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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					SEPTEMBER 16 Shabbat Shuva 7:30 p.m.	17 Religious School (grades 5-7) 9-11 a.m. Shabbat Service 11:15 a.m.
18 Religious School (grades 1-4) 10-12 a.m. Cemetery Memorial Service 2 p.m.	19 TIDINGS Deadline	20 Erev Yom Kippur Services 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.	21 Yom Kippur Morning Service 10 a.m. Children's Service 1:30 p.m. Family Youth Service 2:15 p.m. Afternoon Service 3:15 p.m. Yizkor Service 4 p.m. Neilah Service 5 p.m.	22 8th/9th grade Parents meeting 7 p.m.	23 Shabbat Service @ Remington 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 8:15 p.m.	24 Religious School 9-11 a.m. Shabbat Service 11:15 a.m.
25 Children's Choir 9:15-10 a.m. Religious School (grades K-5) 10-12 p.m. Preschool 10-12 p.m. Family Sukkot Dinner & Sukkah Decorating 5:30 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service 7:30 p.m.	26 Sukkot Service 11:15 a.m.	27	28 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-8 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m.	29 Sisterhood Adult Ed 9:30-11:30 a.m. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 1:15-3 p.m.	30 Shabbat Service 8:15 p.m.	OCTOBER 1 Religious School 9-11 a.m. Shabbat Service 11:15 a.m. Bar Mitzvah Kevin Saylan Couples Club Hayrack Ride
2 Children's Choir 9:15-10 a.m. Religious School 10-12 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Service and Consecration 7:30 p.m.	3 Simchat Torah Service & Yizkor 11:15 a.m.	4 Sisterhood Board meeting 9:30 a.m. Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 p.m.	5 Religious School Open House Grades K-4 7-8:30 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m.	6 Religious School (Grades 6 & 7) 4-6 p.m. Religious School (Grades 8 & 9) 6:30-8:30 p.m.	7 Shabbat Service 8:15 p.m.	8 Religious School 9-11 a.m. Shabbat Service 11:15 a.m.

SITTER SERVICE

Sitter Service is available during Shabbat Services at Temple every Friday evening. It is also available on those Saturday mornings when a Bar/Bat Mitzvah takes place.
There will be no charge for the Sitter Service; however, voluntary donations will be appreciated at any time.
There are no facilities available for infants.

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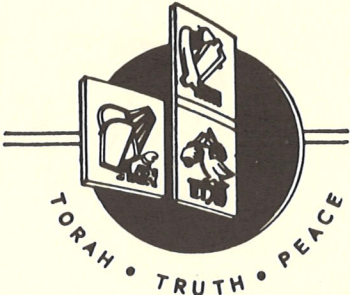
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, September 16
8:15 p.m.
SHABBAT SHUVA
A creative worship experience
for the reconsecration of
families
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood
Saturday, September 17
11:15 a.m.
Torah Portion: Vayelech
Deuteronomy 31:1-30

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday Evening
September 20
Wednesday, September 21
(See inside for details)

Friday, September 23
8:15 p.m.
Sermon:
**"THE SUKKAH: How close is
the other side of the coin?"**
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood
Saturday, September 24
11:15 a.m.
Torah Portion: Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1-52

SUKKOT

Sunday, September 25
**5:30 p.m. Box Supper
and Sukkah Decorating
7:30 p.m. Family Service**
Oneg sponsored by the
Temple Sisterhood
Monday, September 26
11:15 a.m.
Sukkot Service in Sanctuary
Adults, youth and children
are urged to attend

Please see page 2 for Schedule of
Other High Holy Day Services

AS I SEE IT

I believe people crave religious experiences. It does not suffice merely to talk about religion in the abstract with the clinical detachment of a surgeon who studies the heart apart from the body. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, the entire congregation, should have religious experiences.

How are we inspired to seek a religious experience? How are these feelings actualized? Worship is a religious experience. It does not require any theatrical skills or special training. Only honest intention. Simple words must flow from the heart and soul. A genuine expression must shape our words, deep from within our souls. Authentic worship makes us whole.

