

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MARCH	30	31	APRIL
			29	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.		1
			Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.	Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Michael Belmont
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Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Outreach Program 10 a.m. Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:30 p.m.		Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of Reform Judaism Donor Tea 1 p.m.	Midrashah 10-Noon	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.	Ministers' Institute 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bagels and Bible and Telushkin Discussion 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jared Waldbaum
		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School & Dinner Hebrew Club 5-6 p.m. Grades 7-11 6-8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. Grade 2 Model Seder 10:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:30 p.m.		Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m.	Midrashah 10-Noon	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 3:45 p.m.	Bagels and Bible and Telushkin Discussion 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Max Rogers-Marcovitz
Deli Night 5 & 6:30 p.m. Seatings		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7-12 & Parents 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No Religious School		No Family School Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Passover Service 10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m.	Bagels and Bible and Telushkin Discussion 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
			No Religious School Passover Service 5 p.m.	No Religious School Congregational Seder 6 p.m.	Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No Religious School		No Family School	Passover Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.		Bagels & Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Ruback
			No Religious School	No Religious School Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Shabbat Service & Scholar 8 p.m.	Scholar-in-Residence 5 p.m.
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Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 3 & Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 4 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:30 a.m. Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m.	1	Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m.	Midrashah 10-Noon	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2 p.m.	Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Dustin Lepp
		No Family School AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7-12 @ Beth El Yom HaShoah Service @ Beth El 7 p.m.	Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	



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Worship Services

Friday, March 31
5:30 p.m.
"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

Friday, April 7
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Rabbi Eric Weiss
"The Spirit of Renewal"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Natha and John Waldbaum
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday, April 8
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Jared Ian Waldbaum
son of Natha and John Waldbaum

Torah Portion: Tazria
Leviticus 12:1-13:59
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A Weekend Not To Be Missed!

April 28, 29, 30

A great opportunity to hear this
warm, engaging, witty scholar

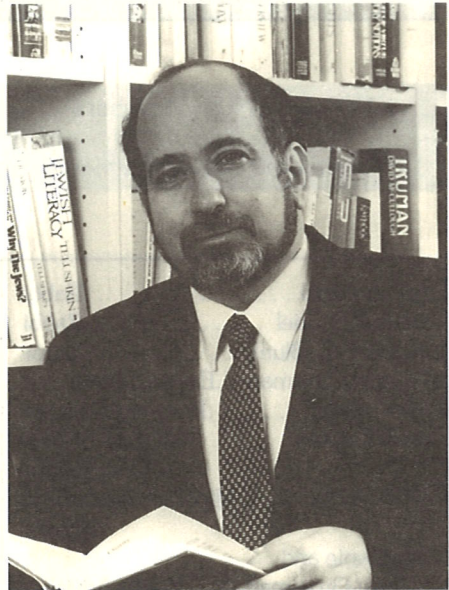
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Scholar-in-Residence

"The 21st Century: A Jewish Vision"

Give yourself a gift. Plan ahead—
line up the baby sitter—ask friends
and family to join you for this very
special weekend!

You won't want to miss the chance
to hear Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, a
noted scholar, lecturer, spiritual
leader, and author who is as
celebrated for his wit as for his
scholarship.

Currently spiritual leader of the
Synagogue of the Performing Arts
in Los Angeles, he is a former
Director of Education at the famed
Brandeis Bardin Institute in
Southern California.



Please turn to page 3 for the weekend's schedule.
And check the date of three "teasers"—advance sessions with our
rabbis to make you more familiar with Rabbi Telushkin's ideas.

This weekend is made possible through a grant from the Samuel and Ida Kaiman
Memorial Fund. All events are open to the community at no charge.

(worship services continued)

Friday, April 14
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:15 p.m.
Family Service

Storyteller
Rita Paskowitz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Mimi Rogers and Michael Marcovitz
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Max Corneilus Rogers-Marcovitz
son of Mimi Rogers and
Michael H. Marcovitz

Torah Portion: Metzora
Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Passover Services

Wednesday, April 19
5 p.m.

