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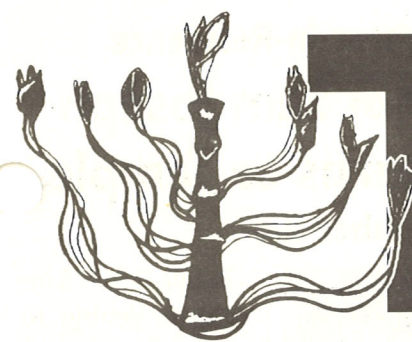
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AS I SEE IT...

Our options today as American Jews are great. For the most part, here in Omaha, we are privileged to live as free Jewish people in a free land. The First and Fourteenth Amendments essentially guarantee these rights by our Federal and State mandated provisions for separation of church and state.

Yet in Israel today, not all Jews are as fortunate as we. In a religious country, where church and state are one, non-traditional Jews, be they Reform, Conservative, or secular, are subject to laws which limit their ability to make choices about their own personal status. For example, they may not always marry whom they wish [the rabbinate maintains records as to Jews' legitimacy or lack thereof]; other times, their ability to marry or remarry is hindered by what kind of rabbi they select or who married them the first time and by which rabbinical court issued their religious divorce.

These are Jews! Israeli citizens, no less, who have little say in not only in matters as dear and crucial as their own marriages, but also the education of their children, and their right to elect legislators who are representative of their views and values.

ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, is the Zionist arm of the Reform Movement and an affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism. ARZA endeavors to make Israel fundamental to the sacred lives and Jewish identity of Reform Jews. As a Zionist organization, ARZA champions activities that further enhance Israel as a pluralistic, just and democratic Jewish State.

ARZA was established in 1978, after

nearly 50 years of growing identification by Reform Jews with the national aspirations of the Jewish people and with the State of Israel. ARZA was created out of the recognition that, in Jewish tradition, there is no division between the religious domain and the polity of the Jewish people, and that the religious mandate of our prophetic and rabbinic traditions requires all Jews to participate in the issues and institutions that affect Jewish existence.

ARZA and its Israeli counterpart, IRAC (Israel Religious Action Center) fight together for pluralism in our Jewish homeland. On the forefront in the battles for equality in matters of personal status, government, education, and much more, ARZA and IRAC represent the democratic and Jewish ideals to which we are so firmly committed as Reform Jews. They have made tremendous strides in the legal and public arenas in Israel to turn the tide of religious coercion to one of religious tolerance and parity for all Jews. It is not only an option for us to support these agencies, but incumbent upon us to lead in bringing our deeply held religious values to Israel through them.

We must be at the forefront of the war on religious oppression in Israel, the ones to carry the banner of pluralism and equality into our Promised Land. The future of Jews calls upon us not only to pursue peace with our enemies, but to pursue *shalom bayit* peace in our home, as well.

ARZA's strong presence as the representative of Reform Judaism in the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel insures annual support for the Israel Movement for Progressive

Judaism and the Israel Religious Action Center, as does a percentage of ARZA membership dues. Through support for our progressive movement in Israel, ARZA promotes Reform Jewish identity, pluralism and Zionism.

Let Your Voice be Heard!

Your vote in the upcoming elections to the World Zionist Organization **WILL** influence international Jewish policy. See page 3 to find out how easy it is to take action.

Theodore Herzl: Up Close and Personal

**A Powerful Exhibition Celebrating
the Visionary of the Jewish State
on the 100th Year of His Passing**

Temple Israel is fortunate to host this artful telling of Herzl's life and times. The Israel that we know and love today is indebted to Herzl's vision and leadership. Plan to visit Temple and tour the exhibit, on display December 1-12. It's a unique learning opportunity seldom available in Omaha!

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A Note From the President

Wendy Goldberg

With deepest gratitude towards Rabbi Craig Marantz, I bring you news of his desire to seek a position outside of Omaha as of June 2006. In a letter dated November 11, 2005, Rabbi Marantz shared with Temple leadership:

"I will be moving on from a community and city I love very much. My family and I have made so many wonderful friends, and each has taken such good care of us. We are grateful."

Rabbi Marantz served Temple as a passionate teacher, pastor and spiritual leader. Through his rabbinic duties and leadership role in the Religious School, Rabbi Marantz has contributed greatly to our Temple family. Rabbi Craig's warm spirit and genuine kindness have touched our congregation. We have been blessed to have him as a partner on our professional team.

Our congregation has shared the delight of the Marantz children, Cara and Jared, as together Craig and Betsy's leadership fostered community and promoted family experiences at Temple through children's services, Tot Shabbat dinners and numerous other activities.

The process of recruiting a full time Assistant Rabbi has begun. Susie Norton will serve as Search Committee Chair.