Once Albert Einstein and Albert Schweitzer vacationed together. Apparently, Schweitzer was a much more accomplished musician than was Einstein. One day, Schweitzer became so exasperated with Einstein's lack of tempo, he threw down his violin, turned to Einstein and said, "What's the matter with you, Albert. Can't you count?" The fact was that Einstein derived deep pleasure and comfort from the simple act of playing.

So, too, with the religious experience. A simple act of prayer is not judged by exacting standards like a work of art. The artistry is from our intention and not our technique. Prayer is holy because it emerges from within us. Prayer captures our deepest yearnings, our highest aspirations. Genuine prayer is couched in our real feelings. It wraps us in a garment of spirituality.

What is the raw material of the religious experience? Life itself. On this subject, we are all experts. All of us have had amazing experiences. All of us have won victories, suffered disappointments, dreamed and hoped and aspired.

Prayer should free us to rage if we like, inspire if we can, and conquer if we are able. In our Sanctuary we must take heart. We must rise to the challenge of expressing our inner-most thoughts. Let us remove the obstacles, rise above our internal resistance and stand before our God. Let us pray so that we become whole. This is truly a religious experience.

Aryeh Azriel



Friday, September 30
8:15 p.m.

Sermon:
"OH LET ME BEHOLD YOUR PRESENCE!"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Gail & Bill Friedman, Linda & Art Tilley, and Jill & Terry Chapain in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, Kevin Aaron Saylan

Saturday, October 1
11:15 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Kevin Aaron Saylan
Son of Jacki and Steve Saylan
Torah Portion: 6th Day of Sukkot
Exodus 33:12-34:26

SIMCHAT TORAH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
7:30 P.M.

CONSECRATION
New Religious School Students in Kindergarten and First Grade will be called to the Pulpit

An Oneg, sponsored by Sisterhood will follow the service

YIZKOR

Monday, October 3
11:15 a.m.

Temple members who wish to have the names of loved ones read during Yizkor may call the Temple office to have a name placed on the list. Please call by Thursday, September 29.

TRANSPORTATION

If transportation to Friday Shabbat Services is needed, please call the Temple office, 556-6536 by 5:00 p.m. on the day before you wish to attend.

Temple will arrange for a taxi to pick you up at your home and return you to your home following the Oneg Shabbat.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Temple Cemetery

Sunday, September 18
2:00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Service
Tuesday, September 20
First Service 6:30 p.m.
Second Service 8:30 p.m.

Day of Atonement
Wednesday, September 21
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

Young Children's Service
1:30-2:00 p.m.

Family Youth Service
2:15-3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Service 3:15 p.m.
Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.
Neilah Service 5:00 p.m.

SUKKOT

Harvest Festival in the Temple

Sunday, September 25
7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 26
11:15 a.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, October 2
Consecration
7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 3
Yizkor
11:15 a.m.

SHABBAT SHUVA

Family Reconsecration Service
Friday, September 16
7:30 p.m.

The Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, known as the "Sabbath of Return", emphasizes the return to those values which enhance life and its meaning. Shabbat Shuva has a special liturgy whose theme is the turning of family members to one another in understanding and compassion. The generations — grandparents, parents and children — are urged to experience the healing themes and mood of this renewing occasion on Friday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Prepare For The High Holy Days With Pre-Holiday Services

A student once asked a sage, "What is the secret for getting the most out of the experience of prayer?" The teacher answered, "I spend at least one hour in preparation."

The High Holy Days present us with wonderful moments for prayers; for giving thanks for the bounty of our lives, for reaching some critical judgments about our priorities, for struggling with who we are and who we yearn to be, and for celebrating our bond with Jewish tradition and the Jewish people. Yet the benefits of prayer do not come magically. We need to set aside time to prepare for them.

Accordingly, our Shabbat morning service on September 17 will be centered on the themes of the High Holy Days. The service will also incorporate moments of meditation and musical selections meant to prepare us for Yom Kippur.

Please join us as we prepare to "get the most" out of the experience of prayer.