Thursday, April 20
10:30 a.m.

Welcome New Members

Sharon and George Quittner

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
Paul Epstein President
Spencer Brookstein . . . Vice President
Sally Kaplan Vice President
Dr. Michael Walts Vice President
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

Friday, April 21
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 22
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26

Conclusion of Passover

Wednesday, April 26
10:30 a.m.

Yizkor

Friday, April 28
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

**"The Jewish War: The Battle to
Keep the Jewish People One
and How it Can Be Won"**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Dottie Rosenblum in honor of the
Bar Mitzvah of her grandson
and by the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 29
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Kyle Cameron Ruback
son of Marcy and David Ruback

Torah Portion: Achare Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, April 14
5:30-6:15 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.

**Adult B'nai Mitzvah
Class To Be Offered**

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class is a wonderful opportunity to study Hebrew (there is no pre-requisite for Hebrew literacy) and to learn about Judaism in a sophisticated and exciting way. The class will begin in June of this year, and the summer will be spent learning the Hebrew alphabet (those who know the alphabet can join the class in September, if they clear this first with Rabbi Stiel).

From September through May, the class will meet for two hours a week - one hour of Hebrew instruction (learning the prayers and Torah portion) and one hour of Judaic study. The class will study with the Temple clergy and other master teachers.

In the end, the class will share in a B'nai Mitzvah. They will lead a Shabbat service and read from the Torah on Friday night in May 2001. The benefits of taking the class are not only the incredible amount of learning that it imparts, but the opportunities it affords to make lasting friendships and to read from the Torah.

The cost of this class is \$150; it will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. If interested, call Temple to register. (Scholarships are available)

**A New Class –
Jewish Identity
In Literature**

Explore your Jewish identity through the short stories of Jewish writers from around the world.

David Yudelson will lead this class on Tuesday evenings, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16 at 7-8:30 p.m.

The class will examine the texts to determine not only how they reflect the writers' ideas of Judaism, but how they fit (or don't) with their own.

The selections from the anthology, *Here I am*, will include stories by Cynthia Ozick, Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, Schmu-el Avraham and others.

David Yudelson grew up at Temple and currently teaches in our Religious School. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he studied English as an undergraduate and literary criticism as a graduate student.

**Rabbi Eric Weiss
Returns to Lead
Healing Events**

Rabbi Eric Weiss, Executive Director of Ruach Ami, Bay Area Healing Center of San Francisco, returns to Temple and Omaha to lead workshops and a weekend of healing events. He will be joined by his colleague Lee Pollack. Rabbi Weiss has certificates in the areas of pastoral education, clinical counseling, and chaplaincy training. He and Ms. Pollack will work with professionals and volunteers to prepare for these weekend workshops.



**Community Healing
Events April 7-9**

During this special weekend of hope and healing, members of the Jewish community facing issues involving bereavement will be able to attend workshops that promote healing.

This is the first of a series of programs where individuals can participate in hands-on activities and meaningful discussions with others in the community who have lost a loved one.

April 7 8 p.m. Temple Israel
Rabbi Weiss will give the sermon in the Shabbat Service.

April 8 Noon Beth Israel
A Shabbat luncheon program follows worship services.

April 9 10 a.m. Beth El
Sunday morning program

This weekend is sponsored by Temple Israel, Beth El, Beth Israel, Jewish Family Service and Jewish Senior Services.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Scholar-in-Residence
April 28, 29, 30

"The 21st Century: A Jewish Vision"

Friday, April 28 8 p.m. Sanctuary
"The Jewish War: The Battle to Keep the Jewish People One and How it Can Be Won"
Oneg Shabbat Following

Saturday, April 29 5 p.m. Friedman Social Hall
"The 21st Century: An Ethical Vision-One Day At a Time"
Havdalah Following Fruit and Cheese Reception

Sunday, April 30 10 a.m. Friedman Social Hall
"Humor—A Uniting Force For All People"
Bagel Brunch

Get to know Rabbi Telushkin before he comes.

