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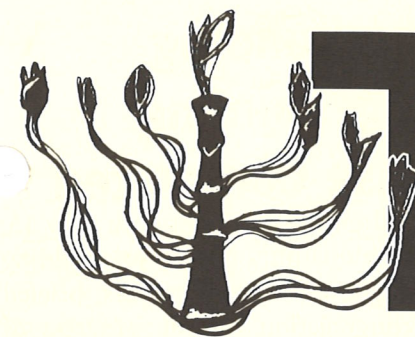
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AS I SEE IT...

I enjoyed the *Illusionist*. A movie about old Europe intrigues, murder and magic. I love magic shows. I always have. The sleight of hand sorcery is a promise of irrevocable logic conquered, of inevitable destiny turned on its head, of impossible alchemy, wondrously manufactured. When the occult takes over, we are released from the discipline of the mind and from the probity of reality. Without sweat or tears, our world miraculously, effortlessly transformed. Fantasy reigns forever.

I guess one never really outgrows a zest for fantasy. Nevertheless, those who achieve emotional maturity recognize fantasy, the occult, the magic for what they are – the invention of a fertile imagination. Given free reign or the encouragement of drugs, the mind is a magician's wand. Sometimes the mind, abused by the imagination or drugs, takes individuals into world dark with frightening superstition and psychic distortion.

New Age practices appear very much to encourage this fearful dip into mindless spirituality. As defined recently in *The New York Times*, the term New Age encompasses a wide range of beliefs that stress the paranormal or the harnessing of untapped mental powers, through such means as rock crystals, clairvoyance and as-

trology. The underlying principle is that life is essentially a magic show.

I have been concerned of late about this quest for New Age spirituality. Spirituality has legitimacy in the Jewish tradition. Some young people, however, fall prey to the New Age sleight of hand practices. They yearn for escape from spiritual experiences that stress the cultivation of mind and responsibility, instead of the release from logic and the escape of personal duty.

Judaism drew an unbridgeable chasm between itself and fairy tales. I have emphasized in the past three major pathways of our heritage: Torah – the honing of the intellect. Spirituality is in the experience of the sharing the Book's truths. Come and witness the Saturday morning Torah study in the Temple's Milder Center from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. – it is spiritually a delight.

The second pathway to Jewish spirituality I have called "At Homeness." Being at home with venerable traditions and historic memories is an antidote to alienation and loss of identity. "At Homeness" shapes our rootedness in life and eternity, establishes a continuum of meaning and destiny that warms the heart day-by-day when we practice Judaism in our homes and in our

families. "At Home" in the world, we also sense the awesome beauty of God's universe. Nature's handiwork reveals God's rationality, not a demon's malevolence.

Jewish spirituality is cultivated as well by connections to community. These connections are the product of a commonly shared commitment to shape history for the better.

Intrinsic to Judaism is an unyielding belief in tomorrow, a celebration of life. We demonstrate our confidence in history by shaping a caring community through "tzedakah." "Tzedakah" requires a sharing of our well being with others. The joyous uplift from "tzedakah" is authentic Jewish spirituality.

Jewish spirituality, in short, is a doorway into life; not an escape hatch out of it. We welcome the bright summer of 2007 with joyous expectations. The future is ours!



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MANY STORIES...ONE CONGREGATION

Turning the Torah...

As I look out of my window this morning, it's 60 degrees outside. Nonetheless, summer is here! Our kids are finishing school and packing for camp. Many of you are planning vacations. During the next three months, all of us will (hopefully!) have a chance to relax, swim, BBQ and spend time with each other. Summer is definitely a time to re-JEW-venate.

Here, we can spend time reflecting on the year and the programs we had. We spend hours in staff meetings asking questions: How were the High Holidays? Is there a specific sermon topic we should address? Do you think that the Purim party should be for adults only again? Through feedback and self-critique, we can successfully engage more of you.

One topic that comes up often is worship, specifically related to Shabbat. We've discussed the prayer, *Mi Shebeirach*. Most of you probably remember a time when this prayer was not a central part of the Shabbat liturgy. It was only about fifteen years ago that these words became commonplace, mostly due to Debbie Friedman's interpretive lyrics.

Interestingly, we are not supposed to be sad on Shabbat. This is why there are no funerals between Friday evening and Saturday evening. In Conservative and Orthodox Judaism, mourners do not enter the synagogue until after *L'cha Dodi* is sung, because *Kabbalat Shabbat* is meant to be a joyous welcoming of our Sabbath queen. That being said, "life happens" to each of us, and we all enter the synagogue with various moods, experiences and worries. It would be impractical to think that they completely disappear during the twenty-four hours of the holiday.

Earlier this year, I taught a ten-week session on the *Amidah*, the central prayer in our liturgy. Many of you undoubtedly know the first three blessings. We rise to chant them just after *Mi Chamocha*. It was not until entering rabbinical school that I learned that there are eighteen sections to this prayer,

and not just three. Interestingly, thirteen of the blessings of the *Amidah* are said at all services **except** on Shabbat! These prayers, the thirteen petitionary prayers, serve the purpose of what I call "asking God for stuff." We ask God for peace, sustenance, the opportunity to forgive and be forgiven. We ask God for justice in the world, we pray for wisdom. And, of course, we pray for health. But, not on Shabbat! On Shabbat, our laws tell us that we are not to ask God for anything, as the blessings of Shabbat are enough. It would be like your friend cooking your favorite dinner for you and you saying, "What, no dessert?!"

As Reform Jews, we have a tension. On the one hand, we have Jewish law and custom which tells us not to focus our attention on what we're lacking. This would mean that we would wait to recite *Mi Shebeirach* until Sunday morning. Traditionally, Jews pray three times a day, and at each of those times, *Mi Shebeirach* can be said.

On the other hand, of course, we have the reality of our lives. Many of us are close to one in need of healing and come to Temple to be comforted.

In light of this tension, we are going to try something after the summer months. First, we have begun talking about instituting an occasional morning minyan, in which the liturgy and theology are slightly different from those on Shabbat. Second, with regard to Shabbat services, we still plan on singing/reading the *Mi Shebeirach*. However, rather than read individual names aloud, we will print them in the Shabbat supplement, and allow for a few moments of silence.

I hope that these upcoming months of warmth continue to bring us closer together.

L'shalom,

Eric Hindel

New Building Programming Phase Completed

At the Annual Meeting on May 15, John Waldbaum, one of four Building Steering Committee members, briefed the congregation on the progress of building a new home for Temple Israel. He reported that the first phase, or "programming phase," has been completed. Twenty-two committees have met in hundreds of meetings for countless hours. A congregational meeting and café were open to all congregants.