I know you join me in wishing Rabbi Craig, Betsy, Cara and Jared the very best in all their future endeavors.

Wendy Goldberg

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Hineini Helping Congregation Achieve Its Dream

Remember *Hineini*—the project, "Embracing Our People, Building Our Future," for which Temple Israel raised nearly \$12,000 over the past two years? Temple joined Reform congregations across North America through the *Hineini* project to help strengthen the Reform movement worldwide.

Temple was involved in fundraising on behalf of two Reform congregations in Israel. One of them was Kehillat YOZMA in Modiin. Recently, the Union for Reform Judaism received a message from Meryl Feinberg from Kehillat YOZMA.

"Negotiations are still going strong with the municipality for a temporary building. YOZMA is extremely hopeful that we will be able to sign on the dotted line for a building that will serve the community's needs for the time being, until such time as funds can be secured for a permanent place of worship.

"Please visit www.yozma.org.il! Shana tova and best regards,"

Meryl Feinberg

A Mazel Tov for the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning!

Temple Israel's Program Director, Rosie Zweiback, has been invited to serve on the national Adult Jewish Learning Committee of the Union for Reform Judaism. She will work with other Reform leaders from around the country to assist the Department of Lifelong Learning staff, the Union regional offices and Reform congregations to support adult education.

It's an honor for Rosie to serve and an honor for Temple Israel to be represented on this committee! Kol Hakavod!

Educator-in-Residence Rabbi Sam Joseph Returns to Temple December 2-4



Rabbi Sam Joseph is getting to be a familiar face at Temple Israel. For the second year in a row, the Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH, is Temple's Educator-in-Residence. In August of this year he began a discussion on "Teaching Children of Interfaith Families."

On Friday, December 2, Rabbi Joseph will join Temple's Religious School teachers during the Grades 1 and 2 Shabbat dinner following the 6 p.m. worship service.

Saturday, December 3, Rabbi Joseph will speak at 1 p.m. at a strategic planning session for Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha. At 3 p.m., he will meet with Temple's Board of Trustees and senior staff for strategic planning them.

On his last day here, Rabbi Joseph will address Religious School teachers again on "Teaching Children of Interfaith Families" at their 9 a.m. meeting.

Following the Religious School Prayer Assembly, he'll share bagels and conversation at 10:30 a.m. with Temple's 4Bs group on the topic, "How to Talk to Your Kids about Gossip, Bad Language and Jokes."

"Each time Rabbi Joseph comes to Temple Israel, he gets to know our congregation better," said Katherine Finnegan, Religious School Steering Committee Chair. This familiarity enables him "to deliver insight and direction that is invaluable to our professional and lay leaders as they strive to deliver the highest quality Judaic programming to meet our congregants' needs."

Rabbi Joseph's residency is sponsored by the Margaret and Arnold Robinson Family Jewish Education Fund.

Behind the Scene:

The Building and Grounds Committee

John Waldbaum, Chairman

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operation of the current facility. Executive Director Dennis DePorte is managing many of the contractor relationships which provides seamless and cost effective control. He makes the committee's job much easier. The Building and Grounds Committee assists with establishing budgets and helps with evaluating larger capital expenditures required to maintain or repair the existing facility.

In addition, over a two-year period, members of the Building and Grounds Committee provided a framework for the Community Conversations, leading to the congregation's decision to search for a new home. More recently, members of the committee were actively involved in researching and evaluating possible new Temple sites pursuant to the direction of the Board of Trustees.

The Building and Grounds Committee made a recommendation to the Board and then assisted with the agreement reached with the donor of the site at 168th and West Dodge Road.

Once again focused on the operation of the existing facility, the Building and Grounds Committee

has allowed the Steering Committee, whose members include Rick Fox, Jon Meyers, Stacey Rockman and myself, to assume control of the project to design a new building and move Temple to a new site. The Steering Committee is working closely the Long Range Planning Committee and the Board of Trustees to continue the dialogue with the congregation about the requirements within our new facility.

The Steering Committee is also directing the Architectural Selection and Design Committee, which is reviewing materials from various architects around the country, one of whom will be engaged to assist Temple with this process. Initially, the architect will simply be asked to work with the various programming committees, and possibly a general contractor, to help refine our building requirements to a point where preliminary cost estimates can be formulated. At this point, before moving forward, a comparison can be made between the perceived cost of the new project and our fundraising ability. The funds for this initial programming investigation have already been raised.



Your Vote is Needed!

Every four years, the Jewish world conducts elections to the World Zionist Organization (WZO). The WZO is the parliament of the Jewish people. Strength within this parliament translates into influence on issues affecting Jews in Israel and worldwide. This election, in February 2006, is an opportunity for Reform Jews in America to stand with our Movement in Israel.