Join our rabbis at these Shabbat morning discussions:

April 8 9:30 a.m.

How can we choose words that build bridges rather than erect barriers? Rabbi Azriel will lead a discussion based on Rabbi Telushkin's book, *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: Using Words Wisely* and well.

April 15 9:30 a.m.

How do Jewish jokes provide insight into how Jews see themselves, their families and their friends? Join Rabbi Stiel in a discussion of Rabbi Telushkin's book, *Jewish Humor: What The Best Jokes Say About the Jews*.

April 22 9:30 a.m.

Why The Jews: The Reason for Anti-Semitism, one of the books Rabbi Telushkin co-authored with Dennis Prager, is the basis for discussing the authors' belief that anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are reactions against Judaism and its values. Rabbi Azriel will lead this session.

He has written numerous books, both fiction and non-fiction, the most recent of which is *The Book of Jewish Values: A Day by Day Guide to Ethical Living*.

He is co-author with Dennis Prager of two of the most influential Jewish books published in the last 15 years: *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism* and *Why The Jews: The Reason for Anti-Semitism*.

His other non-fiction books include *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things To Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History*; *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: Using Words Wisely and Well*; *Jewish Humor: What the Best Jokes Say About the Jews*; *Jewish Wisdom: Ethical, Spiritual and Historical Lessons from the Great Work and Thinkers*; and *Biblical Literacy*.

He was ordained at Yeshiva University in New York and pursued graduate studies in Jewish History at Columbia University.

You can find Rabbi Telushkin's books in the Temple library and may buy them at the Temple office.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Thursday, April 20

6 p.m.

Second Night of Passover

Our Congregational Seder is always a beautiful and festive occasion. Pesach is the time when we want to be with family and friends.

Bring guests and - certainly, grandchildren! But please help us plan properly for food and seating by making your reservations early.

Here's my reservation for the Congregational Seder:

NAME _____

_____ Adults @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

_____ Children (Grade 6 and under) @ \$6.50 each \$ _____

_____ No charge, age two and under.

Total \$ _____

We would like to sit with:

_____ (_____)
Name of Family Number in Family

Reservation Deadline: **Monday, April 10.** The Seder will be open to non-Temple members after **Monday, April 3.** Reservations received after April 10, accepted on stand-by basis only.

No reservations will be made unless accompanied by payment!

Return your reservation blank and check to: Temple Israel, 7023 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska 68132.

This Passover, let one who is hungry enter and eat.

We begin our Passover seders with the words, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat." Again this year **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** asks you to give meaning and life to those ancient words by letting one who is hungry enter and eat.

A gift to **MAZON** of *chai* (\$18), or whatever you would spend to invite one extra person to your seder, will bring food, help and hope to poor and hungry people in our own country, in Israel and around the world.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
12401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015

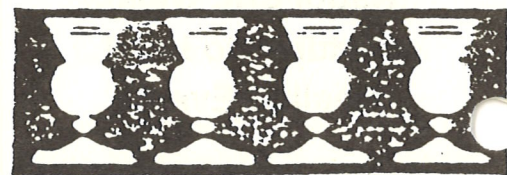
PASSOVER 5760/2000
YES, I (we) will "let one who is hungry enter and eat."

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____



Do You Want To Share the First Seder?

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.

Family Haggadah Has 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.

JOYOUS PASSOVER

Rabbi Telushkin writes about Passover: (from Jewish Wisdom)

The Passover Seder's goal is nothing less than assuring the Jewish people's continuity by having parents teach their children how God freed their ancestors from slavery and forged them into a nation.

For that reason, much of the Seder is designed to involve the children, since they will carry on Judaism into the next generation.