John indicated that out of these meetings, spaces for worship, social activities, education, administrative and miscellaneous purposes were all examined. Results point to a new building of approximately 65,000 square feet compared to the present building of 40,000 square feet.

New Temple Members To Be Honored

Friday, August 17, 6 p.m.

All new members who have joined Temple since September 2006, are invited to attend a Shabbat worship service and a dinner in their honor. The Temple Israel Board of Trustees and clergy wish to officially welcome new members to the congregational community.

An invitation and additional information will be mailed to new members' homes.

Temple's Office Hours During The Summer

From May 29 to August 31, office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Temple Annual Meeting Honors Wendy Goldberg, Elects New Board

There were too many "thank you's" to count at the 136th Annual Meeting and Congregational Dinner on May 15. Wendy Goldberg, who has served as president of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees for the past two years, was honored at the meeting which was attended by more than 100 people. Wendy's mother, Nancy Greenberg, and sister-in-law Cindy Goldberg, chaired the event.

In addition to expressing her gratitude to the Temple Board, executive committee, committee chairs, the Temple clergy and staff, and the congregation, Wendy noted that the year "was marked with several measurable accomplishments including an increase in member participation on committees, securing endowment dollars for cemetery expenses, implementing our new investment strategy, defining and evaluating professional and lay leaders' job descriptions and updating the website."

She also observed that "...the job of president has clearly been about the people and relationships that have deeply impacted me as a person." In conclusion, she said, "Life is a journey and the past two years have been a highlight of my journey!"

Jon Meyers, the new president of the Board of Trustees and a lifelong member of Temple, mentioned that he had recently spent four days at a retreat in Georgia with 100 incoming presidents of Reform congregations. "Of all the things I learned at this seminar, the *single most important* revelation is that we are incredibly *lucky* here in Omaha, NE. We are a vibrant, modern Reform congregation that does many...*many* things right."

Jon added, "I realized at the retreat in Georgia that Temple's success is *not* all luck. We do things right, we do things well. Temple's energetic Board of Trustees...is constantly challenging itself to create a true community. A caring, trusting, open transparent culture provides for the needs of this congregation."

"I am extremely excited at the possibilities that lie ahead," Jon insisted. "The new building project and tri-faith initiative are daunting undertakings. *What we choose to do* will impact generations to come...those of our children, grandchildren and *beyond*. This is a great time in our history to be a member of Temple Israel." As for himself, he revealed, "I am the lucky one."



Jackie Neesman, outgoing OTYG President (not pictured).

Gary Kaplan, president of Temple from 2003-2005, announced the other new board members: Jan Schneiderman, president-elect; John Lehr and John Waldbaum, vice presidents; Jeff Schweid, treasurer; Katherine Finnegan, secretary; and Wendy Goldberg, past president. Board members elected to new terms were John Glazer, Judy Josephson, Dan Marburg, Ducky Milder, Vicki Perlmetter and George Quittner. After their election, Rabbi Azriel installed them along with current board members Jon Bleicher, Sarah Bleicher, Ted Friedland, Cindy Goldberg, Danielle Gorman, Jill Idelman, Sally Kaplan, Gary Marshall, Mike Norton, Magda Peck, Jane Rips, Stacey Rockman and Dorothy Spizman.

Welcome New Members!

Lori Bennett

An Omaha native and 10 year veteran of the Temple staff, Lori is the Religious School Administrative Assistant. She recently chose Judaism. During school hours, you'll find Lori in her office surrounded by lots of kids. She is a true "kid magnet." In her free time, Lori enjoys Bogo the cat, welcoming her daughter Cristen home during her college breaks, and watching *Sex in the City*. Lori is excited to go on the educator's mission to Israel this month.

Margot Roesberg

Margot Roesberg recently moved to Omaha from Suffield, CT, to be near her family and grandchildren Jeff Schweid and Sharon Sobel, and Amy and Sara. Originally from Cologne, Germany, she spent World War II in England and then immigrated to New York City. There she married, but her husband passed away leaving her to raise her young son alone. Margot worked in personnel at the Institute of International Education. She then met a dairy farmer from Suffield, CT. They married and she and Jeff moved to Connecticut to live in a farmhouse built in 1732. Margot helped with chores on the farm and did the books. Her hobbies include reading and knitting.

Clayton Rosenberg and Tessa Nelson

Clayton and Tessa are Omaha natives who will be wed at Temple in the summer of 2008. Clayton has a bachelor's degree from UNL in criminal justice. Currently, he works at the Douglas County Youth Detention Center. Tessa is pursuing a nursing degree from UNMC while working at Immanuel Medical Center. In their free time they like to go "geocaching"; using a GPS and coordinates from the web, they search for treasures. (for more information, go to "geocaching.com")

Know Thyself; Know Thy Neighbor

A Book Club Fair

September 30

This "book club open house" will give book lovers a chance to meet equally passionate readers in order to form book clubs. Groups may choose to select novels by Jewish authors, books about hot political topics, or parenting books. Zohar Winer, the Jewish Community Center *Sh'lich* will facilitate one club based on Israeli fiction writers.

Alexandra Robbins

October 24

The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids, Alexandra Robbins' most recent book, traces a year in the lives of several overachieving teens at a Maryland high school. Robbins' engrossing study of the cult of overachieving concludes with ways to break the addictive, abusive cycle of extreme perfectionism that afflicts young people and their parents. In addition to her books, she has written for *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Washington Post* and *Cosmopolitan* and appeared on *60 Minutes*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, the *Today Show* and *The View* among other programs.

Dr. Reuven Firestone

November 16-18

This year's scholar-in-residence has traveled extensively in the Middle East and will talk about Jerusalem at the heart of three faiths. As director of the Institute for the Study and Enhancement of Muslim-Jewish Interrelations at the University of Southern California, Dr. Firestone will also shed light on the relationship between Jews and Muslims. He is a professor at Hebrew Union College's Los Angeles campus and is both a rabbi and a PhD in Arabic and Islamic studies.

