

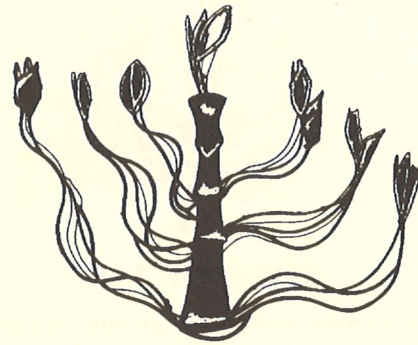
TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			APRIL	30	MAY	2
			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.	Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 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.	1 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Andrea Comisar
3 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon AOL 10 a.m.	4	5 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	6 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-6 p.m. High School and Dinner Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	7 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 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.	8 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	9 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Sherman
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17 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 and Parents 10-Noon "Family Tour of Israel"	18	19 Food for Thought - 11:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	20 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10-Noon TIGGS 12 Noon Religious School Grade 8 4-5:30 p.m. @ Ben-Yaacov's High School OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	21 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 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.	22 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah	23 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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31 Shavuot Morning Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	JUNE 1 Golf Outing 1 p.m. @ Highland Country Club	2 AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	3 Religious School Grade 10 6:30-8:30 p.m.	4 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Torah Tots Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:30-8:30 p.m.	5 Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. High School Graduation	6 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Langnas



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, May 1
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

**Israel's 50th Anniversary
Special Prayers and Songs
featuring Bonia Shur's Hallel Service
written for choir, violin, cello, bass,
marimba and classical guitar**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Remer
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their
great-granddaughter

Saturday, May 2
10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of
Andrea Jill Comisar
daughter of Cheril and Frank Comisar

Simcha B'shabbat
(Text Study and Service in the Chapel)

Torah Portion: Tazria/Metzora
Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Friday, May 8
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Debra and Mark Sherman
and Annette and Herb Lewis in honor of
the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Sherman

Saturday, May 9
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Benjamin Lee Sherman
son of Debra and Mark Sherman

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

Torah Portion: Achare Mot/Kedoshim
Leviticus 16:1-20:27

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AS I SEE IT...

Not since the Lebanese war has the Jewish community experienced such anguish or internal conflict. Rabbis reflect the discordant and increasingly polarized views of layman and Israelis who are perhaps even more at odds with one another than are American Jews.

A colleague called recently to ventilate his anger against Israel's policy, in his words, of violently repressing the Arab population. I listened to his harsh condemnation. He advocated that Jews cut off contributions to their local federation. I asked him: "Do you feel your freedom to speak from the pulpit on controversial political issues should be threatened by those who refuse to pay their congregational dues? By the same token, how can you, therefore, refuse to pay your Jewish community dues?"

The Jewish Federations serve more purposes than economic support for Israel's social structure. Without reviewing here the myriad institutions and purposes, let me cite only two: aiding Jewish families through Jewish Family Service agencies, and secondly, saving Jewish lives - most recently and dramatically the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry. Is not the cutting off of funds from these life-saving projects morally abhorrent?

To the contrary, instead of cutting our tzedakah to the Jewish Federation in particular, we are obliged to recognize tzedakah is a bottom line Jewish commitment.

Giving to the Federation and your synagogue is Jewish taxes. Jewish taxes are an expression of moral idealism. Not to pay them should provoke internal moral debate on the most intense level. But there may be moments in history of such moral magnitude that one must refrain from paying taxes as a last resort protest. Each of us must examine our conscience to determine when such a moment has arrived.

Where do I come out then on the issue of using economic pressure to influence public policy of the American or Israeli governments? Of course, there is a place and time for using one's economic power. For the love of my country, human dignity, justice and freedom, for the love of my people in Israel, I would use economic power to influence policy that I believe is destructive.

My public support for UJA does not preclude some reservations. I'm pleased that there are increasingly competing vehicles for American Jewish support. Sometimes UJA, with its necessary bureaucratic procedures, overlooks worthy new efforts to deal with social problems in Israel. These new and competing vehicles may sensitize us to new possibilities for tzedakah. As for me, this year I shall increase my contribution to the Federation.

But, I am opposed to Prime Minister Netanyahu's defense of the status quo. The status quo is morally coercive. Clearly, it is imperative that Israel gives decisive evidence of its commitment to peace. Somewhere, while Netanyahu says no, a loud yes must be heard. This he has failed to do.