To ensure that they remain awake throughout the Seder, children are encouraged to

"steal," and then hide the afikoman (a piece of matzo without which the Seder cannot be concluded), and then offer it back in exchange for a gift.

Most important, the telling of the going forth from Egypt commences when the youngest child present chants the Mah Nishtana's four questions. For most Jewish children, this constitutes their first public performance, and is something they rarely forget.

No-Fail Matzo Balls

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 Eggs | 1/8 tsp. Pepper |
| 2-3 Tbl. Water | 1 Tbl. Chopped Parsley |
| 1 tsp. Salt | 1/4 Cup Chicken Fat, melted |
| | 3/4-1 Cup Matzo Meal |

Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Stir in water, seasonings and chicken fat. Stir in matzo meal, amount depending on size of eggs. Dough should be semi-loose. Refrigerate for several hours. When ready to cook, dip hands in cold water and roll dough in shape of small egg. Drop dough into boiling water (and then transfer to soup later) or into soup; cook, gently for 45 minutes, covered. Do not peek. The trick is in handling the matzo balls: Gently roll them in your hands and when they are dropped into the water to cook, don't crowd them, or the ones on the bottom will become hard.

Passover Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 1/2 Cups Peanut Butter
- 2 Egg Whites, unbeaten
- 1 Cup Sugar

Combine ingredients and mix thoroughly. Roll into walnut sized balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from pan. Makes 3 dozen.

Charoset

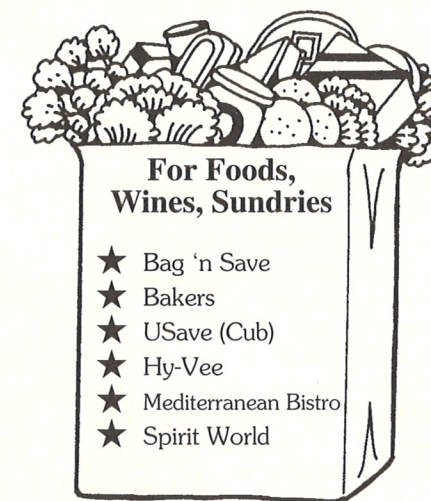
- 1/2 Cup Ground Nuts
- 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 Apple, peeled and chopped
- 2 Tbl. Sweet Red Wine

Mix all until smooth.

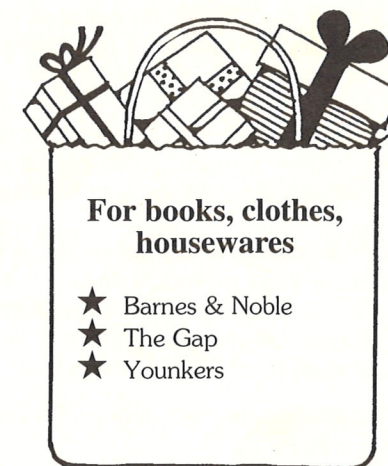


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A Note from the Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

The Reform Movement has rarely been hesitant to make bold (even unpopular) Jewish choices based on new knowledge or understanding gained in our modern world. Unquestionably, one of the Movement's most transformational choices was the decision to allow women to serve as rabbis and cantors. The effects on synagogue life have been diverse. Certainly, women's voices have literally and figuratively been allowed to enter the mainstream of Jewish tradition. Their ideas and their goals have had opportunities to flourish. Women have challenged existing structures in Jewish life while ensuring their needs are considered with regard to Jewish practice. Young Jewish girls and women now have role models who are leaders in the Jewish community and whose vision and experience help to shape our Jewish future.

For the cantorate, specifically, women's voices sound different from men's and their vocal ranges are different. New musical aesthetics have thus entered the synagogue as women serve as cantors. New compositions have been inspired with a woman's voice in mind. More and more, women's music has become part of our synagogue liturgy.