1,000,000 JEWS DO NOT VOTE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION TO REGISTER JEWS

It may shock you to learn that there are as many as one million voting-age Jews not registered. Out of an estimated pool of 6 million eligible Jewish voters, as many as 25% are not registered. On top of that, many tens of thousands who are registered fail to cast their ballots.

While this decline cuts across all age groups, the two most significant groups are the 18-25 year olds and older Jews, particularly those in urban centers and/or those who have moved to sunbelt cities from the Northeast and Midwest.

In light of this situation, every congregation is undertaking a voter registration drive project.

We urge you to register and to vote on Election Day!

CANTOR'S NOTES
Harold I. Firestone

Our Rosh Hashanah services have initiated us into a worshipful mood and set the theme of repentance and forgiveness as we approach the most solemn of days — Yom Kippur. May we all meditate and pray together for the well-being of each individual and God's favor for our entire community.

As we also sing our praises to God, we hope our singing will inspire each one of us to improve ourselves through Torah, worship and loving deeds.

Our music and good works should continue throughout this year of 5749. And so, as we begin again, in our children's school year our **Temple Israel Junior Choir** will be meeting each **Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.** before the regular Sunday Religious School session. This will give those children who would like the opportunity to learn special Jewish Sabbath and holiday music to begin to share their knowledge and experiences in these pleasurable areas.

You are invited to attend — those who are already ardent members of our group — and also anyone in grades one through four who will be coming for the very first time.

Because of the growing interest in our Temple music **I am requesting those older and younger adults who would like to join together to form an adult singing group at Temple Israel to contact me.**

We are planning some fine musical programs this coming year and your support, either as a singer or in other participatory roles, would go a long way toward making this year the best yet in our musical presentations in services, concerts or other musical activities.

Let us renew ourselves and join together in worthy causes and pray this will be a productive and healthy year for all.

SUPPORT SISTERHOOD! SHOP AT THE GIFT SHOP

Sundays 10:00 a.m. — noon
Weekdays by arrangement with the Temple office

Sisterhood Sponsors Adult Education

THURSDAY MORNING CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 29
Beginning Prayer Book Hebrew
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Instructor: Elyce Azriel

"Torah Therapy"

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Instructor Rabbi Azriel

"Bintel Briefs"

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rabbi Azriel

Classes are the second and last Thursdays of each month. Attend either of the 9:30 classes and stay for the "Bintel Briefs" class.

\$5.00 registration fee. Deadline is September 23. Please call the Temple Office, 556-6536.

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT" BEGINS OCTOBER 18

Join other men and women of Temple Israel as we meet for the first luncheon and discussion in this year's series.

Rabbi Azriel will lead the discussion of current issues and events.

La Strada '72
11:30-1 p.m.

Please call the Temple office by noon, October 14, to make your reservation.

COLLEGE STUDENTS PROGRAM

An extensive program is being planned for our college students. Rabbi Azriel will be visiting some nearby campuses during the year, and he is planning events for winter break. Invitations will be issued for specific functions. In addition, college students will receive the Tidings, Chanukah and Pesach packages, and other

items of interest about Jewish life nationally.

It is important that we have the addresses of in-town and out-of-town college youth so that they may be informed of these programs and receive the materials.

Please send back the form below as soon as possible, or call the Temple office, 556-6536.

Name of Student _____

College _____ Class _____

Address _____ Box No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

PLEASURE PAC IS BACK!

Once again, Men's Club is giving you the opportunity to Help Yourself while Helping Brotherhood by offering for your purchase PLEASURE PAC entertainment coupon packages. By purchasing a coupon booklet, you will receive more than 500 coupons for dining, live theatre and music, recreation, retail and much more.

These coupon booklets are available at the Temple office for only \$20 or may be mailed to you for \$22.

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CITY _____

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CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Birth of:

Jeffrey Alan Meyerson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Meyerson, Austin, Tx. Grandparents are Al Curry, Columbia, TN, Jay Bannon, Houston, TX, Kathleen Meyerson and the late Owen Meyerson. Great Grandmother is Myrtle Curry, Austin, TX.