Nevertheless, to this day and despite the turmoil of the past months, I am proud, genuinely proud, of the moral stature of the people of Israel. I thank God for the State of Israel. I think, for the example of what a beleaguered people can do to give life to a dead land and a decimated folk, all humankind must thank God for the State of Israel. Happy Birthday at 50!

Aryeh Azriel

Worship Continued

Friday, May 15

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

Family Shabbat Service
7:30 p.m.

Members of the Temple Israel Family School will conduct the Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Bonnie Schweid, Jeff Schweid and Sharon Sobel in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sara Schweid

Saturday, May 16
10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of
Sara Schweid
daughter of Bonnie Schweid,
Jeff Schweid and Sharon Sobel

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

Torah Portion: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Friday, May 22
7:30 p.m.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah
(See page 3)

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 23
10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Behar/Bechukotai
Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Friday, May 29
8 p.m.

Torah Study with
Rabbi Josh Zweiback, Rabbi Dennis Eisner,
Jacqueline Hantgan and
Tamara Lustgarten Gropper

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the congregation in honor of
Lonnie Williams III

Saturday, May 30
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
Benjamin Harris Taxman
son of Sherry and Jeffrey Taxman

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

Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Saturday, May 30
7:30 p.m.
Service of Confirmation

Reception following the Ceremony
Sponsored by parents of the Confirmands

Sunday, May 31
10:30 a.m.
Yizkor

Torah Portion: Exodus 19:1-8; 20:1-14

TEMPLE TO HONOR LONNIE WILLIAMS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Join our congregation as we thank
Lonnie Williams for his long-time service
to our members.

A special presentation will be made
during the 8 p.m. service, and Lonnie will
be honored at the Oneg Shabbat following.



TOT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, May 1
and
Friday, June 5

7:00 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer,
followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers
through children in the primary grades are
encouraged to bring their families.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Michael Silverman

Aryeh Azriel.....Rabbi
Debbie S. Stiel.....Rabbi
Sidney H. Brooks.....Rabbi Emeritus
Erik L.F. Contzius.....Hazzan
Ann Kibel Schwartz...Dir. of Education
Dorothy Spizman Executive Director
Elyce Azriel.....High School Director
Max Sparber.....Youth Advisor
Dr. Larry Roffman President
Dr. Michael Walts.....Vice President
Paul Epstein.....Vice President
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



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 70th birthday of
Maynard Telpner**

With love from, family and friends

**In celebration of the life of
Eileen Erman**

Love from, Nancy and Don Greenberg

**In honor of 75th birthday of
Sherm Sperling**

Love from, his friends

**In honor of
50th wedding anniversary of
Helen and Ben Rifkin**

With love from, friends and family

**In honor of Rose Pitlor's
special birthday**

With love from, family and friends

**In honor of our
parents and grandparents**
With love from, Susie and Mike Norton
and family

**A life of vitality,
compassion and good cheer**
Jerome Cohn
From Phil Sokolof

UNION PRAYER BOOK SERVICE

Friday, May 15
5:30-6:15 p.m.

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.

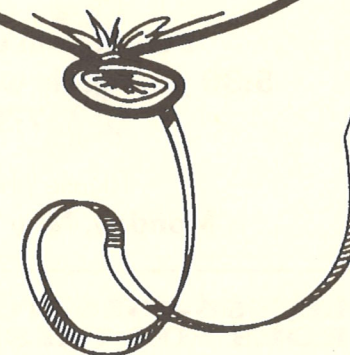
SAVE THE DATE JUNE 7

127TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION

**and—A special program honoring
Rabbi Azriel's 10 years at Temple Israel**

Following the short annual meeting and
election of officers and trustees, there will be a
few surprises, merriment and warmth as we
celebrate the past decade. A special dessert
reception will conclude the evening.

Watch the mail for your invitation.
We urge you to respond early
because seating is limited!



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:

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Cemetery Improvement
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Rabbi Stiel's Discretionary
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Hazzan Contzius' Discretionary
Ann Kibel Schwartz' Discretionary
Dorothy Spizman's Discretionary
Charles and Jae Rosenstock
Memorial
Social Justice
Jennifer Soshnik Scholarship
Fund
Brad Sperling Memorial Fund
for education of young children
Temple Youth Group
Elinor Whitman
Religious Education
\$25.00 Gift of Inscribed Prayer Book

TEMPLE ISRAEL TO HOLD ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 22 7:30 p.m.