Dr. Gary Zola

February 13 and 14

Dr. Gary Zola, one of the foremost experts on the history of Reform Judaism in America, will present two lectures designed to raise our Jewish "I.Q." about our movement. An ordained rabbi, Dr. Zola is the executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, the world's largest archival resource documenting the history of North American Jewry. He is also the associate professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Dr. Sol Gordon

March 5

How do parents raise teens in today's world of increasing violence, higher rates of adolescent suicide, parental neglect and promiscuous sex? How do kids escape the degrading culture influences which demean women, cheapen sex and promote instant gratification? Dr. Sol Gordon, a clinical psychologist and sex educator, has served as chief psychologist at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic and the Middlesex County Mental Health Clinic, Yeshiva University and Syracuse University. Known for his insight, humor and honest approach, Dr. Gordon, an author, has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *60 Minutes* and the *Today Show*. His workshop will address, "Raising a Child Responsibly in a Sexually Permissive World."

Jewish Ethics at Work

October 25, December 6,
February 7 and April 3

Meet for stimulating conversations with Temple's clergy over lunch, hosted by congregants at their offices throughout the community, on Jewish ethics related to law, business and medicine.



Theology Café: Big IDEAS in Jewish Thought

November 1, 8 and 15

Meet Rabbi Aryeh Azriel at Barnes and Noble at 144th and West Center Road for an always animated conversation.



Know Thyself; Know Thy Neighbor

December 12, 19 and January 9

Rabbi Azriel will facilitate a panel of rabbis from around the city and a second panel of Temple's tri-faith neighbors. At the third session, he'll debrief the previous sessions in a free-wheeling exchange of impressions and ideas.



Why We Do What We Do!

January 13, 27 and February 3

Rabbi Eric Linder and Cantor Wendy Shermet will discuss the whys and wherefores of Jewish rituals leading up to a learners' *Shabbat* worship service on February 22.



Understanding Jewish Mysticism

March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of the Center for Jewish Education will explore the mystical tradition in Judaism that continues to fascinate modern Jews of all denominations.

Adult Education

URJ's Committee On Life-Long Learning Welcomes Input

Temple Israel's Program Director Rosie Zweiback, along with over 25 educators and synagogue leaders from across America, is heading to Seattle this month for a three day meeting to discuss initiatives to promote Adult Jewish Learning. While the committee explores new ways to increase Jewish literacy, they also evaluate current offerings and materials provided by URJ.

Last year, Rosie brought several new ideas back to the congregation including the KEVA program to honor people who accomplished 100 hours of Jewish learning and the NEXTBook series written by prominent Jewish authors about topics as varied as King David and the boxer Barney Ross. Undoubtedly, next year's adult education program will reflect a few new ideas gleaned from the Seattle meeting.

Temple's Adult Education Survey Results

Temple has a long tradition of adult education. In 1999, the founding of the Hermene Zweiback Center for Life-Long Jewish Learning meant an influx of support to bring in scholars for weekend study sessions and to increase the number of courses.

While the program is a success – over 120 adults enrolled in adult education this year, the adult education committee wanted to find out how to make the program more appealing to more learners. This winter, we sent a survey to our congregants and you responded enthusiastically - 219 by e-mail and 27 by mail. We had a 30% return rate, which is really remarkable. Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you think.

What did we learn from the survey?

- The most popular topics for study are Jewish thought and theology, Torah, Hebrew, Jewish rituals and comparative religions.
- 52% of respondents are interested in joining a book club.
- The most popular times to study are Sunday mornings.
- More women participate in adult education than men and more women responded to our survey, by a margin of 2 to 1.

Many of you gave us positive feedback, such as "Adult education and guest speakers have been excellent. I enjoy all I can get to." And "I think the current program is fairly wide ranging and of good quality."

As for suggestions, some think that our program is too full. So many offerings dilute attendance and overwhelm people. Others would like to see us get beyond the introductory level and go into greater depth on some topics.

In building our program for 2007-2008, we took into consideration your feedback. We will offer classes for four of the top five areas of study you requested. We cut back on the number of out of town guests and course offerings. As always, there will be frequent opportunities for adult study on Sunday mornings. We still want to know, why women participate in adult education at nearly double the rate of men? If you have any insights or suggestions please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

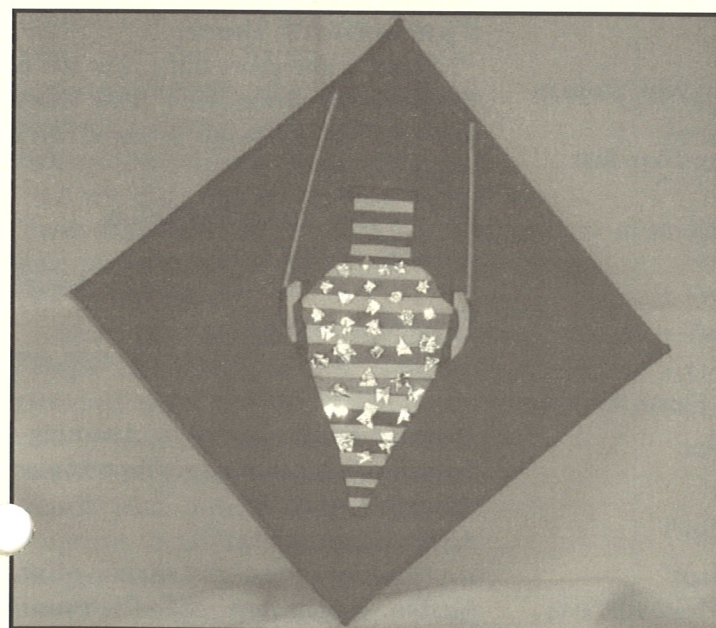
Temple Tapestry Project

We have six completed blocks and each one tells a story about a Temple family in a beautiful, unique way. A number of people are still working on their pieces. As soon as 18 blocks are completed we will create a large-scale tapestry.

Over 45 people attended workshops this year to learn about the project and pick up materials. If you missed one of these sessions, you can still participate. Please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536, rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com or Marge Bresel, 553-2667, bresel@cox.net.

Needlepoint, fabric paint, sewn-on appliques, embroidery, beads, colored pencils, batik, quilting, photo transfer and many other media can be used to create a lasting connection to the Temple community that will beautify our walls for years to come. Please add your story to the tapestry!

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



Pictured left: By Milton Marcus. "This tapestry is an actual copy of a *ner tamid* submitted to the Spertus Museum Competition 2003-2004 in Chicago, requiring the competitor to make a working model of an eternal light. I wanted to connect the Jews of antiquity to those of modern Israel and thus chose an amphora as my design. Amphoras were used by the ancients to carry and store oil, wine and

water. These clay vessels can now be seen in museums throughout the world."