Critical financial and political resources were secured by the Reform Movement's vote in the two previous World Zionist Congress elections. These resources helped the Reform Movement in Israel to grow and flourish. Registering to vote for the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) slate to the 35th WZO Congress election will help secure what Reform Jews have accomplished so far. That includes giving Reform Jews a strong voice in decisions made in Israel, about two million dollars in annual funding, training Israel's Reform rabbis, supporting Jewish programming on six continents, and supporting the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).

Registration forms are available in the Temple office, or register online at www.VoteReformJudaism.com.

Registration continues until February 15, 2006. All adult members (who are 18



by June 2006) are eligible to vote in what is described as a struggle for the soul of the Jewish people and the future of Reform Judaism in Israel.

*So read me no text, O my brothers, and preach me no creeds;
I'm busy beholding the glory of God and his deeds.
See everywhere buds coming out, blossoms flaming, bees humming,
Glad athletic growers up reaching, things striving, becoming.*
John Neihardt, April Theology

An Environmental Shabbaton for Families

~ Welcome Spring with your Temple family.

~ Spend Shabbat surrounded by the beauty of God's natural world.

~ Learn what Judaism teaches us through nature.

**Saturday, April 29, 2006
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center in Ashland, NE

Save the date!

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

Just in Time for Winter: Crockpot Comfort Cooking!

The crockpot is back and it's better than ever! WRJ-O has recipes that will make your life easier. Join us for lunch: **Tuesday, December 6 at Noon** in the Milder Center. The cost is \$8 for lunch.** There will be a raffle to win the crockpot of your dreams! (It comes filled with all sorts of kitchen gadgets, too!) Raffle tickets will be \$3 each or two for \$5. **RSVP** to the Temple office (mkube@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536) by Wednesday, November 30. ** **Support WRJ-O and be a "Crockpot Queen" - \$18 includes lunch, 3 raffle tickets and our gratitude!**

Cradle Roll for Our Littlest Learners!

**Sunday, December 11
10:30-11:30 a.m.**

The Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha invite parents (and grandparents, too!) to bring their infants and pre-kindergarten age children to play and learn together with other families. Join us for a fun Chanukah craft project, storytime and snack. **RSVP** to Ann Osborne, 933-4954 or annoz13@cox.net, by Friday, December 9.

Tot Shabbat

December 2 & January 6

Join us at **6 p.m.** for this short service of song and prayer. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. Afterwards, stay for a family-friendly Shabbat dinner. Please **RSVP** to the Temple office, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com. Cost is \$5 per adult; children, no charge.



Dust Off Your Menorah and Make Room for Lots of Latkes!

**Friday, December 23
Following the 6 p.m.
Chanukah Family Service**

Bring your own *chanukiah* and join the fun at the much-loved, Annual Chanukah Dinner.

See page 11 for the reservation form. Deadline is Friday, December 16.

A Very Special Thank You

to Ruth Sklarsky, Linda Saltzman, Bonnie Pfrenger and her daughter, Nina, for helping stock the WRJ-O freezer with dozens of goodies for the Onegs.

Save These Dates:

**Pro-Choice Lobby Day
Monday, January 23, 2006
Nebraska State Capitol**

Join members of WRJ-O, the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), and the Pro-Choice Coalition, and protect the privacy of your reproductive medical records. Amend LB462!

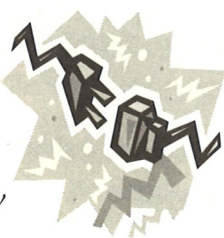
**Girl's Poker Night at Temple
Thursday, February 9, 2006**

Get ready to bluff your way through a night of fun!

Rabbi Azriel Unplugged

**Tuesday, November 29
7 p.m.**

"There's no such thing as a dumb question." And you might learn something you didn't even know you didn't know!



Voices From the Pews

Janey Dann has been a member of Temple Israel for her entire life. She and her husband Jerry joined as a couple after their wedding at Temple 49 years ago. She has seen the number of interfaith families grow, "which is wonderful," she emphasized. She is pleased to see the inclusion of "everyone who wants to choose Judaism or has an interest in learning more."

"My sister and brother-in-law were the second couple to have a wedding in the [current] synagogue. All four of our children attended school at Temple and all four became *B'nai Mitzvah* on Temple's *bimah*. One of our children got married there. All these lifecycle events give me warmth and the comfort of wonderful memories when I'm at Temple," she remarked.

A member of Temple Israel for more than 15 years, Michelle Bucher has seen "a lot of new faces," as well as a "wide-range of programming to fit all age groups and needs. It seems like there's so much going on at the temple. It's very exciting!"