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, coordi-
nated by Rabbi Debbie Stiel, was taught by
the Temple Israel clergy, several guest lec-
turers and Elyce Azriel. They have met
regularly since Fall, 1997, and their cur-
riculum has included the study of Hebrew,
Torah, midrash, rabbinics, history and
Reform Judaism.

B'nai Mitzvah are: Rosana Aronson,
Doris Alloy, Mardee Brechwald, Deborah
Brookstein, John Dacey, Robin Dwinell,
Stephanie Grossman, Sally Kaplan, Angela
Krieger, Joan Marcus, Lee Needelman,
Sandra Passer, Jane Rips, Mimi Rogers,
Beth Walts and Nancy Wolf.

The class hopes you can join them on
May 22 as they celebrate their B'nai
Mitzvah.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tuesday, May 19

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

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

Hazzan Contzius will lead a discussion
of current issues and events.

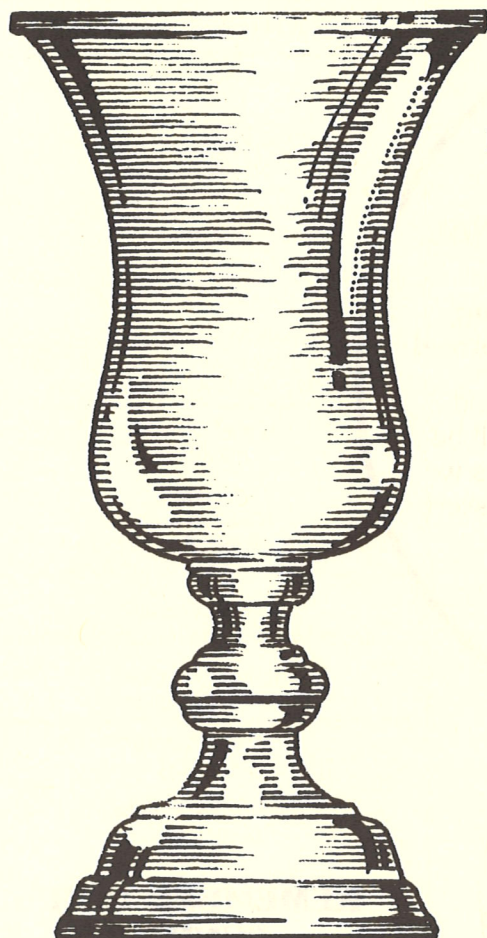
Celebrate Israel's 50th this weekend with 4 great musical events at the J.C.C.!

May 2

"Mah Tov," a Jewish rock and roll
band with Temple's Josh Zweiback, will
perform after the 9:30 p.m. community
Havdalah service.

May 3

1:30 p.m. - concert with "Tuffy's Group"
led by Tuffy Epstein.
3:30 p.m. - family concert with
"Mah Tov"
7:30 p.m. - "Israel: 50 Years of Song"
with composer and entertainer
Donny Maseng.



FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

MAY 15 7:30 p.m.

Families who participate in Temple's unique Family School will lead this special worship service that will appeal to all generations

Children with May birthdays will receive a special blessing.

Take this opportunity to bring your family and increase your understanding of the Shabbat worship experience.

Make Shabbat even more special by joining others at a congregational dinner preceding this service.

6:30 p.m.

\$7.50 - Adults

\$4.00 - Children grade 6 and under

No charge age 2 and under

Plan to join us for dinner following the 5:30 p.m. early worship service or preceding the 7:30 family service

Please phone the Temple office by **Monday, May 11**, to make your reservations.

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Barnes & Noble	x \$10	\$	x \$10	\$	Monthly
Bakers	x \$25	\$	x \$25	\$	Quarterly
The Gap	x \$20	\$	x \$20	\$	
Cub Foods	x \$25	\$	x \$25	\$	
Hy-Vee	x \$25	\$	x \$25	\$	
Spirit World	x \$25	\$	x \$25	\$	
Younkers	x \$25	\$	x \$25	\$	
Younkers	x \$100	\$	x \$100	\$	
Plus postage (choose one)			Postage		
Regular \$.50		\$	Regular		\$
Certified \$1.50		\$	Certified		\$
Total		\$	Total		\$

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Please charge my VISA or Mastercard (circle one.)

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TEMPLE ISRAEL TO HOLD FIRST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

On Friday evening, June 5, Temple Israel High School will graduate 11 seniors. They all will participate in this special milestone in their continuing religious education through presentations, speeches and remarks from the professional staff and peers.