Shabbat Dinners Served with Love and Care to New Friends

"The *Shabbat Shalom* dinner was a wonderful experience for our family. It was refreshing to see such strong family traditions carried out with such care and respect especially during these busy times," commented Mona Kalim, who along with her husband Azhar and their three children, enjoyed a *Shabbat* dinner in April with the families of Annette and Jeremy Wright and Jeff and Ellen Platt at the Wrights' home.

Seven children, between the ages of two and seven, were at the dinner. "They got along really well and played without any problems," said Annette. "All the adults hit it off immediately. There was just an enormous comfort level from the first moment we talked on the phone. It's really amazing to experience that with people you haven't met before," she noted. The three families hope to get together again soon. "We all felt like we made new, instant friends," Annette mentioned.

At the same time, Susan Rothholz hosted Syed and Ayesha Mohiuddin, Bob Culver and his adult son Christopher and Bob's fiancée Debra Reilly, Rabbi Aryeh and Elyce Azriel, and Temple congregant Dorothy Spizman. "Rabbi led the blessings and all seemed to enjoy hearing it," Susan remarked. "We all just talked about lots of subjects as if we had been friends for a while."

Jan and Les Schneiderman hosted four Muslims and two Episcopal guests. It was the first *Shabbat* experience for all the visitors. Shakil and Zeenat Ahmed, guests at the Schneidermans' said, "We feel that it was a wonderful opportunity to visit our Jewish 'cousins' home and share their traditional meal...cooked and prepared for us with love and care," Shakil remarked. "Besides the food, it was a wonderful experience to share our views and ideas with our hosts and other Jewish, Muslim and Episcopal guests. It reinforced the idea that we are all the children of the same God and share the same inspirations to live a peaceful life with justice, earn our livelihoods, raise our families in the best possible environment, and do good deeds for humanity."

Know Thyself; Know Thy Neighbor

Get your first taste of the new adult education theme for the year by getting to know the members of your congregation this summer. Following the model of last summer's popular congregant speakers series, Temple members will again tell their personal stories at summer Shabbat services which all start at 6 p.m. during June, July, and August.

Speakers

June 8 - Speedy Zweiback - "From Orthodoxy to Modern Reform With Stops in Between"

June 15 - Harlan Rips - "Jewish Youth Grouping: Why I am More Than Just Jewish Today?"

June 22 - Ken Cowan - "What's a Jewish Boy From Long Island Doing in Nebraska?"

June 29 - Ellen Platt - "Adventures in Identity"

July 6 - Sarah Bleicher - "A Jewish Journey to Israel and Back"

July 13 - Rabbi Aryeh Azriel - "I Became A Jew in America"

followed by a no-host dinner at the Greek Islands, 3821 Center St. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536, or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com.

July 20 - Jane Brooks - "I Never Got To The Rodeo"

July 27 - Jill Idelman - "Toto, We're Not in Kansas Anymore"

August 3 - Jon Meyers - "Who'd-a-Thunk-It"

August 10 - Phyllis Glazer - "If Life is a Journey, Who Has My Map?"

followed by a no-host dinner at Pasta Amore, Rockbrook Village. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536, or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com.

From the Center for Jewish Education

Eye on Israel Online

Thursdays, June 21, 28, July 5 and 12 8-9 p.m.

Catch the latest about Israel in the comfort of your own home. Watch for details in *The Jewish Press*.

Eye on Israel

Tuesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Noon - 1 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library

Keep up on the latest news about Israel and the Middle East with Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of CJE, and UNO Professor Dr. Moshe Gershovich.

A Look at Ecclesiastes

Mondays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library

Join Dr. Matalon for an opportunity to read closely and analyze the Biblical book of Qohelet in the context of the 2,000-year interpretive tradition of the text. The class will not only read the text itself but will also look at the various approaches of the classical Jewish commentators to Ecclesiastes. Tuition: \$23, \$18 for donors to the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation.

Shorts Night

Sunday, July 15

7 p.m. at the JCC Theater

Features the short films: *The Art of Farewell*, *The Tribe*, *West Bank Story*, and *180° to Jerusalem* followed by a panel discussion.

Eye on Israel - Evening Edition

Tuesday, August 14

8 - 9 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library

Facilitated by Dr. Guy Matalon and Dr. Moshe Gershovich

Limmud Omaha: A Day of Learning - Judaism (Re)Examined: A Vibrant Spirit Sunday, August 19

12:30 - 5 p.m. at the JCC

Keynote Speaker: Rela Mintz Geffen, president of Baltimore Hebrew University

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

WRJ Plays Vital Role at Temple

From poker to needlepoint, Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) hosts three or four programs each year including a Donor Tea. WRJ members also bake for weekly *Onegs* and special ones for *S'lichot* and *Simchat Torah*, organize dinners for *Sukkot* and *Chanukah*, bake *hamantaschen* and work on the Purim Carnival, host two yearly pancake breakfasts, recruit new members, welcome Tot Shabbat families, plan Cradle Roll events, assist with High Holy Day young children's programming, serve at the Ministers Institute, send gifts twice a year to college students, operate the Gift Shop, and hold a book sale every two years (it's coming up June 10-12).

Thanks to its fund raising efforts, WRJ has donated to Temple's general operating budget and the Religious School for as long as anyone can remember! In the past, the auxiliary women's organization has also contributed funds to Rabbi Aryeh Azriel's camp scholarship fund.

"In the olden days," Sisterhood members were "in charge of the kitchen." Today, WRJ members have moved out of the kitchen for the most part but didn't mind moving back there by purchasing a new freezer and some desperately-needed baking and cooking equipment.

A few years ago, WRJ sponsored the Torah Restoration Project which was a huge undertaking but also a highly successful fund raiser.

Much of WRJ's events and gifts to Temple are traditions that were established when the organization was called Temple Sisterhood. However, the WRJ programming committee continually plans novel themes for "social" programs. But one thing that hasn't changed is WRJ's role: When there is a need at Temple, the members of WRJ try to fill it.



WRJ-O Annual Used Book Sale Sunday, June 10 – Tuesday, June 12

Sale preview is June 10

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fee to enter is \$20.

General public is welcome to the sale free of charge

Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m.

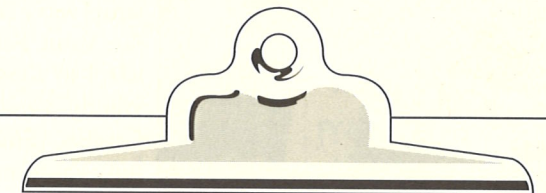
Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning - 1/2 price sale

Afternoon - Grocery bag full for \$5



All proceeds of the sale support the work of WRJ-O. Any left over books will be donated to the Omaha Public Library to support its used book sales.