Michael Aaron Vann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Vann, Los Angeles, CA. Grandparents are Gloria and Donald Vann, Dr. Roberta Madison and Edward Solomon, Los Angeles, CA. Great Grandparents are Ida Rosenberg, Stella Meyer, and Grace Madison, Fort Lee, NJ.

Alyson Rose Friedman, daughter of Suzanne and Tom Friedman. Grandparents are Willard and Tham Friedman and Joe and Vi Nanfio. Great Grandparents are Sara Krasne and Rose Pach, Craig, NE.

On the Engagement of:

Kathy J. Ohsman and Louis J. Hoffman, Phoenix, AZ. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Wassekrug and the late Seymour Ohsman, and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hoffman, Wilmington, DL.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. David Brian Kreisman, St. Paul, MN. Mrs. Kreisman is the former Marcy Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Frost. Mr. Kreisman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kreisman, St. Paul, MN.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg, Mrs. Greenberg is the former Shirley Fogel.

OUR SYMPATHY

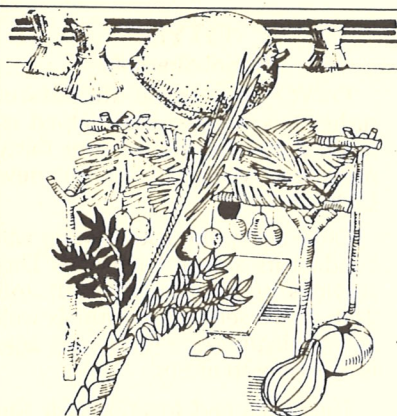
The Congregation records with sorrow the death of:

Sophie Tauben, mother of Shirley Greenberg;

Evelyn (Evvie) Rice, wife of Donald Rice, mother of James and Tom Rice, Jane Levy and Wendy Rice, daughter of, Mrs. Sarah Osoff, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice, sister of Pearl Gross, Frances Milder and Roselle Pizer and grandmother of Joshua Levy, and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Please!
Handicapped Parking
Only For
The
Handicapped



COME CELEBRATE SUKKOT

SUKKOT FAMILY SERVICE AND "BOX DINNER"

A Sukkot Family service will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m., preceded by Sukkah Decorating and a "Bring Your Own" Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Drinks will be provided by Temple and dessert will be provided by Sisterhood at the Oneg following the service.

Ellen Slosburg and Judy Siff are in charge of arrangements and they ask that you please call the Temple office, 556-6536, to make your reservations.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

As we prepare to celebrate Sukkot, the season of Thanksgiving, our concern for the less fortunate among us takes on deeper meaning. Hunger is truly poverty's child; but through our contribution of dollars and cans of food, we can join in an ecumenical religious effort to help relieve the physical and spiritual anguish of the hungry.

Temple Israel Campaign Against Hunger is designed to support the funding of emergency food pantries and nutritional and budgeting counselling, as well as to provide food in our immediate community.

Members of Temple Israel are urged to bring cans of food to our Family Sukkot Service on Sunday, September 25, 7:30 p.m. or Monday, September 26 at 11:15 a.m. and at Simchat Torah Services. In addition, it is hoped that members will send generous tax-deductible donations to Temple Israel Hunger Fund.

May the spirit of the season prompt each of us to enjoy the mitzvah of sharing our abundant blessings.

A FRIENDLY GREETING

How do we generate a little more warmth and friendliness in the Temple?

If you are not certain whether a person is a visitor or a long-time member, a word of greeting usually brings out the fact very quickly.

Watch for unfamiliar faces standing around, nursing a coffee cup or awaiting a child and looking lost. Don't stay with your tight little knot during the Oneg Shabbat or at other programs and meetings.

Tell newcomers about the various activities of our Congregation. This may be difficult: you'll first have to find out about them yourself! A friendly congregation is not a happenstance; it is **YOUR** creation!

CARING COMMITTEE

Remington Heights Shabbat Planned

Esther Canar, Caring Committee member, is working with the Omaha Temple Youth Group who will conduct Shabbat Services on Friday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m. for the Jewish residents at Remington Heights.