In past generations, women (who could never truly be silenced by rules that forbade them to sing in synagogue) created their own genre of music. Their melodies helped them through wedding celebrations in Yemen or funerals in Morocco. They preserved Ladino culture in Sarajevo or chanted Yiddish *tehinnot* (a specialized form of poetry) in Eastern Europe. Women even developed their own "professional" ensembles to perform such repertoire, often accompanying themselves with percussion instruments. Some scholars believe that restrictions against singing in public (i.e. in front of men) only intensified many a woman's drive to produce her own unique music that could be used in her everyday life.



Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m., we will honor all women in their role as mother with a special Mother's Day concert. My cantor, mentor and friend, Cantor Barry Abelson from Temple Israel in Minneapolis will join me

on the bimah for an afternoon of music and celebration. I hope you will join us for this lovely afternoon.

Jewish Journey Groups for Spring

Barbara Ault

Synagogue 2000 is devoted to revitalizing the synagogue as the spiritual center of Jewish life.

One method of doing this is through Jewish Journey Groups: small groups of people who meet weekly for 4 to 8 weeks.

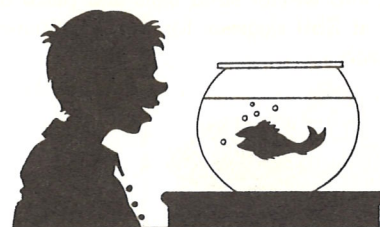
In the context of a small group, it is possible for each person to share his or her gifts and yearnings, to ask questions, to develop and inspire passion, and to find the next steps to growing in Jewish life.

There are two Jewish Journey Groups starting in April:

Living with Illness
Jewish Spirituality

Others will be announced. Watch for further details.

Jewish Spirituality, led by Mimi Rogers, will meet **Fridays 9:30-11 a.m., April 28, May 4, 11, 18 and June 2**



Quit carping. Only people can go hear Rabbi Telushkin.

April 25-30 See pg. 3

Yad L'Yad Mini Mitzvah Day

Gill Cohen

Sunday, May 21, 2000, the entire congregation is invited to join TIYPO (Temple Israel Young and Progressive Organization) and the Temple Israel Religious School in "Yad L'Yad" or "Hand to Hand," a mini-mitzvah day.

We will be selecting three Community Service organizations to help out in the afternoon. Volunteers will be asked to assist those in need of our help through various projects planned for the day.

Our focus this year is children. With that in mind our future program will involve the Temple Israel Religious School students and our congregation gathering needed supplies to be sent to our partner school in Russia. We will also be selecting two Omaha agencies which benefit children and will be organizing programs for them on this afternoon.

Yad L'Yad will be an excellent opportunity to participate with fellow Temple members in giving back to our community and to a special school in Russia. Keep your eye out for more information or call me at 330-2877.

TIYPO

Pre-Pesach Pizza Party

Mike Sherry

Come Passover, pizza will be out of the question; so join the Temple's newest group on April 15 for a feast that will soon be forbidden.

TIYPO (Temple Israel's Young Progressive Organization) will have a program at Lario's Pizza, 10801 Q St. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pizza will be followed by dessert, a Havdalah service and passover songs.

Charge for the event will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Also, please bring items from home that can't be eaten on Passover. We'll donate them to a local shelter.

We'll be sending out postcards reminding you of the event and asking for an RSVP to the Temple by April 7. Please plan to attend.

TIYPO is a group for married and single Jews in their 20s and 30s. We are planning social, religious and social action programming. Keep an eye out for future TIYPO events.

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MATZO BALL SOUP

BLINTZES

CHEESECAKE

KREPLACH SOUP

WRJ-O

**You've received
Your invitation...**

Come to our
Donor Tea
**Tuesday, April 4
1 p.m.**

Our Special
Guest Speaker
Liz Karnes
Will Speak On
"How to Be a Friend"

A Few Reactions to Recent Friendship Tea

...We learned a lot and commend the Sisterhood for all of the time and planning that goes into such an event. We especially enjoyed your question and answer session in the Sanctuary...