MEMO

Grandmas and Grandpas! Bubbes and Zaydes! Nanas and Pops! Temple Needs YOU!

If you think your work is complete and now is the time to sit back and relax, play golf, or go on trips, we have news for you.

- Your help is needed in the Temple Israel Religious School.
- Temple needs volunteers to help with the annual Golf Outing, August 27.
- We need sukkah builders (no experience required).
- Table setters and servers are needed throughout the year.
- Do you like to cook and/or bake? We need food for *Onegs*, for hospital patients arriving home to bare cupboards, and for homeless folks at Stephen Center.

Gemilut Chasadim is never complete!

Please call the Temple office at 556-6536, because a grandparent's help is a terrible thing to waste!

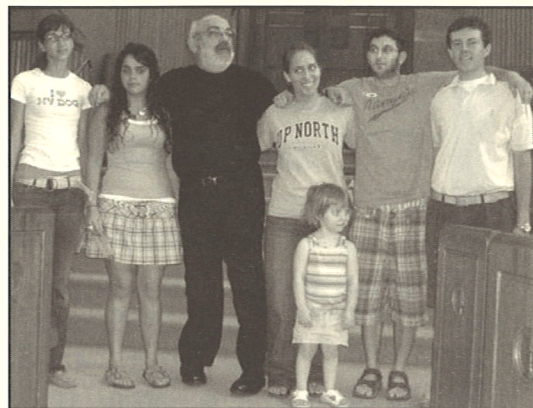
P.S. You don't have to have a grandchild to help.

Youth & Education

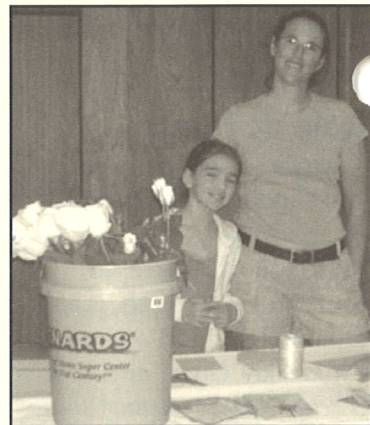


Above: Rabbi Linder and Rabbi Azriel joined Rabbi Joe Black on the bimah for a rousing rendition of "Oseh Shalom."

On The Last Day of Religious School... We Came, We Ate, We Shopped, We Rocked!



We bid a fond farewell to our graduating *madrachim* (above, l to r) Jessie Danon, Jackie Neesman, Rabbi Azriel, Taylor Workman, Nimrod Ginsburg and Aaron Passer. Up and coming *madricha* Joey Kroll joined in the fun.



Mother-and-daughter team Abby Hack and Rosie Zweiback shared their Mother's Day by selling roses from Israel.

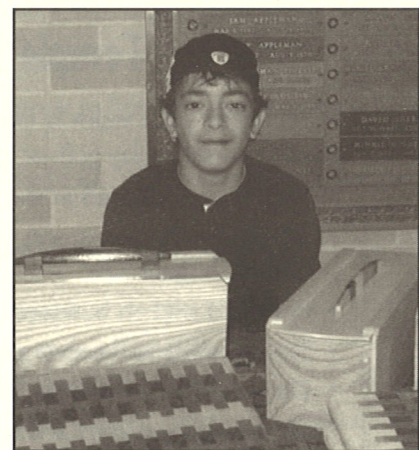


Mother's Day at Temple Israel was a family affair for the Vann Family. Pictured left, l to r are Rita Hughes, Wendy Vann, Jacob Vann, Cecelia Vann, John Vann, Judy Vann, and Bill Vann.

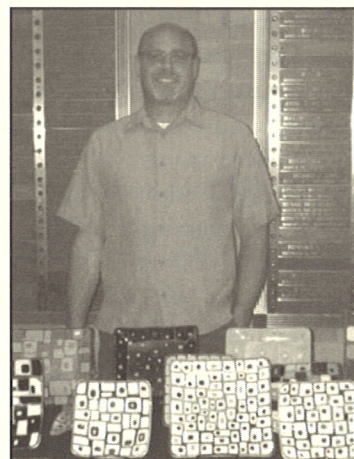


Ally Friedman and mom Suzanne offered intricate jewelry designed and made by Ally from handblown glass beads created by her father, Tom.

Avid scrapbooker and creative card designer Miriam Moran is also a *Close to My Heart* dealer. Lots of moms, aunts and grandmothers visited Miriam's table!



Sam Burrell helped display his father's beautifully handcrafted wooden boxes and cutting boards. Ask Len Burrell about his expert craftsmanship next time you see him!



Larry Budwig sold his colorful hand-designed fused glass plates and jewelry. Checkout Larry's website at www.kinddesigns.com.

What A Great Celebration!

Elyce Azriel, Director
of Religious Education

On Sunday, May 13, 175 students, parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles came to Temple Israel to celebrate the last day of Religious School and Mother's Day. Our many thanks to Men's Club for providing a delicious bagels and more brunch.

Everyone enjoyed shopping the *shuk* in the main hallway. Thank you to the following Temple Israel congregants for sharing their time and giftwares with us: Larry Budwig, Len Burrell, Ally Friedman, Suzanne Friedman, Miriam Moran and Lisa Scheet. Thank you, too, to Rosie Zweiback for ordering and selling the beautiful roses from Israel.

Todah Rabah to Rabbi Joe Black, the singing rabbi, for helping us end a great year on a high note (pun intended!). Rabbi Black always gets us energized with his music.

And, thank you to all the students and families for a successful school year and for sharing this special day with us. Have a fun and safe summer. See you in the fall!

Notes From The Youth Office

Amy Cotton, OTYG Advisor

Graduating Seniors – heading to college in the fall or sticking around Omaha for awhile? Keep in touch with your Jewish friends no matter where you are at www.keshernet.com or www.nfty.org. Email me your school address so Temple can keep you informed of college-age youth events! (acotton@templeisraelomaha.com)

A *special thank you* to graduating OTYG board members Jackie Neesman (President), Annie Rips (Secretary), and Sarah Spooner (JYG Liaison). Your enthusiasm and dedication to OTYG has been invaluable, and we hope you have learned from your experience. We will miss you! We wish you all the best in your future plans. May you go from strength to strength!

No More Peanut Butter?

Recently, Temple Israel decided to remove peanut butter from the kitchen due to the increasing number of children with life threatening peanut allergies. This decision was made as a safeguard for our children at Temple and Religious School functions.