This service is designed to honor our high school seniors who have maintained their commitment through active participation in the school. No doubt remains as to the meaning of Temple Israel to these remarkable students. We commend them and encourage them to take the foundations of Jewish learning and build on them for their future. Temple Israel offers a mazel tov to our graduates and their families.

Graduate

Megan Adams
Aryn Brechwald
Mark Gelbman
Becky Goldberg
Aaron Hardwick
Alan Josephson
Jessica Krieger
Travis Lewis
Alissa Manvitz
Jill Sherman
Glenn Wigodsky

Parents

Bettie and John Adams
Mardee Brechwald and Ray Brechwald
Julie and Andrew Gelbman
Jennine and Marvin Goldberg
Susan and George Hardwick
Debbi and Larry Josephson
Angela and Stan Krieger
Lisa and Denny Lewis
Wendy and Todd Manvitz
Claudia and Marc Sherman
Patsy Wallace and Steve Wigodsky

May they go from strength to strength.

Special Thanks To 1997/98 - 5758 Room Parents

Our Room Parents have made a big difference to our Religious School in so many ways, providing direction to volunteers who help with field trips, preparation for special events, and activities in the classrooms, etc. The efforts of these parents helped to make Temple a home-away-from-home for all our children. ROOM PARENT CO-CHAIRMEN: **Shelly Fox and Laurie Clark**. PRE-KINDERGARTEN: **Stephanie Saferstein and Lisa Scheet**. KINDERGARTEN: **Julie Martin and Allison Latenser**. GRADE 1: **Cindy Goldberg and Bev Schwartz**. GRADE 2: **Laurie Clark and Betsy Heyman**. GRADE 3: **Margo Parsow and Lesley Slutzky**. GRADE 4: **Kathy Beauchaine and Marti Harris**. GRADE 5: **Shelly Fox, Betsy Belmont and Lee and Howard Needelman**. GRADE 6: **Mimi Rogers, Debi Smedlund and Nancy Wolf**. GRADE 7: **Amy Katz and Deb Sherman**. GRADE 8: **Karen Lavitch**. Partnership between parents and teachers has been a key factor in our success as a Religious School.

Special Thanks to Teachers and Staff

One of our greatest assets is our Religious School faculty. Our teachers really care and guide our students to grow more each year. THANK YOU: **Elyce Azriel**, Grade 6; **Miriam Ben-Yaacov**, Grade 8; **Vicki Chesen**, Pre-Kindergarten; **Steve Danon**, Grade 2; **Pam DePorte**, Grade 1; **Debbie Friedman**, Kindergarten; **Dora Goldstrom**, Grade 1; **Rini Gonsher**, Grade 2; **Stephanie Grossman**, Grade 7; **Anne Joseph**, Grade 3; **Fritzi Luefschuetz**, Grade 4; **Marvin Parilman**, Grade 4; **Doris Parker**, Grade 3; **Gilda Pieck**, Grade 5; **Ann Kibel Schwartz**, Grade 8 and Family School; **Don Schwartz**, Grade 5; **Max Sparber**, Grades 6 and 8; **Joseph Weiss**, Grade 7; **Maya Wertheimer**, Grade 5. Apprentice Teachers: **Colleen Kennealy**, **Traci Kutler**, **Melany Weinstine** and **Chantal Samuel**. Learning Specialist, **Eileen Kader**; Dance Specialist, **Cheryl Lerner**; Music Specialist, **Jeff Taxman**. Special Aides: **Chantal Samuel** and **Sheila Kenny** and Religious School Coordinator, **Joan Cooper**.

Also, Madrichim, our teen assistants, make a big difference. Thank you: **Allyson Freeman, Jennie Gates, Becky Goldberg, Max Goldberg, Alan Josephson, Melissa Josephson, Diana Manvitz, Tamara Meyers, Annie Muskin, Jamie Skog, Whitney Taxman, Steve Sternberg, Amy Willensky and Aaron Wolfson**.