...the highlight of my experience was in the Chapel when Jane Brooks opened the "Tree of Life" doors and invited us to come up and see the Torahs...Many thanks for new understanding...

...All the exhibits were fascinating, and the ladies in charge of the tables knew how to tell people quickly what they wanted to know and answer questions fully...We spent a good time with the ladies of the Sisterhood. We're glad they invited us...

Afternoon Retreat Wednesday, April 11 12-3 p.m.

This will be an inspiring session as we discuss our mission statement and bylaws and plan next year's calendar. Call Wendy Goldberg, 393-6391, for information.

Come join us - we need your input!

Save the Date

**Temple Israel's
FIRST ANNUAL *Spirituality Retreat* for adults**

November 3-4, 2000

Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska

Watch for further details on this upcoming Shabbaton.

Men's Club

**Sunday, April 9
10 a.m. Milder Center**

Early Warning System

A system has been proposed by OTOC to alert citizens to problems with certain police. A spokesman from OTOC as well as a police officer will attend.

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

Temple's Website
templeisrael-ne.org

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.

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

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator

Registration for 2000/2001

Registration packets will be mailed March 31 to all Religious School families. If any family does not receive a registration packet for the coming school year, please call the Temple Israel office at 556-6536. Our goal is 100% registration by May 21, the last Sunday of Religious School.

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, April 2
Come celebrate with us 11:30 a.m. to Noon. We have only two Family Worship Assemblies remaining for this school year! Help us fill the sanctuary with families.

Grade 5, Havdalah Service Model Wedding and Dinner Saturday, April 8
Fifth Graders will conduct a 5 p.m. Havdalah Service followed by a model wedding and reception. This event will serve to highlight 5th grade studies of Jewish wedding customs, history, and religious practice. Students will play the roles of bride and groom and their families and friends. The reception following the model wedding will feature Jewish wedding dances performed by fifth graders under the guidance of Dance Specialist Cheryl Lerner. Refreshments will be provided by fifth grade parents. Friends and family of fifth graders are welcome to attend.

Second Grade Grandpersons Model Seder Sunday, April 9
Grandpersons will participate in a Model Passover Seder with Second Graders at 10:30 a.m.

Passover Vacation No classes April 16 - 27
Classes will resume Sunday, April 30. Family School will resume May 9. Happy Pesach!

Grade 4 Visits Blumkin Home Sunday, April 30
Fourth Graders will meet at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:15 a.m. Our students have had a remarkable experience this year studying Torah portions with the seniors.

Grade 6 students present Research Projects April 30, May 7 & 14
As a highlight of a year of history studies and research, 6th graders will make presentations of their individual research projects for the sixth grade families. Each student presentation will include a speech and a visual or audio display. All projects will be on display for our May 21st closing day activities.



"Periodically, a people must decide what it stands for, and what it will tolerate. Surely now is such a time. Now is the time to assemble a critical mass of citizens, who will stand up and say no to the deadly toll that guns take on the lives of our children."

**Rabbi Eric Yoffie,
President's Message,
1999 UAHC Biennia**

Join thousands of other activists from all over America. in sending a message to Congress this Mother's Day. We believe in gun control, we want gun control, and we will tolerate no more excuses, no more delays!

Call Temple, 556-6536, for information.



Tot Shabbat Services

**Friday, April 7
and
Friday, May 5**

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 stories and songs with the rabbis.**

Birthday Blessings

Family Service

April 14 7:15 p.m.

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



**Mom and Dad went to hear
Rabbi Telushkin.**

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

Wanted!!!

College-age men and women who love fun, the outdoors, children, and a totally awesome Jewish experience.

Be an OSRUI counselor June 12 through August 14.

Call Temple, 556-6536, for information.

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.

Temple's Wish List

Often, one of our congregants wishes to give a gift to our Temple and asks the question, "What does the congregation need?"

In response, the following column will appear in the Tidings on a regular basis and will be titled, "WISH LIST."