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Large-print copies of our regular Friday evening Shabbat Services are available for those who have difficulty seeing the print in our regular Gates of Prayer Prayerbooks. Please request one from an usher.

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Temple's own "Escort Service" needs volunteer drivers to assist homebound congregants. Phone Harriett Sperling, 553-0563 or the Temple office, 556-6536.

Would you like home hospitality for Yom Kippur?

Please call and we will make arrangements with a host family. Harriett Sperling, 553-0563
Caring Committee Chairman
Temple Office, 556-6536

PRESIDENT'S UP-DATE

Mel Epstein Board Retreat

The members of the Board of Trustees are planning a one-day retreat to discuss and review their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board. The objective of the retreat is for the Board to become more proficient in serving the Temple and its members.

The full day will begin with discussions by Rabbi Azriel and Rabbi James Simon, UAHC Regional Director, on the duties and responsibilities of the Temple to its members, to the Jewish community, and to the community as a whole. The Temple is the visible sign of Reform Judaism in all of these areas, and the board wants to ensure that we are acting in a correct and responsible manner as the representative of Reform Judaism in Omaha and the Midwest.

The second part of the day will deal with Temple's role to its "family" (the congregation), the Federation, and other synagogues and the secular community. Committee chairmen will also be discussing finances, needs of the physical plant, and of our "family" for both the immediate future and long-term.

Community Cooperation

At the August meeting of the Board of Trustees, a pledge of \$1,000 to the Building Fund of Beth El Synagogue was approved. In the letter informing Beth El of this pledge, I stated, "The Congregation of Temple Israel would like to wish you and the members of Beth El Synagogue the very best as your plans for the future turn into a reality."

"The building of a new synagogue in Omaha is a source of pride not only for its members, but for all Jews in the community. We congratulate you on your commitment to future generations of Jews in Omaha."

State-of-the-Art System Installed for the Hearing Impaired

Temple Israel has purchased the most advanced system available to aid those congregants who need additional help to hear our services. The new system enables those with hearing difficulties to sit anywhere in the sanctuary and enjoy the service. Twelve electronic hearing aids will be available to members who request one from an usher.

UAHC BIENNIAL

Several members of the Board of Trustees, along with Rabbi Azriel, will be travelling to Louisville, Kentucky October 21-23 for the 21st Biennial Convention of the Midwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The theme for the weekend is "A Look At Reform Judaism — Where Is It Going?"

This is an opportunity to meet with peers from similar-size temples, as well as to discover different kinds of programming.

If you are interested in attending this enriching weekend, please phone the Temple office for further information.

COUPLES GROUP

Temple is forming a Couples Group and we want interested couples to participate. We are meeting for a good time! Purely social! No pressure!

Our first get-together will be a Hayrack Ride on the evening of October 1. Check your mail for a flyer with the details.

If you have any questions, fail to receive the flyer, or want to participate in future get-togethers but can't in October, give any of us a call.

Jon and Berta Meyers 397-5281
Andy and Juli Fox 493-5231
Larry and Debbie Josephson
397-5227

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.

\$5.00 fund contributions:

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Charles Rosenstock
Memorial
Temple Youth Group
\$20.00 Gift of Inscribed Prayer
Book

THE HOMELESS STILL NEED OUR HELP

Please continue to bring personal care and hygiene products when you come to Temple.

Omaha's homeless desperately need these items.

Sisterhood has provided a collection basket in the hallway for your donations.

ART BEAUTIFICATION FUND

When you have a contribution to make in honor or in memory of someone, please remember the Sisterhood Art Beautification Fund. Contributions of \$3.00 each to this Fund are used for special acquisitions for the Temple. Contact Gail Kohll at 393-0294 for more information.

REFORM MOVEMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEER DOCTORS FOR ETHIOPIA

Through Project REAP (Reform Movement's Ethiopian Jewry Assistance Project), the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism sends doctors and other medical personnel to the Jewish areas of Ethiopia to provide on-the-spot medical care to Jews and non-Jews in the region. This project provides invaluable medical care in one of the poorest, most devastated areas of the world even while it provides a unique link between the beleaguered Ethiopian Jewish community and the outside world. Currently, the Center has a team of doctors in Ethiopia, but more doctors are needed.