Michelle, who grew up at Beth Israel Synagogue, chose Temple because it's "a more acceptable choice for Ron and me as an interfaith couple." She also wants "to give my children a good Jewish education," and Temple provides "an environment where we as a family can learn, follow and carry out the Jewish religion."

Art Davidson fondly remembers "some of the original sermons of Rabbi Brooks," including one about Autherine Juanita Lucy, a young black woman who, in 1956, became the first African-American to attend classes at the University of Alabama, and the struggles she endured. "Rabbi Brooks' sermon was sent all over the country," recalled Art. "He was brilliant and very up-to-date with what was going on."

Art has been a member of Temple since 1957 and has rabbis and cantors come and go. "Being somewhat religious," he finds being a member of Temple "interesting and meaningful."

Men's Club

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

**Saturday, December 10 at Temple
Registration - 6:30 p.m.
First hand - 7:15 p.m.**

Temple Israel's Men's Club is planning on a full house for this fundraising event to support Temple's music program. "Texas Hold 'Em is a fast-paced poker game that is taking the country by storm. We expect to have greater than 100 participants," said Mike Silverman, Men's Club President.

"A tournament of this size and complexity can only be run by professionals, so we are fortunate to have engaged the services of the Fantasy Poker League and Alan Widman to run the tournament and insure that things go smoothly," Mike indicated.



Play will start as a LIMIT Hold 'Em event for the first half hour and then switch to a NO LIMIT Hold 'Em event.

Top prize for the winner will be a **\$1,000 gift card!** There will also be various gifts for the second through tenth place finishers. In addition, the first 24 players eliminated from the tournament will play in a satellite game to determine a single winner, who will also win a prize.

Open to all adult men in the community, the tournament also will feature a buffet dinner for players to enjoy during the event.

Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. To buy yours, please contact Mike at 740-2200 or msilverman@rbjh.com. Others on the tournament committee are Spencer Brookstein, Adam Kirshenbaum, Jon Meyers and Jeff Smedlund.

Adult Education

Beyond the Aleph Bet

**Begins January 8
10:15 a.m.-Noon**

If you know the Hebrew alphabet, you're ready for "Beyond the Aleph Bet," which continues through February 26. Class will be taught by Colleen Kennealy, who has been teaching Beginning Hebrew this fall.

"Beyond the Aleph Bet uses the *siddur* itself as the text. Each week we will work on reading and/or singing one or two prayers or blessings from the *siddur*. By the end of the second series of classes, students will be able to read the common prayers at Temple," assured Colleen.

Sign up for the class with Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. Cost is \$18 for members, \$25 for non-Temple members.

Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels!

How to Talk to Your Kids About Gossip, Bad Language and Jokes
Sunday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.

Our Educator-in-Residence, Rabbi Sam Joseph from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will help parents find new ways to teach children that words matter. The way in which we speak to and about each other says a lot about the kind of person we are.

Join Rabbi Joseph in the Milder Center immediately following Prayer Assembly for this thought-provoking workshop! As always, bagels are on the house!

Classes are sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

Outreach & Synagogue Community

Chanukah? Christmas? Let's Just do Dinner!

**Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.
at Trovatos Italian Restaurant**

All interfaith couples are invited to this no-host dinner sponsored by Nikki and Adam Kirshenbaum at one of Omaha's favorite Dundee restaurants. This informal social is an opportunity to mingle with others who are trying to bridge two faiths through their marriage.

Questions? Contact the Kirshenbaums at 965-8935 or nrkirshe@cox.net. To reserve a place at the table, contact the Temple office.

Trovatos is located at 5013 Underwood Avenue.

Is December a Dilemma for Your Family?

Join Cantor Wendy Shermet and Temple congregant John Dacey on **Sunday, December 11 at 10 a.m.**

December can be complicated, especially when Chanukah and Christmas collide on the calendar as they do this year.

Temple Israel will again offer a session to help congregants resolve holiday conflicts, discussing how to bridge the all-pervasiveness of Christmas and the feeling of "otherness" felt by Jews at this time of year.

John, who has completed the Outreach Fellows Interfaith Families certification course sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism, has led numerous Jewish Journey Groups at Temple.

There is no charge to attend, but please register with Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.



Welcome New Members!

Mary Wampler and Philip Bierman
Courtney and Madison, age 8

Both Mary and Philip came to Nebraska for their medical residencies over 20 years ago. Philip is an avid Nebraska football fan. Mary is an avid fan of shopping and taking trips to San Francisco. The girls are third graders and they both love to play the guitar. They have a pet snake named Popcorn.