Special Thanks to the Religious School Committee

Behind the scenes and generally out of the spot light, are the devoted members of the Religious School Committee. They set policies and support Ann Kibel Schwartz, our Director of Education, in developing some of the finest Jewish curriculum and programs available in the world. THANK YOU: **Mitzi Delman**, Chairman, **Jeff Smedlund, Laurie Clark, Sandy Epstein, Judith Feigin, Sue Finkle, Shelly Fox, John Glazer, Dora Goldstrom, Donna Greenberg, Kathy Beauchaine, Mary-Beth Muskin, Ann Noodell, David Noodell, Bev Schwartz, Claudia Sherman, Mike Walts, and Amy Willensky**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten PATT. Sunday, May 3
Pre-Kindergarten parents will meet with Rabbi Debbie Stiel at 10 a.m. in the chapel. This will be the last of a series of discussions geared to parents of Pre-Kindergartners.

Grade 2 Parents Meeting Sunday, May 10
At 10 a.m., second grade parents will meet with Rabbi Azriel and Ann Kibel Schwartz to discuss ways to help their children succeed in third grade, which marks the beginning of mid-week attendance at Religious School.

Grade 6 Shabbat Clubs. Saturday, May 2, 9 and 16
Each of these dates will begin with brunch at 9:15 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., 6th grade students will begin to take turns giving their oral reports on their Individual Research Projects. At 10:30 a.m., we will attend Shabbat services together.

Registration for 1998/99
In mid-March, registration packets were mailed to all Religious School families. If any family did not receive a registration packet for the coming school year, please call Gloria Ketter at Temple Israel at 556-6536. Our goal is 100% registration by May 17, the last Sunday of Religious School.

If you have questions about 1998/99 Family School, call Ann Kibel Schwartz or stop in after Sunday Religious School, May 3 and 10.

Family Passport Photos May 3 and 10
Every family will need a "passport to travel to Israel" on the last Sunday of religious school, Sunday, May 17. Passport photos will be taken in advance: May 3 and 10. Before and after school (9:30 to 10 a.m. and Noon to 12:30), we will be set up to take family photos free of charge.

Family School Shabbat Friday, May 15
The entire congregation is invited to dine and to worship together at a Shabbat dinner and service. RSVP by May 11 for the 6 p.m. dinner. The 7:30 p.m. Shabbat services will be conducted by members of the Family School.

"Tour Of Israel" Sunday, May 17
At 10 a.m., Religious School families will "board" an "El Al airplane" (the main sanctuary of Temple Israel) for a very special trip to Israel. Each classroom and meeting room in the building will be transformed into a different location in Israel. A wide variety of hands-on activities are planned.

8th Grade Party Wednesday, May 20
Miriam Ben-Yaacov, Poet-in-Residence, will host a closing party in her home for 8th grade students, 4-5:30 p.m. This will culminate a year of study together.

Last Day for Grades 3-7 Thursday, May 21
A variety of closing activities are planned and special refreshments will be served on Thursday, May 21, as a closure for grades 3 through 7.

Hebrew Fun Days Begin June 18
Summer is a great time for students to keep up with their Jewish identity and their Religious School friends. Every Thursday, from June 18 through August 6, 1-3 p.m., Ann Kibel Schwartz and Joan Cooper will conduct summer activities for students in grades 3-6. Activities will focus on arts and crafts, movement and music to strengthen Hebrew skills. The \$5.00 fee for each session will cover the cost of snacks and supplies. Please register in advance by calling the Temple Office. This is a great opportunity to keep up Hebrew skills and to have some summer fun. One make-up credit will be given for each session attended.

Summer Services
Attending Shabbat services during the summer months, Fridays at 7:30 p.m., or Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., is another important way to keep Hebrew prayer skills sharp and to start the school year in the fall with full confidence.

"COLLEGE:
THE NEXT STEP -
THE JEWISH PIECE"

Elyce Azriel

May 6, Jewish Family Service, Temple Israel, Beth El and Beth Israel will sponsor a "Senior Only" night at Temple Israel. All high school seniors and their parents are invited; invitations will be going out to all graduating seniors.

For many Jewish students, college offers many choices regarding their faith. Because they are away from their parents, who may previously have served as the motivating factor for religious observances, some Jewish students become less observant. Others, faced with opportunities to become more involved in the Jewish community on campus, seize chances to take their faith further. Whatever the path students choose to follow with Judaism, college serves as a crucial point in their religious development.

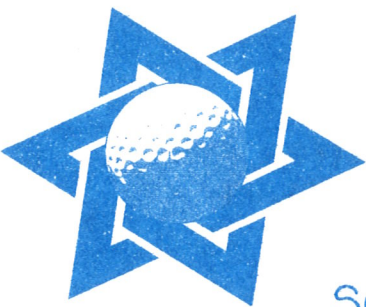
Fortunately, there are programs offered on campus which can help students, often far from home, maintain their religious identities, whether Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. One such place is the Hillel House on campus. Hillel Houses organize activities to get Jewish students acquainted with each other. On certain campuses, Hillel Houses offer kosher meals for students and conduct services for students who don't go home for the holidays.