The Food Allergy Anaphylaxis Network indicates that eating in restaurants and schools are situations posing the highest risk for people with food allergies. Food allergies account for 30,000 emergency room visits and 150 deaths each year. The deaths are caused by individuals unknowingly eating food containing an ingredient they were allergic.

This is a step that Temple can make to help maintain a safe environment for our peanut allergic members. Although Temple will not be a "peanut-free" building, as these foods may still be brought into Temple and Temple functions, we ask that you consider our peanut allergic members and label all foods containing peanuts and/or peanut butter to help maintain the safety of our congregation. Thank you for your help and understanding about why peanut butter will no longer be served. For more information about food allergies, visit <http://www.foodallergy.org>.

Welcome To The New OTYG Board!

We are very excited to announce the 2007/2008 OTYG Board! Each member submitted an extensive application, providing thoughtful answers on topics ranging from leadership development to theological thoughts.

Rabbi Eric Linder and OTYG Advisor Amy Cotton will be meeting with the board members and their parents during the summer to discuss the upcoming year.

Each board member has a commitment to NFTY, and will be attending our region's Leadership Training Institute in September.

President
Sarah Bleicher
VP Programming
Molly Goldberg
VP Social Justice
Susan Freeman
VP Membership
Grace Hack & Emily Katz
JYG Liaisons
Haley Burns & Sam Burrell

Thirteen Graduating Seniors Lead A Beautiful Confirmation Service



Mazel Tov and l'hitraot to Temple Israel's 2007 Confirmation/Graduation class: (front row, l to r) Taylor Workman, Brandon Thomas, Sarah Spooner, Jackie Neesman, Nimrod Ginsburg, (2nd row, l to r) David Trubnikov, Aaron Parsow, Aaron Passer, Justin Slutzky, (3rd row, l to r) Jessie Danon, Annie Rips, Nick Ferer, Ally Levinger. (Back row, l to r) Cantor Wendy Shermet, Rabbi Eric Linder and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel also officiated.

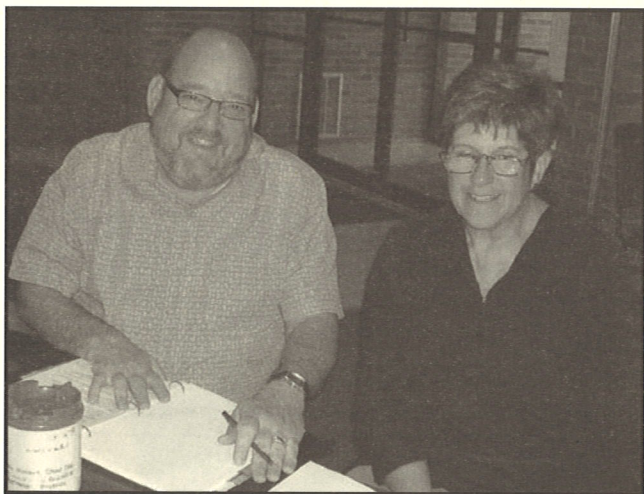
Long Range Planning Committee Provides Continuity to New Chairmen

Thanks to Temple's Long Range Planning Committee, new Temple Board members and committee chairs don't have to reinvent the wheel.

"I think the people got what we wanted them to," said Amee Zetzman, co-chair of the Long Range Planning Committee which offered a training workshop on April 29 for new Board members and committee chairs. She was referring to "a sense of what happens here (at Temple), how to get the job done and resources to help them."

Orly Gilat, the other co-chair of Long Range Planning, added, "We're telling people there is continuity. There are people to help you. You don't have to reinvent yourself."

"It certainly did help me," remarked Denise Meyers who will be a new co-chair of the Membership Committee. "To me, to see who was on the committee and who I'll be working with is important." She's looking forward to her new position. "I'm very excited!" she said.



Pictured above: Rick Fox and Lisa Lewis discuss the transition of the Dues Equalization Committee.

Wendy Vann, who is a member of a couple of committees at Temple and will be chair of the Religious School Steering Committee in 2008, found the training to be "very helpful in that there are a lot of helpful tools that we have at our disposal through the website and Temple staff. As a 'lay person,' you don't quite know what Temple staff are there to provide...now I know. Also, the notebooks that were put together to help people get organized and give them an overview of...Temple were great!"

According to Hillary Fletcher, the other Membership Committee co-chair, "I felt that the training was very useful in demonstrating how many of the committees may benefit from working cooperatively. In addition, it was very reassuring to learn that the Temple staff is ready to assist each one of us in our tasks."

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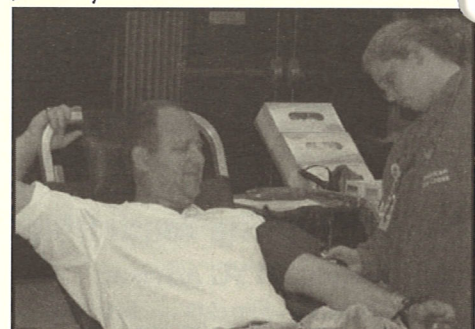
Nearly 30 Donate the Gift of Life

Nearly 30 people from Temple Israel and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral donated the gift of life - a pint of blood - at the annual Blood Drive at Temple on May 17. That's just about the maximum number of people the Red Cross can process in five hours without making donors wait excessively long, Red Cross phlebotomist Jennifer Kentopp explained to Temple's Blood Drive Chair Ron Budwig.



Pictured above (l-r): Ann Moshman, Tim Zweiback, Sandy Nogg and Harry Alloy take a break after donating blood.

Pictured below: Temple Israel President Jon Meyers takes time to donate blood.



The World of Jewish Music Sunday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue

Cantor Wendy Shermet will perform with Cantor Gaston Bogomolni in the annual Beth El Synagogue Cantor's Scholarship Concert. Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi, a world-renown tenor from Chicago who has been hailed as one of the greatest interpreters of Jewish music, will highlight the concert. Tickets for adults are \$18 and can be purchased at the door the night of the concert.

Temple Pays Tribute to 75+ Generation

All *Shabbat* worship services at Temple are joyous, but the one on April 20 was especially meaningful as the congregation honored members who are at least 75 years of age.

"Thank you so much for a wonderful evening...It was a night to remember and your hard work was much appreciated. Thanks again!" wrote Shirley Weinstein.