Seth Feierstein

Originally from DeSoto, IA, Seth studied English and religion at the University of Iowa. He has a Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Publishing Arts, and is an adjunct instructor at Iowa Western Community College, teaching English as a Second Language. His goal is to become a full-time writer.

Rachel Flatowicz

Rachel grew up in Omaha and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation at Temple Israel. She has always enjoyed being at Temple and is happy to join the congregation as an adult. Rachel works at Holmes Murphy and Associates as assistant account manager and is studying for her agent's license. She enjoys art, writes poetry and loves animals.

Rachel Keller

Alex Irizarry, age 4

Rachel relocated from Lincoln to Omaha for her work at Cingular Wireless at Westroads. Alex is a student at the CDC. Rachel and Alex have family at Temple Israel and are enjoying being part of a larger Jewish community.

Mark Linsky

Mark grew up at Temple Israel. He is currently a college student focusing on Jewish studies with an eye towards attending rabbinic school in the future. Music is a major hobby. Mark plays acoustic guitar and enjoys reading and writing.

Kelly and Jeff Nogg

Kelly and Jeff recently moved here from Atlanta, GA, because they thought Omaha would be a great place to raise a family. They also like being closer to family members. Jeff is in business with his father and brother at I-Go Van & Storage. Kelly is a real estate agent with CBSHome. They hope to get active in the interfaith couples group.

Andrea Rochman-Narigon

Andrea lives on a farm in rural Iowa near Corning. She retired from teaching art at a private school for troubled teens in Utah. She raises Churro Navajo sheep for their wool. She's a spinner and weaver, and also draws and paints.

Sarah Wiseman

Destiny, age 4

Sarah moved around a lot as a child, but attended high school in Omaha. She works at Mass Insurance. The main focus of her life is raising her daughter Destiny, a student at the CDC.

Sarah joined Temple to find a warm Jewish community for her daughter to grow up in.



Do you love linguini?
 Rave about rigatoni?

**Save the date for the
 Annual Youth Group
 Spaghetti Dinner
 and Silent Auction!
 Sunday, February 13
 5 p.m.**



Proceeds benefit
 Camp CoHoLo
 Camp Rainbow
 and Temple's Youth Groups!

Theme-filled baskets and cash
 donations are needed to make this
 popular event a continuing success!

Contact Lynne Jensen at Temple,
ljensen@templeisraelomaha.com
 or 556-6536.

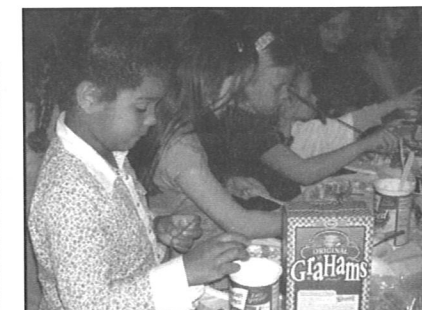
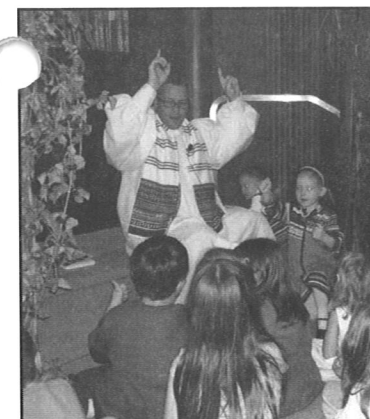


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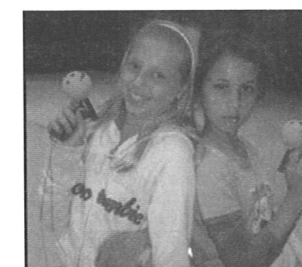
Fall Festivities Full of Fun

Erev Sukkot



(Left) Rabbi Craig Marantz told a Sukkot story under the *sukkah* to the children in the congregation. (Above) Edible graham cracker *sukkot* with all the frosting trimmings were just the right craft project at the Family Potluck Dinner, Monday October 17.

Club 56 Sukkot Party



Twenty-five fifth and sixth graders had a warm, indoor Sukkot Party on Sunday, October 23—the largest Club 56 event so far. Everyone enjoyed pizza and playing pumpkin- and sukkah-related games. (Pictured left) Talía Simon and Molly Helm strike a "Charlie's Angels" pose with pumpkin shooters. Club 56ers pictured right (front row) Talía Simon, Molly Helm, Bailey Newman, Maddie Jensen, Ben Noodell, Noah Grossman, Isaac Rogers-Marcovitz, Hannah Perry, Alex Pachman, Yaniv Azriel, Grant Glazer; (middle row) Alex Fox, Megan Bucher, Dru Beach, Vince Long, Hannah Radler, Cleo Rogers-Marcovitz Zoe Cohen, Josh Cohen; (back row) Lauren Sklarsky, Jordan Jensen, Maddie Goodman and Zane Fletcher.