A birthday, an anniversary, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and/or any life cycle event may inspire your generosity and, thereby, make our wishes come true.

Computer for Youth Director
Travel money for youth
Money for youth programming
High Holy Days octet
Musicians for holidays
New music
Musician-in-Residence
10th and 12th grades
Jewish Trips
Laser printer for the program director
New copy machine
Resource/Special Needs teacher
Page Maker for computer
Jewish software for computers
Books for sitter service
Air conditioning in non-air conditioned school rooms
New stage curtains
Telephone system for shut-ins
Heavy duty easels
Hebrew clocks for classrooms

Middle/High School Footnotes

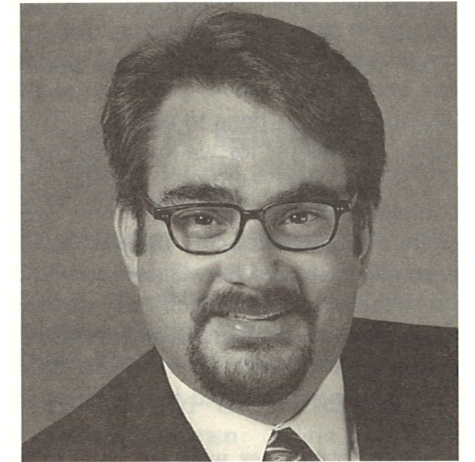
Elyce Azriel, Director

STRESS

It Affects Teens Too!

Wednesday evening April 12, our high school department will participate once again in a workshop for students and parents.

The workshop entitled "STRESS: It Affects Teens Too!" will provide an open and safe setting for parents and children to explore the realities of our world today and how to deal with them effectively: drugs, alcohol, social and intellectual experimentation, dating, violence, physical and sexual abuse. This workshop will help instill a sense of pride, self-esteem and self-confidence in our Jewish teens as they learn to be independent.



The keynote speaker will be Rabbi Dennis Eisner, Assistant Dean of the Los Angeles School of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He was ordained at HUC-JIR/New York in 1998 and received his Master of Arts degree in Hebrew Letters and Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service at the Los Angeles campus. Rabbi Eisner has also served as the Director of the Junior and Senior High School Programs and NFTY at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

His connection with Omaha is extensive, being on the board of KAVOD, a tzedakah collective based in our own city, and having visited many times for NFTY events and study sessions at Temple Israel.

The second hour of the evening will give Grades 9-10 an opportunity to explore with Jerry Kaye, in a workshop entitled "Sex 'n Drugs 'n Rock 'n Roll" and Grades 11-12 will participate in a program entitled "NCJW Teenage Dating Violence Program," with Nancy Cohen, from the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

This program has been generously funded by an anonymous donor and the Ike and Roz Friedman Foundation.

Panim el Panim

Three 12th grade students from Temple Israel, Nicole Cohn, Jay Kulakofsky and Whitney Taxman, will be joined by students from Beth El exploring *Panim el Panim* (Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values) in Washington D.C., April 2-5. *Panim el Panim* exposes Jewish high school students to a range of public policy issues facing America and the Jewish community through the people who work on these issues daily in Washington.

During their four days in Washington, students not only will gain an appreciation for the hard choices facing policy makers, but they also will learn that they can turn to Jewish sources to help them shape their views about policy choices that will determine society's future.

This program is a culmination of a year long study on Jewish Civics in the 12th grade. Their teacher Rabbi Debbie Stiel, and youth advisor Stephanie Grossman will join them.

Yizkor - A Time To Remember

April 26 at 10:30 a.m. the Yizkor Service for the holiday of Passover will be conducted in the chapel.

Yizkor is a Hebrew work which means "to remember." We remember in a formal sense, during the liturgical service, our beloved who have, according to the Jewish tradition, "gone to eternity." Their death saddens us, for we know that gone is their life which offered us companionship and love. We miss their smile and warm touch - their words of encouragement which sustained us.