Doctors or other medical personnel in our congregation interested in spending an extended stay (six months — all expenses paid) should contact the Center.

All inquiries regarding this program should be directed to Project REAP, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, 2027 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 387-2800.

EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Ann Kibel Schwartz,
Director of Education

It was good to go to **ERETZ YISRAEL**, the land of Israel, but it is also good to be back at **TEMPLE ISRAEL**. I learned so much in one Israel that I want to share with the other! Despite the demands of this season, the new year is traditionally the time to reflect on the past year and resolve to improve oneself. One of my resolutions is to use the Temple Tidings to share my Israel experiences.

My first experience was at the **Hebrew Union College** in Jerusalem. After 18 hours of airplanes, taxi cabs, and lobbies, the new building was like a breath of fresh air. Overlooking the old city, H.U.C. is built of the same strong stones. Its many arches and levels reflect our ancient culture, but its walkways and courtyards have a sense of openness and freedom. The space is a beautiful mix of calm and energy, reflection and action.

I was at the **Western Wall**, all that is left at the site of the ancient Temple, during Tisha B'Av. This is the anniversary of the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. Many legends were told about the first Temple being destroyed because the people turned away from Torah. But the people were faithful during the time of the second Temple. Why was it destroyed? One explanation is that this destruction was caused by hatred between brothers.

This is an important lesson for us to remember during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As we pray for forgiveness, we must first be willing to forgive others.

It is a custom for Jewish parents to instruct their children to ask their brothers and sisters to forgive them for any hurts they may have caused during the past year. The children must forgive each other.

At this new year, let us each resolve to be forgiving to others. We must pray for the strength to overcome our own hatred before we can begin to overcome the hatred of others. This, I believe, is the first step toward peace. Shalom!

SCHOOL NEWS — WHAT'S HAPPENING

PARENT OPEN HOUSE DATES:

8 & 9th Grades: Thursday,
September 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
K-4 Graders: Wednesday, October
5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
5-7 Graders: Parent's Day — Sat.,
Oct. 22, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STARTS SOON!

We don't want to leave any Temple Israel child out of our exciting plans for the coming year. Parents, please, call the office to register your child **before** our monthly classes begin **September 25**.

FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Opening Day

Kdg. and Preschool	
Sunday, 10-Noon	Sept. 25
Grades 1-4	
Sunday, 10-Noon	Sept. 18
Grades 5-7	
Saturday, 9-11 a.m.	Sept. 17
Grades 8-9	
Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Oct. 6

HEBREW SCHOOL

Ketah Aleph (Grade 4)	
Wednesday, 4-6	Oct. 12
Ketah Bet (Grade 5)	
Tuesday, 4-6	Oct. 11
Ketah Gimmel (Grade 6)	
Thursday, 4-6	Oct. 6
Ketah Daled (Grade 7)	
Thursday, 4-6	Oct. 6

CLASSES FOR TODDLERS AND PARENTS

Begin October 9, 10 and 12.

Sundays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
for 18-30 mos.
Mondays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
for 12-24 mos.
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
for 24-36 mos.

Shirley Goodman is continuing as facilitator. Enrollment is limited and classes fill up quickly. Call the Temple office for more information and registration forms.

CONSECRATION — OCTOBER 2ND

Kindergarten students and new first graders will be Consecrated during Simchat Torah Services on Sunday, October 2, 7:30 p.m. Consecrants will bring cans of food to the Ark. They will be blessed, receive miniature Torahs, and lead the Congregation in song. **IMPORTANT:** Parents of children to be Consecrated who are not already registered for Kindergarten should contact us immediately so that these children can be included in rehearsals and other preparations for this special event.

SIMCHAT TORAH will be celebrated not only on the **eve** of the holiday, Sunday, October 2. A special service will also be held on Monday morning, October 3 at 11:15 a.m. We encourage parents to attend with their children.