Erev Simchat Torah and Consecration



Lots of smiling faces were on the *bimah* Monday, October 24 for Consecration. (Left picture, bottom row, l to r) Kindergarten Aide Sean Bernstein, Simon Murphy, Eliana Reiss, Ellie Simon, Jonathan Gordman, Jane Glazer, Harrison Stoneking, Zoey Newman, Chloe Ray, Samantha Matz; (second row) Adam Silverman, Ian Schrier, Madeleine Rauhauser, Benjamin Brodkey, Aleia Budwig, Harley Gordman, Hannah Bargas, Jack Fletcher; (third row) Kindergarten teachers Melany Weinstine and Ann Noodell, Isaiah Schrier, Adam-Cooper-Kahn, Adam Folsom, Mia Vinci, Kathleen Kirshenbaum, Steven Vinci, Rabbi Craig Marantz; (fourth row) Noah Hale, Jessica Pfrenger, Abigayle Schondelmeyer, Sarah Pfrenger; (fifth row) Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Cantor Wendy Shermet. Flags were flying as the congregation (right picture) did the *hakafot* with the Torah around the sanctuary.

Summer-in-Winter Day Got Students Excited for Camp

Second through sixth grade students spent a some time at summer camp on Sunday, November 6. The morning started with last summer's campers being honored on the bimah during the Family Prayer Assembly, then moved on to a fun series of camp events.

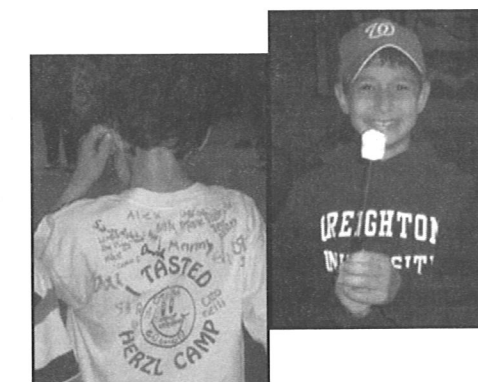
Students took turns learning Israeli dances with Cheryl Lerner, made s'mores, played relay races with "dirty laundry" and watched the Camp OSRUI video.

Flyers from five camps are available in the Temple office. Contact Temple's Youth and Informal Education Director Lynne Jensen with questions about the different sessions available.

Confidential financial assistance is available—contact Executive Director Dennis DePorte.



S'mores were the hit of the day! (Above) Bailey Newman, Megan Bucher, Lindsey Thomas and Sydney Robinson take their turn at the s'more makers.



(Left) Herzl camper Ari Rauhauser wore his autographed t-shirt to the fun. (Right) Tyler Schneiderman was all smiles as he waited for his turn to roast a marshmallow and enjoy a gooey s'mores.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					25	26 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
27 No Religious School	28	29 Family School, Dinner & Keep Up 5:30-8 p.m. Lifting the Veil 7-8:30 p.m. Rabbi Azriel Unplugged 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	30 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. JYG Battle of the Sexes 5 p.m. Bible Quiz Practice 5 p.m. Hebrew Club 5:30 p.m. Grades 3-12 Dinner 6 p.m. Grades 7-12 Student/Parent Yellow Ribbon Workshop	1 Adult Study With the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	2 Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	3 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Saferstein Board of Trustees Retreat 3 p.m.
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Women of Spirit XXI

Stories Between the Spaces
of our lives, our cultures, our spiritual paths



Sunday, January 29th, 2006
1:00 PM-6:00 PM

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Worship Services

Friday~November 25

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Cantor Wendy Shermet

Saturday~November 26

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Chaya Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Friday~December 2

6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Dinner immediately following

6 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 Shabbat Service

Saturday~December 3

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Saferstein

Daughter of Stephanie and Mike Siedschlag
and Lynda and Mark Saferstein

Torah Portion: Toledot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Friday~December 9

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Craig Marantz

Saturday~December 10

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Katz

Daughter of Amy and Richard Katz

Torah Portion: Vayetze

Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah: Jeremiah Hosea 12:13-14:10

Friday~December 16

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Saturday~December 17

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Waldbaum

Son of Natha and John Waldbaum

Torah Portion: Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4-36:43

Haftarah: 11:7-12:12

Friday~December 23

6 p.m.

Chanukah Family Service

Dinner immediately following

Saturday~December 24

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Friday~December 30

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Craig Marantz

Saturday~December 31

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

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.