Among those who merit recognition and gratitude for such a wonderful *Shabbat* and Oneg are organizers Lisa Epstein and Judy Josephson as well as Yaniv Azriel, Sam Burrell, Penny Endelman,

Lois Epstein, Sandy Epstein, John Fletcher, Zane Fletcher, Debbie Friedman, Grant Glazer, John Glazer, David Goldberg, Grace Hack, Joe Hack, Mace Hack, Patrick Jensen, Debbi Josephson, Emily Katz, Vince Long, Joan Marcus, Ben Noodell, Susie Norton, Sivi Roffman, Alexis Slutzky and Dorothy Spizman,

More *Shabbat* services honoring Temple's senior generation are planned for October 12 and May 16.



Pictured above: John Fletcher, John Glazer, Mace Hack, Patrick Jensen and David Goldberg were the volunteer valets for the Shabbat service.

Matan Chaim: The Gift of Life

Jewish tradition teaches that we are partners with God in continuing and sustaining the daily miracles of creation. Organ and tissue donation are an extension of this partnership. Through donation, you have the unique and holy opportunity to give the gift of life and wellness from one of God's creations-you-to another. With your gift, you respond *hineini* to God.

What does Reform Judaism say about organ and tissue donation?

Reform Judaism has long been an advocate of Organ Donation. A 1968 Reform Responsum commented that the use of such body parts in order to heal or save a life is in keeping with the mood of Jewish tradition and a positive act of holiness.

From the URJ Department of Jewish Family Concerns

Missions Impossible?

Not for our community's hearty travelers!

Fourteen extended Omaha families left for Israel on June 3 for a 10-day Jewish Federation family mission, co-chaired by Temple members Kimberly Robinson and Louri Sullivan. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel is accompanying the group. Uri Levine, former community *shalich*, will connect with the group.

Ten educators from Temple Israel are part of an eight-day trip which left on June 5. The mission, sponsored by the Center for Jewish Education, also includes instructors from the Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center, Beth El Synagogue, Beyt Shalom, and the Lincoln Jewish community.

Look for these groups' spectacular photos on Temple's website after June 18! (www.templeisrael-ne.org)

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, KEVA Learners Honored on Erev Shavuot

Seven adult members of Temple affirmed their commitment to Judaism at a worship service they led before a sanctuary full of family, friends and the congregational community.

This year's Adult B'nai Mitzvah class took a few moments to prepare with the clergy before the Shavuot worship service marking a turning point in their lives.

They are (l to r) Cantor Wendy Shermet, Lynn Beha, Patrick Jensen, Toby Fellman, Wendy Reiss, Rabbi Eric Linder, Elaina Ozeroff, Jennifer Miller, Don'L Dacey and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel.

Tribute was paid to the B'nai Mitzvah class's teachers, Colleen Kennealy, Naama Arzi, and Orly Gilat.

Also honored were Temple's first KEVA learners, congregants who accumulated a minimum of 100 hours of Jewish Learning at scholar weekends, classes, Jewish books they read, and Jewish websites they explored. They were Lynn Beha, Lori Bennett, Don'L Dacey, Toby Fellman, Joan Marcus, Lee Needelman, Doris Parker, Sarah Schondelmeyer, and Rosie Zweiback.



SAVE THE DATE!



Temple Israel Annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 27 at Ironwood Country Club

Watch your mail box for the registration form that will be mailed out soon.



Gold Members Club Stories of Members Who Have Belonged to Temple Israel for 50 Years or More

Doris Cohn was a young mother of two children when she and her husband Al Fox joined Temple some 50 years ago. "We just decided this is where we wanted to be," she explained. "We loved the rabbi (the late Sidney Brooks) and liked the education our children would receive. We were just comfortable at Temple."

Their children, Jeff Fox and Pamela Wheelock, were "very active in youth group," Doris said. "The education they received was wonderful."

"Today, everybody including little children are welcome at worship services. Back then, there was more English and very little Hebrew. You couldn't see the choir which was hidden behind a partition at the back of the *bimah*." Doris enjoys hearing more Hebrew in the service, and "I enjoy the choir and the rabbis." Basically, she enjoys everything. She is grateful to Temple for "the comfort it has given me over the years. I'm home there."

Temple Discretionary Funds Provide Assistance in Various Ways

Congregants face various challenges throughout their lives. Temple members experiencing a temporary or persistent crisis are welcome to contact Temple's rabbis and cantor for spiritual as well as emotional and personal support. The clergy are able to use their discretionary funds to help members in need meet these obligations. The clergy also use their discretionary funds to subsidize the cost of materials, programs and resources outside of Temple (e.i. Federation fundraising, OTOC, and RAC). The funds are not for the clergy's or Temple staff's personal expenses.

Temple's executive director also has a discretionary fund. There is a Temple Discretionary Fund as well. Funds from these discretionary accounts can be expended on events and activities that are not covered by the Temple budget or other special funds such as religious school programs that might arise during the year.

In appreciation of the clergy's services and as a way of honoring someone's *simcha* or memory, members of Temple make donations to the discretionary funds.

Minimum contributions of \$6 help sustain these funds and Temple's other funds. Larger donations are also welcome at all times. Call the Temple office, 556-6536, or email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to make a donation.

Our Sympathy

*The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of...*

Elberta Cohen, mother and mother-in-law of Robert and Marla Cohen and cousin of Richard Goldberg;

Kate Ferer, mother of Arlene Moskovitz, sister of Dora Kaiman, and Esther Kaplan, and cousin of David Dvorkin;

William "Bill" Lohrman, husband of Sarah Lohrman, father of Joni Laguens, Jerry Lohrman, John Lohrman, and Robert Lohrman, and brother of Helen Soiref, Florence Braun, and Jean Hecht;

Howard Ruback, husband of Faye Ruback, father of Shari Eades, Cindy Ruback, Nancy Wiseman, and Randy Ruback, brother of Barbara Kushner, and uncle of Kimberly Placzek;

Richard Shebeck, father of Jill Baron;

Phyllis Tejral, daughter of Sam Fedman, sister of Linda Abrahamson, niece of Louie Fedman, and cousin of Sharon Joseph;

*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*

Temple Funds

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

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

Tree of Life leaves are \$300. Tree of Life Boulders are \$3,000. If you would like information on these donations, please call Dennis DePorte, Executive Director, 556-6536.