Yizkor offers each of us the opportunity to join together to express our sorrow. We grieve as a community. Who among us has not tasted from the cup of sorrow?

Our loved ones who are gone were part of our community. In a sense, when we gather together to share our loss, that community still exists. Together we are bound, and together we offer love and honor to those now gone, but who distinguished themselves when alive. They were part of our families and community. We shall not forget them.

Several times during the year, we pay public honor to our deceased loved ones. Yahrzeit (the anniversary of their death) is a time for family to come to the synagogue, hear the name of their loved one read and recite Kaddish. This practice is a vital link to the previous generation. Through Kaddish and through their names being read, their memory is sustained in the next generation.

The Kaddish and the Yizkor service have, for centuries, accomplished two goals: they have given comfort to the mourners and have given dignity to the deceased. Both add a dimension to enriching the lives we live. We look forward to seeing you April 26.



J.C.C. Lecture Series Continues

"The Ten Commandments"
Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

April 10: "Do Not Take The Name of God in Vain" - Rabbi Allan Gonsher and John Troy.

April 24: "Remember the Sabbath Day to Make it Holy" - Rabbi Ira Flax and Mike Jaffee.

May 8: "Honor your Father and Mother" - Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Barbara Gottlieb.

Each lecture features a rabbi and a lay leader discussing a commandment. The spring session began in March and covers the first five commandments. The second five will be presented in the fall.

We Want To Serve You

From time to time, we are sure that you have seen the following Tidings copy. "The rabbis and cantor visit the sick when notified and are available for any service which they may be in a position to render."

One of the responsibilities of a synagogue is to console those who are mourning and to visit those who are ill, either at home or in the hospital. There are times, however, that the families involved assume that the congregation is aware of their problems, when in fact, it is not.

Please do not hesitate to let us know when there has been a loss in your family or someone is ill. It is only through this knowledge that we, in turn, can perform the services that our membership should be accorded.

UAHC Presents Back to Kallah 2000

Choose from 3 Adult
Summer Kallah Sessions

Roger Williams University
Bristol, Rhode Island
June 28 - July 2

University of California
Santa Cruz, CA
July 19-23

University of Colorado
Colorado Springs, CO
August 2-6

Choose from a variety of themes, taught by outstanding faculties of rabbis, cantors, educators, and writers.

Call the Temple office, 556-6536 for information.



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 Special Birthday of
Eleanor Slosburg**

From
Fran and Louie Blumkin
Roz Friedman
Harriet Singer

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the
deaths of:

Dr. Harry Berman, brother of
Sallye Levin.

Lorraine Mellick, wife of C. James
Mellick.

Malvina Spitzer, mother of Dr.
Jerome Spitzer and Rabbi John Spitzer
and mother-in-law of LaVone Spitzer.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Adam Jay Folsom, son of Jill and
Jim Folsom. Grandparents are Felicia and
Stan Schrier, and Wendall James Folsom
and the late Betty Jayne Folsom. Great-
grandparents are Dorothy Shrier and the
late Morris Schrier, and Rose Friedman
and the late David Friedman.

On the Engagement of:

Susan Noddle and Marvin Levine.
Parents are Nancy and Harlan Noddle and
Leo Levine and the late Sylvia Levine.

Thank You For Supporting Our Congregation Through Donations That Remember and Honor Family and Friends

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IN HONOR OF CONVERSION OF: Susan Katelman: Anne and Alan Cohen

IN HONOR OF HONORARY DESIGNATION CHEBALIER DANS L'ORDRE DES PALMES ACADEMIQUES: Jan Schneider Lund: Audrey and Morrie Shapiro

IN HONOR OF NEW HOME OF: Lee Jane and Sol Parsow: Miriam and Joe Soshnik; **Renee and Sandy Kasner:** Barbara and Dean Frankel

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Wednesday, April 26**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names to be read. Please phone by **Monday, April 24**.

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 for permission to read his/her name before calling the office.