Birthday Blessings

Chanukah Family Service

Friday, December 23

6 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the months of November and December will be given a special blessing by the rabbi.

Join us for this special service, and then stay and enjoy a festive and delicious Chanukah dinner! See page ? for all the details.

Sitter Service

is available...

- each Friday evening for the 7:30 p.m. service;
- 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. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.



Visit Temple's website
www.templeisrael-ne.org



Happy Chanukah!

Chanukah Service for the Home

These two blessings are recited each night:

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm ah-sheer kid shah-nu b'mitz-voh-tav v-tsee-vah-nu l-had 'leek nayr shel-Chan-nu-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who hallows us with His Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-ah-sah niseem lah-ah-vo-tay-nu bah-yah-meem ha-haym baz-man hah-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first night of Chanukah only:

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-heh-che-yahnu v'kee-y'mah-nu v'hi-gee-yah-nu lah-z'mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Fourth Night Prayer - Our ancestors have taught us that in hope a person's future is illuminated and made creative. Ours are times when many live in fear, loneliness and great despair. Like the Maccabees, we need to build our lives on hope that ultimately truth will triumph. Now, as we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the hopes and dreams of Judaism.

Fifth Night Prayer - Our tradition tells us of the importance of light. Through the darkness of thousands of years in exile, our people clung to a beacon of hope of a Promised Land. And now across thousands of miles that beacon burns brightly on our horizon once again. *Eretz Yisrael*, the state of Israel, the homeland, the hope. Tonight's candles remind us that we are part of *K'lal Yisrael*, the Jewish people, and that there is not only brightness in our home, but as well in the homes of our people in Israel. May these lights make the beacons of our future burn ever so brightly.

Sixth Night Prayer - The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today, one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world.

When we end disagreements through mutual understanding, when we seek to mend hurt feelings, we are beginning to do our part in making peace a living ideal. As we kindle our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of securing peace.

Seventh Night Prayer - The unity of a people is founded upon a total respect for the liberty and freedom of all. The Maccabees of old sought to protect themselves when their rights were violated. Our Chanukah lights serve as a reminder that humanity is secure only when we honor the precious liberty and property of each other. As we kindle these lights, let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of unity which alone can bring dignity to all people.

Eighth Night Prayer - Tonight we kindle all the candles of our Chanukah. Throughout the centuries the Chanukah has been a symbol of our faith. Like the Maccabees, we rededicate ourselves to the living of a more meaningful Jewish life. We pray that in the coming year we may fulfill the ideals of freedom, charity, family, study, hope, peace and unity, all of which are symbolized by the candles of our Chanukah.

First Night Prayer - These Chanukah lights are in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God, they gave their lives for freedom. Now kindling these candles we rededicate ourselves to work for the equal rights of all people and for a world of democracy and freedom.

Second Night Prayer - Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family and friendship. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and devotion. As we kindle these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for one another increase from strength to strength.

Third Night Prayer - On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we too are bound to sustain our heritage by deepening our understanding of it. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its values. Study opens our minds and strengthens us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. As we kindle these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.



A Quick Chanukah Story

The Greeks were bad.
They wanted us to be just like them.

The Jews felt bad.
We wanted to be just as we were.

The Greeks hit hard.
They took away our language,
our customs,
our temple.

The Jews felt hard (pressed).
They wanted to keep our language,
our customs,
our temple.

And so a war began
between the Greeks and the Jews.

Led by Judah called Maccabee,
they fought the Greeks.

Led by Antiochus, called the Great,
the Greeks tried to fight.

The Jews had spirit.

The Greeks had might.

And spirit was better than might.

The Jews won.

The Greeks ran away.

We got back our language,
our customs,
our temple.

Celebrating,
we began a new custom.

We lit candles to show
spirit is better than might,
light is better than dark,
freedom is best of all.

Happy Chanukah



Celebrate Chanukah at Temple Friday, December 23

Family Shabbat Worship Service, 6 p.m.

Chanukah Dinner immediately following

Bountiful brisket, luscious latkes, a veritable vegetarian selection, and delicious dessert!

Everyone is invited to our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner sponsored by the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha. Bring your own menorah, along with candles, to be lit for your table.

Please send a check, along with the reservation form, to the Temple office.
Deadline is Friday, December 16. No telephone reservations will be accepted.

Adults, \$9.50 — Children Grade 6 and younger, \$5.00.

Children 2 years and younger, no charge

Family Chanukah Dinner

Name _____

Phone # _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Brisket Vegetarian

Adult _____

Children Grade 6 and under _____

Children 2 years and younger _____

We would like seating with _____

A Chanukah Mitzvah

Temple Israel has a Chanukah tradition of doing a congregational *tzedakah* project to celebrate this holiday of freedom.