Ms. Ayelet Goldberg, program director at KU's Hillel will be joining us to discuss, "How do Jewish kids connect on campus? What Jewish experiences have kids had on campus? Can I meet Jewish kids if I'm not in the Greek system? What is Hillel all about?"

Another presenter during the evening will be Rabbi Gary Zola, National Dean of Admissions, Student Affairs and Alumni Relations at Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Zola will address, "Why one connects Jewishly in college and Now that I've been accepted at a college, why worry about the Jewish stuff?"

Also joining us will be Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity Executive Director Sidney Dunn. He will speak about "The Jewish fraternities and sororities on campus: are they a viable option for you?"

PLAY IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 1998 GOLF OUTING!
AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES



Date: MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1998

Place: HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB

SCHEDULE: NOON FOR LUNCH
1:00PM SHOTGUN

FUN, GAMES, RAFFLES
HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS
5:30 COCKTAILS
6:00 DINNER

COST: \$100 PER PLAYER

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SOCIAL ACTION AND MUSIC PROGRAMMING

"We need your support,
it's the RIGHT thing to
do and you'll have a
good time."
Aryeh

Details, Details!!
Monday, June 1st Highland Country Club 126th and Pacific
Registration begins at 12:00pm Shotgun start at 1:00pm Cocktails at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:00pm
Cost: \$100 per person Dinner Only: \$35 Cash Bar
Package includes: BBQ Lunch, Driving Range Privileges, 18 Holes Golf w/cart, Deluxe Dinner and Awards Banquet
Playing spots filled on a first come, first served basis.
Bring lots of \$\$ for raffle and wagering events, mulligans and surprises.

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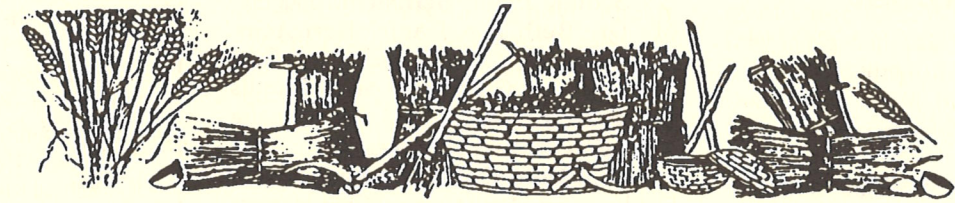
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Shavuot – שבועות



ENTIRE CONGREGATION INVITED TO CONFIRMATION

Saturday, May 30 7:30 p.m.

It has been a long-standing tradition for the congregation to support our confirmands and to share this high point in their commitment to Judaism.

Join them, their families and friends, and fellow congregants in this beautiful, joyous Shavuot service.

Following the service, the confirmands' parents invite everyone to a special Oneg.

CONFIRMANDS

Benjamin Bleicher
Lauren Brown
Jeremy Chasen
Mathew Chasen
Julie Coren
Allison Fine
Jay Kulakofsky
Joshua Needelman
Tara Renstrom
Whitney Taxman
Michelle Taylon

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Mary Ann and Charles Taylon

KAVOD KALLAH....

Be part of this first weekend of intensive study in observance of Shavuot

Shavuot celebrates our receiving the Torah; and thus, Torah study is the most appropriate way to commemorate this special day.

Temple Israel invites you to share Shavuot with four teachers-in-residence: Temple's own Rabbi Josh Zweiback, Rabbi Dennis Eisner, Jacqueline Hantgan, and Tamara Lustgarten Gropper who have worked with Temple Israel staff to create the first annual KAVOD KALLAH study weekend.

The excitement begins Friday, May 29, at services. The teachers-in-residence will lead Torah study during the worship.

Learning continues Saturday morning in the Simcha B'Shabbat as we explore themes of Revelation, Kavod (human dignity) and tzedakah.

Finally, join these young educators for an invigorating evening study session immediately following the Confirmation service and reception. There will be opportunities for family study throughout the KAVOD KALLAH weekend, so bring your young ones along.

