25

Members of the 6th grade class will lead the 10:30 a.m. service followed by a luncheon. Family and friends will "kvell" as they enjoy the service and lunch. Please make reservations by March 17 if you plan on attending the luncheon. (\$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children and under two, no charge).

Jazz Concert Sunday, March 26

Sunday morning religious school will continue to rock and roll with special demonstrations by Mark Bloom. Parents are invited to attend with their children. Grades 3 - 6 at 11:00-11:30 a.m. and Grades PreKindergarten - 2 at 11:30 a.m. - Noon

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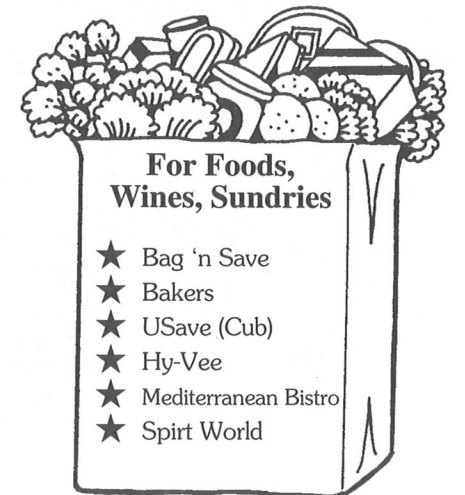
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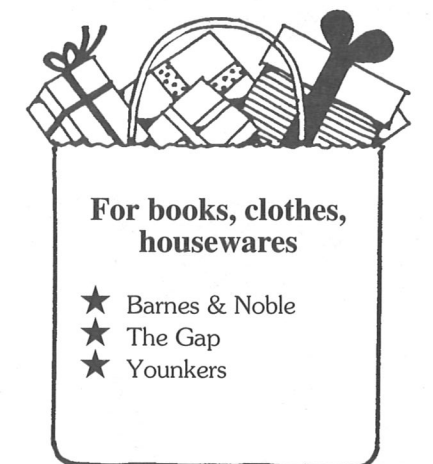
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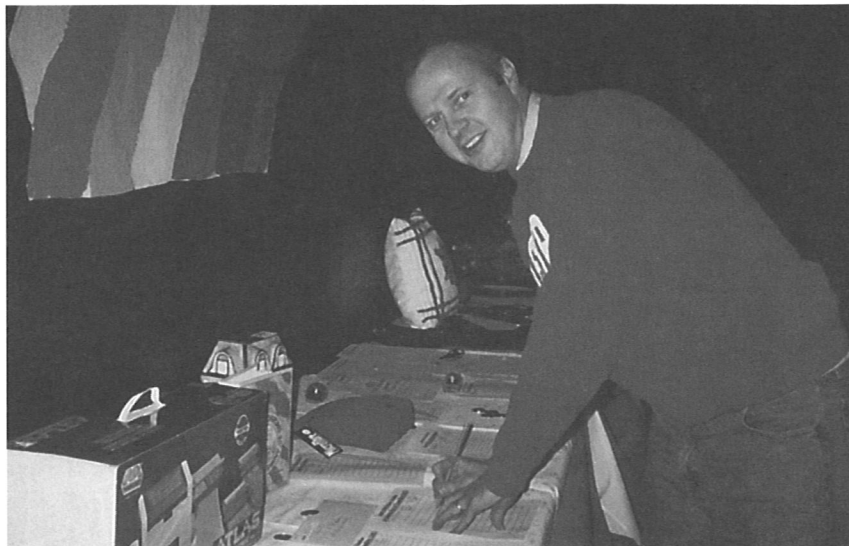


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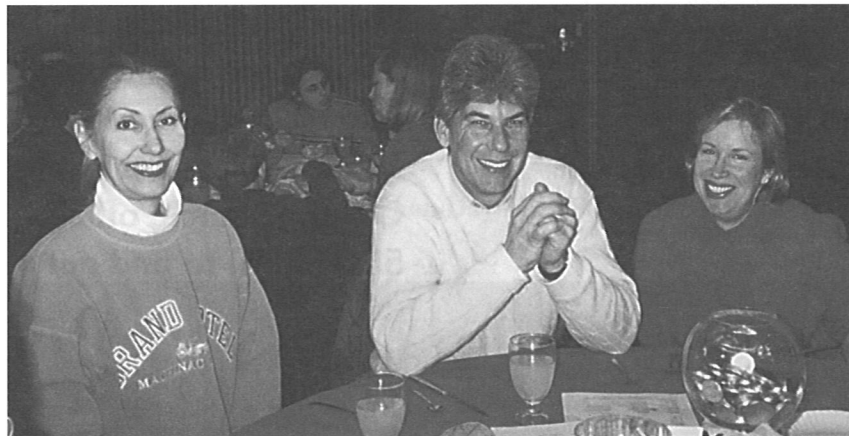
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Jim Spooner bids in the silent auction.



Loye Jaeger, and David and Andi Willensky helped support OTYG's big project.



Allie Willensky, Leora Azriel, and Shaina Meyers get ready to serve the dinner.

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Jack Hamburg, father of Marc Hamburg.

Dorothe Koren, sister of Stuart Muskin and Leonard Muskin and aunt of Bruce Muskin.

Stewart H. Gilinsky, husband of Frances "Chickie" Gilinsky, father of Larry Gilinsky and Susie Cooper, grandfather of David Gilinsky, Kevin Gilinsky, Lisa Theiss, Caryn Freirich and Terri Davis and brother-in-law of Beverly Gilinsky.

Rose Ricks Gimple, aunt of Marty Ricks and Jan Schneiderman.

Dan P. Bohbot, husband of Catherine E. Bohbot, father of Danny, Josey and Thad Bohbot, son of Menasse Bohbot and Fannie Bohbot, brother of Rachel Shapiro, Brigitte Baines, Richard Bohbot, Shawn Bohbot and Nick Bohbot.

Milton R. Abrahams, father of Joan Subrin and Phyllis MacAdam.

Lester Doucet, step-father of Sandra Keith, grandfather of Scott, Allison and Douglas Mobley.

Alvin H. Friedman, brother of Lloyd Friedman.

Ruby Christensen, mother of Sherlyn Roberts, Duane Christensen and Gary Christensen and sister of Dale Juelsgaard.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Brayden Alexander Bramhall, son of Susan and Greg Bramhall. Grandparents are Pearl and Marvin Simon, Marlies Bramhall and Frank Bramhall, Jr. Great-grandmother is Allefare Bramhall, Minnesota.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vitek. Mrs. Vitek is the former Edye Roffman. Parents are Phyllis and Normand Roffman and Joseph Vitek and the late Mary Vitek.

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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.