Teen Teaching Assistants for our Religious School:

From the top left: Mordy Schwartz, Sam Passer, Keri Saltzman, Stephanie Krieger, Lisa Shulman, Adam Rissien. Middle row: Adam Haber, Shana Sacks, Ted Fellman, Jeff and Bengy Engel, Andy Wigodsky. Bottom: Lindsey Taxman, Stacie Katelman, Amy Perlmetter, Rikki Epstein, Danny Wisnosky.

Memories of Israel



Temple Israel students shared their thoughts and reactions to the recent community-wide teen trip to Israel. Here is a sampling of their memories:

One Shabbat that will stick with me for the rest of my life was the one in front of the Western Wall . . . Now back in Omaha, I will go to school and then out on the weekends. But on Friday night, I will recognize that it is Shabbat and remember the experience I had!

The trip gave me a chance to explore my roots, to better understand my heritage and to feel what being Jewish is all about.

The visit to Yad Vashem was sad and thought-provoking. The sight of the pile of shoes and the plaques will be with me forever.

Climbing Masada at dawn was an experience I'll never forget.

One point that I made to my mother was the excitement in the air prior to Shabbat.

The most memorable summer of my life was spent these past three weeks in the Jewish homeland: Israel.

Another memorable experience is that of the Western Wall. It gave me the shivers as I approached it and placed my prayer in the cracks.

Perhaps one of my most chilling memories is Yad Vashem — the Holocaust Museum . . . This Museum really hit me and, I think, most of our group.

As I walked through [Yad Vashem], there was a silence you could hear. There were groups of varied nationalities, speaking varied tongues, yet the atmosphere of the Museum leveled all our differences.

As I walked through [the newly-constructed Children's Memorial], I clutched the railing . . .

To this day, I cannot find words to adequately describe my feelings.

Going to Israel taught me so much . . . I will never forget the sights that I saw and the things I experienced while in Israel.

I love children so much and seeing the six enlarged pictures, as we walked in, of children who looked as if they knew they would never pray again, was extremely emotional.

I never knew how many people fought and died to make Israel from a dream into a reality until I visited the military cemetery.

Now that I have visited Israel, I understand why the Theodore Herzl quote, "If you will it, it is no dream," is so important to the Jewish people.

Impressive, speechless, breathtaking, heritage, tradition, Judaism, bond, friendship, fun and hiking. Those are just some of the terms that come to mind as I recall the 21 days I just spent in Israel.

OTYG

Tiffani Sherman

OTYG held three successful rushes this summer that helped us reach a membership of over thirty members. Welcome to the new OTYGers!!

Once again, the youth group will conduct its annual High Holy Day services on September 12th and 21st. These services are fun as well as meaningful so, anyone, any age, is welcome to attend.

The dates and locations for the upcoming conclaves are:

Fall Conclave — Nov. 4-6 Wichita, Kansas

Winter Conclave — Dec. 23-28 Omaha, Nebraska!!!

We need all of the members' help for winter conclave. Please attend the first organizational meeting on September 11th at 1 p.m. at Temple. Call Marcia at 592-2625 or Keri at 334-1014 if there are any questions concerning the youth group.

THERE IS LIFE AFTER CONFIRMATION!

Twenty-four post-Confirmation students met at Rabbi Azriel's house on August 29 to discuss ideas for continuing their Jewish education. They planned an exciting course of study which will culminate in a five day trip during spring vacation in Washington, D.C. They will work with the Social Action Network and lobby on Capitol Hill. Other post-Confirmation students who want to become involved are welcome. Please call Rabbi Azriel, 556-6536, for more information.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE A BIBLE QUIZ WINNER

Ninth through twelfth graders can enter the B'nai Brith Bible Quiz being held on December 11 by calling the Temple Israel office for a registration form. Cash — \$500 first, \$300 second, \$200 third and \$100 fourth — is not the only reward. Every participant is a winner because they will have gained new knowledge and new friends. Rabbi Azriel's special class for participants starts soon, so don't delay!