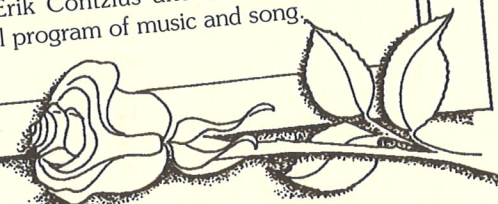
This will mark Josh's debut as Rabbi Zweiback—ordination is May 17. He is founder and executive director of KAVOD, an Omaha-based tzedakah collective administered by Hermene Zweiback and fellow KAVOD board members who will be at Temple for the Kallah study weekend.

Rabbi Zweiback has just accepted the position as Director of Adult Learning at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, CA. Rabbi Dennis Eisner is the new director of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. Jacqueline Hantgan has an M.A. in anthropology and education and is a teacher at a Jewish day school. Tamara Lustgarten Gropper holds an M.A. in Jewish education and has been a Jewish day school teacher.

See you on Shavuot!

A REMINDER... MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 10 3 p.m.

Come to Temple with your family as we welcome the return of Cantor Hal Firestone, whose compositions will be performed by Hazzan Erik Contzius and Tamara Field in a wonderful program of music and song.



MAZEL TOV TO MARCH MADNESS WINNERS!

Bonnie Sullivan was first place winner, receiving \$100 in certificates. Ellie Penner won second place, \$25; Lori Bennett and Elly Bleicher received \$10 certificates.

Thanks to all who bought certificate during this special promotion. Proceeds go to Temple's camp scholarship fund!

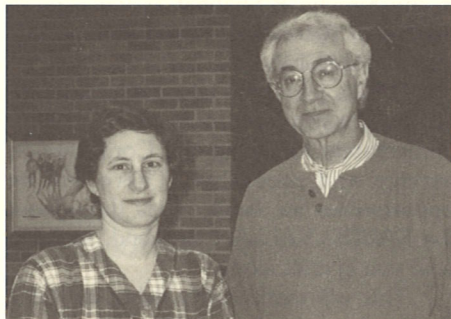
NEW TEMPLE ROSTER

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.

BOARD CAMEOS

A monthly glimpse at
Temple Israel's Trustees



Diane Graul is Sisterhood president and participant in many Temple classes and projects. A native of Homewood, Illinois, she and husband Lonnie have lived in Omaha for 12 years and been congregants for 10. Their children are Keith and Leslie. Diane's hobbies include reading, being a Brownie Troop leader and volunteering.

Jerry Dann was born in New Castle, Indiana and moved to Omaha 38 years ago. His wife Janey's family is a long-time Temple family, and she and Jerry have been members for 38 years. The Dannes' children and grandchildren are Robin, Joe, Wendy and Alan Adato, and Mark and Ginger Dann and sons Jason and Jordan. Jerry is active in the Jewish community and enjoys reading.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Sydney Paula Bernstein, daughter of Dr. Beth and Daniel Bernstein, Scarsdale, N.Y. Grandparents are Gary and Barbara Goldstein, and Phyllis Angrisane, Las Vegas, NV and Bernette and Irwin Bernstein of Roslyn, N.Y.

Jonathan Daniel Cohen, son of Elizabeth and Marty Cohen. Grandparents are Anne and Alan Cohen and Rebecca and James Hansen. Great-grandparents are Phyllis Boyer and Theodore Livingston, Des Moines, IA.

Lily Elizabeth Fowler, daughter of Beth Selner and Jason Fowler, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Grandparents are Noni and Hal Selner, Eila Folwer, Cayman Brac IS., BWI and Lancelot Fowler, Toronto. Great-grandparents are the late Elizabeth and Walter Leicht, Rose and Nathan Selner, Lyyli and Erick Viita, and Sadie and Hector Fowler.

On the Engagement of:

Debbie Rips and Paul Nager. Parents are Sharlene Fischer Rips and Calomono Nager.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simons. Mrs. Simons is the former Tonya Fluty. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fluty, Bartlesville, OK and Linda Siref Simons and Ronald Simons, Des Moines, IA.



Sixth grade room parent Debi Smedlund assists her daughter Becky and classmate Jeff Gates in finding resource materials at the Jewish Federation Library. A key element of Temple Israel's 6th grade history curriculum is the "Individual Research Project." Each student selects a topic of personal interest, writes a paper, and makes an oral presentation using an audio/visual aid. These presentations each spring are one of the highlights of the school year.