\$6.00 fund contributions:

Rabbi Azriel's Fund for Jewish Professionals

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Cantor Shermet's Discretionary

Executive Director's Discretionary

Prayer Book (\$30 donation)

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

IN MEMORY OF: Ruth Altsuler: Darlynn and Tom Fellman; **Ruth Babendure:** Sheila and Ray Tomps; **Allen Cohn:** Suzy Rubin; **Elberta Cohen:** Joy and Robert Greenberg, Sandy and John Lehr, Allison Latenser and Louis Pachman, Ducky and Mike Milder, the Jonathan Rockman Family, Gail and Gene Smoler; **Leo Eisenstatt:** Barbara Rips; **Kate Ferer:** Dave Dvorkin, Lois and Mel Epstein, Ann Fleishman, Jennifer and Matt Kirshenbaum, Doris Parker, Dodi and Steve Redler, Betty and Bus Rubin, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Natalie Freund:** Susie and Marvin Cohn; **Ray Greenberg:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Danny Hollis:** Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Leonard Klein:** I.I. Ozar; **Jay Lashinsky:** Barbara Lashinsky; **Ruben Lippett:** Babe Cohn, Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Doris Parker, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Bill Lohrman:** Babe Cohn, Judy and Keith Josephson, Ducky and Mike Milder, Rosalie and Milton Saylan, Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Miriam Malacoff:** Shirley Weinstein; **Bonnie Marcus:** Susie and Marvin Cohn; **Milton Parker:** Doris Parker; **Howard Ruback:** Babe Cohn, Connie and Bob Kully, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Richard Shebeck:** Allison Latenser and Louis Pachman; **Helen Robinson Stern:** Lesly Ozar; **Phyllis Tejral:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Doris Parker, Sheila and Ray Tomps; **Esther and Herbert Weil:** Peter Weil; **Janet Wintroub:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Phyllis and Dick Glazer

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: **David Friedland:** Martin Sophir; **Greg Mann:** Sheila and Ray Tomps; **Arline Molard:** Betty Rae Weiser; **Elaine Tepperman:** Betty Fisher

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: **Robyn Belgrade:** Rosalie and Milton Saylan; **Joyce Cohen:** George Eisenberg; **Barbara Frohman:** June Goodbinder,

Sivi Roffman: Debbie Greene; **Rosalie Saltzman:** Sandy and Alan Nogg; **Fred Simon:** Kini and Don Polsky; **Tibi Stoler:** Sheila and Ray Tomps; **Jon Wine:** Betty Rae Weiser

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: **Doris and Harry Alloy:** Maxine and Jack Noodell; **Joyce and Sheldon Cohen:** George Eisenberg; **Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Halpern:** Betty Rae Weiser; **Harriett and Sherm Sperling:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Allison Latenser and Louis Pachman

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IN HONOR OF BAT MITZVAH: **Lynn Beha:** Sivi and Larry Roffman; **Don'L Dacey:** Doris and Harry Alloy, Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Sivi and Larry Roffman; **Toby Fellman:** Doris and Harry Alloy, Lois and Mel Epstein, Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Joanie and Marty Lehr, Sivi and Larry Roffman, Susan Rothholz, Sheila and Ray Tomps; **Jennifer Miller, Elaina Ozeroff:** Sivi and Larry Roffman; **Wendy Reiss:** Sivi and Larry Roffman, Amee and Ted Zetzman and Family

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IN HONOR OF WOMEN OF WISDOM AWARD: **Joan Marcus:** Lee and Howard Needelman

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IN APPRECIATION OF: **Barbara Rips:** Helen Muskin; **Harriett and Sherm Sperling:** Betty Rae Weiser

IN APPRECIATION OF MI SHEBEIRACH PRAYERS: **Richard**

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IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE: **Larry Gilinsky:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer

IN HONOR OF WORLD HERALD AWARD: **Howard Marcus:** Rosalie and Maurice Meiches

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR PRESIDENCY: **Wendy Goldberg:** Joanie and Marty Lehr, Sharee and Murray Newman, Joanie Rosen, Jan and Les Schneiderman, Suzanne Singer

IN HONOR OF NEW PRESIDENCY: **Jon Meyers:** Lois and Lloyd Friedman, Joanie and Marty Lehr, Jan and Les Schniederman

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Women of Reform Judaism Tribute Fund

IN MEMORY OF: **Elberta Cohen and Pearl Jabenis:** Marilyn and Marty Warren

Healing

Mi Shebeirach, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *mi shebeirach* 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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WRJ Annual Book Sale Preview 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. General Sale 1 - 4 p.m.	WRJ Annual Book Sale 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	WRJ Annual Book Sale 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.				Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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		Made in America with Bette Evans at Temple Isarel 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.			Shabbat Comes to You @Rose Blumkin Home 2:30 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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Worship Services

Friday~June 8
4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Speedy Zweiback:
"From Orthodoxy to Modern Reform
With Stops in Between"

Saturday~June 9
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

Friday~June 15
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Harlan Rips: "Jewish
Youth Grouping: Why I am More
Than Just Jewish Today?"

Saturday~June 16
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Korach
Numbers 16:1-18:32
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22 or
I Samuel 20:18-42

Friday~June 22
2:30 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Rose Blumkin Home
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Ken Cowan: "What's a
Jewish Boy From Long Island Doing in
Nebraska?"

Saturday~June 23
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Chukat
Numbers 19:1-23:1
Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

Friday~June 29
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Ellen Platt:
"Adventures in Identity"

Saturday~June 30
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Balak
Numbers 23:2-25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

Friday~July 6
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Sarah Bleicher: "A
Jewish Journey to Israel and Back"

Saturday~July 7
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Pinchas
Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Friday~July 13
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah - Rabbi Aryeh Azriel:
"I Became a Jew in America"
followed by a no-host dinner at the
Greek Islands

Saturday~July 14
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Matot-Mas'ey
Numbers 30:2-36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2

Thank you from Dorothy
Spizman, David Spizman
and Karen Loggia for the
Uniongrams received on the
occasion of Karen and David's
engagement.

Birthday Blessings
Family Service

Friday, June 8, 6 p.m.
Children and adults who celebrate
their birthdays during the month of
June will be called to the bimah and re-
ceive a special blessing from the rabbi.

Temple's Caring
Committee Visits
Rose Blumkin

Jewish Home
Friday, June 22, 2:30 p.m.
Do a *mitzvah* by visiting with Temple
residents at the Home. Spend one hour
(at the most) caring about someone else.
It'll make your *Shabbat* even better.

Tot Shabbat
Friday, August 3, 6 p.m.
JCC Pavillion

Bring a picnic and enjoy a family
night of fun celebrating Shabbat.

Sitter Service

is available...
• each Friday evening service ex-
cept when there is a Tot Shabbat;
• Saturday mornings when there
is a bar or bat mitzvah;
• Sunday mornings when there
is Religious School.

Advance reservations and a
\$5 donation are appreciated.
Please email Maureen at
mkube@templeisraelomaha.com
for reservations. Sorry, there are
no facilities for infants.