This year's presentations will be given as part of "Shabbat Club" experiences May 2, 9 and 16. For more information, call Ann Kibel Schwartz, Director of Education at Temple Israel, 556-6536.

OUR SYMPATHY

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Ephraim L. Marks, uncle of Robert and Richard Marks and lifelong companion of David Rice;

Bessie Packer, grandmother of Dr. Michael Marcovitz;

Blanche Davidson, grandmother of Robin Dwinell;

Arthur Lipp, father of Ellen Beiderman and Nancy Levy, brother of Jackie Mayerowitz and Betty Friedman and cousin of Marjorie Lincoln and Morris Lipp;

Henry Sterling, brother of Babe Nogg and uncle of Dick Zacharia;

Jerome I. Cohn, husband of Sylvia Cohn, father of Claudia Boehm, Barry and Howard Cohn;

Robert Hilton, father of Angela Krieger;

Milton Rosenblum, brother-in-law of Lois Friedman;

Eddie Alex Kuklin, husband of Elaine Kuklin, father of Stephan and Scott Kuklin, brother of Betty Rubin;

Helen Speier, wife of Millard Speier and mother of David and Robert Jacobson

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, **Saturday, May 31**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names to be read. Please phone by **Wednesday, May 27**.

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH DONATIONS THAT REMEMBER AND HONOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN MEMORY OF: **Helen and Jay Cherniak:** Wallis Klein; **Jerome I. John:** Sylvia and Maynard Katzman, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Nancy and Don Greenberg, Margo and Jay Parsow, Sandy, Paul, Kari and Corey Epstein, Dodi and Steve Redler, Barbara and Gary Goldstein, Frances and Sam Fried, Jane and Harlan Rips, Jim Deignan, Susie and Marvin Cohn, Irene and Leo Kamisar, Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Suzanne Singer, Harriett and Norman Fishel; **Julius Cohn:** Mark Schoenbaum; **Dory Gerber:** Rosalie Friedman, Ilse Kuttner, Hilde Gottlieb, Brenda and Kurt Ohrlich; **Sam Fleishman:** Mrs. Alan Fleishman; **Phyllis Frank:** Lynda and Lee Sloan; **Bernard Hahn:** Rosalie Friedman; **Mabel Haugen:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson; **Pauline Haykin:** June Goodbinder; **Lee Herman:** Jeanette Herman, Lois and Carl Herman; **Robert Hilton, Sr:** Judy and Jerry Marburg, Phyllis and Harold Zabin; **Mina Hirsch:** Rosalie Friedman; **Dr. Barney Kadis:** Rosalie Friedman; **Gertrude Kagan:** Allison Latenser; **David Karlin:** Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kaiman; **Maurice Katelman:** Rose Rosen, Annette and Stanley Isaacson; **Father of Rabbi Mendel Katzman:** Doris and Milton Parker; **Sadie Kohn:** Allison Latenser; **Sister of Jane Kravitz:** Florence and George Eisenberg; **Mickey Krupinsky:** Phyllis and Bob Newman, Shirley T. Greenberg-Maersch; **Dorothy Liberman:** Barbara Frohman; **Father of Mrs. Jay Lieberman:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Thelma Linsman:** Mrs. Ernest A. Nogg; **Louis Lipp:** Dale and George Kramer, Hershenhorn Investors, Rosemary and Brian Meltzer, James Sandman, Elizabeth Mullin, Adrienne and Neil Aaronson; **Al Lippert:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson; **Ephraim Marks:** Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schroer, Phyllis and Vernon Bellows, Donna and Thomas Woods, Lee Mills, Molline and Fritz Cassman, Phyllis and Bob Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Klein, Suzanne Singer, Nancy and Harlan Noddle, Margo and Steve Riekes, Nell Rubinow, Marlene and Don Dandy, Sally and Maynard Telpner, Sharee and Murray Newman, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Senator Bob Kerrey, Beverly Darge, Marcia Gallner, Shirley and Leonard Goldstein, Barbara and Gary Goldstein, Silvia and Larry Roffman, Lisa and Denny Lewis, Frances and Norman Batt, Dorothy Lipp, Dodi and Steve Redler, Paula and Larry Albert, Mr. and Mrs. William Kaplan, Gary Emenitove, Mildred Greenberg, Gigi and Sid Osten, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Landen, Jr., Jane and Harlan Rips; **Courtney Nogg:** Lourdes Secola-Ocanto; **Julius Novak:**

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