Dedicate one night of Chanukah to *tzedakah* by shopping together for books with attached audio tapes for kindergartners through fourth graders. The books will be sent to the Gordon School in Akko, Israel.

Elyce Azriel, Director of Temple's Middle/High School, has been to the Gordon School. "They desperately need books with tapes on the elementary level for their library and their English classroom," she said. In February, middle and high school students will read books and record them on tapes. Rita Paskowitz, a professional storyteller, will instruct the students on creative interpretation.

The Gordon School is part of the Omaha Jewish community's Partnership 2000 Project. Forging relationships through programs that build Jewish identity, Partnership 2000's purpose is to strengthen connections between Israel and the United States.

Please bring your donations to the Chanukah dinner or drop them off in the Temple office before Friday, December 16. Cash donations are also welcome!

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Youth & Education

For Camp Next Summer, Sign Up This Winter

Katelin Zetzman, nine-years-old, attended Herzl Camp last summer. "We went on an overnight in the woods," she explained. "We got to sleep in tents and we got to do the rope course and we roasted s'mores." Overall, she described her camp experience as "really good" and she's already signed up to go next summer.

Now is the time to register for camp. Sessions fill up quickly. All Temple Israel youth are eligible for a \$1,000 Eisenberg Campership for their first Jewish camp experience. The Jewish Federation also offers \$500 to youngsters who attend Jewish camps the summer before and the summer after their *B'nai Mitzvah*. The Center for Jewish Education (formerly Jewish Educational and Library Services) also has financial aid scholarships for summer camps. Additionally, some camps themselves offer financial assistance.

Who's Going to Summer Camp? We Are!

OSRUI:

Yaniv Azriel, Hannah Budwig, Alex Fox, Ben Hale, Jordan Jensen, Maddie Jensen, Ben Noodell, Justin Norton and Lindsey Thomas

BEER CAMP:

Hamutal Ginsburg (Counselor)

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Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Grace Hack and Emily Katz

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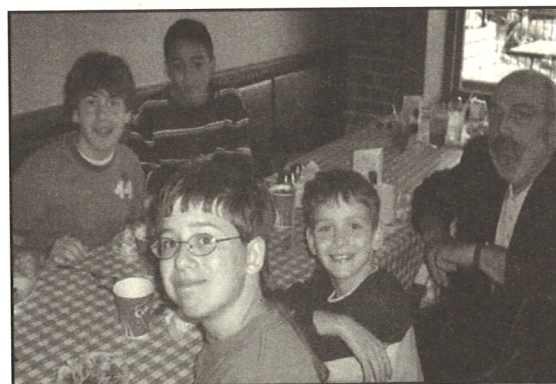
Dustin Ginsburg, Katelin Zetzman, Rachel Zetzman

If you're registered for camp, too, let Lynne Jensen know and she'll add your name to the camp board!



Team Madrachim!

What a fun afternoon our madrachim had riding Ollie the Trolley, eating lunch at the Spaghetti Works and enjoying Ted and Wally's Ice Cream! These students and a dozen more commit to working in the Religious School on Sundays and Wednesdays.



Pictured at left (standing) Grace Hack, Hannah Grossman, (seated) Haley Gordman, Rachel Saferstein and Emily Katz pose with an Old Market J. Doe. Pictured above Ethan Workman, Yaniv Azriel, Josh Moran, Noah Grossman and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel relax at the Spaghetti Works.

Middle/High School Students and Parents Workshop

"It's OK to Ask for Help"

Talking About Teen Suicide and Depression

with Dave Carlson, Director of Yellow Ribbon

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

at Temple Israel

Funded by the

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Come to the
20th Annual Edward Zorinsky
B'nai B'rith Bible Quiz
Sponsored by the
Henry Monsky B'nai B'rith Lodge
and support Temple's students

Adam Goldberg
Samantha Long
Sarah Long and
David Trubnikov

as they represent Temple Israel
Wednesday, December 7
6 p.m. – Dinner

Bible Quiz immediately following

This year's questions are from
the Book of Deuteronomy.

\$600 first prize, \$350 second prize,
\$250 third prize, \$125 fourth prize

Prize money can be used for
college tuition, a trip to Israel, or
for a camp or educational program
sponsored by a Jewish organization.

The entire community is invited to
attend and watch Jewish
high school students compete
for the prizes and honors!

Youth Groupers Had a Happy Haunted Havdalah

Saturday, October 15 was a wonderfully scary time for 27 JYG and OTYGers. After havdalah and pizza at Annie Rips' house, everyone enjoyed the chills and thrills of going to The Haunt and Mystery Manor. Don't miss out on the fun — check out temple's website for the next event!



(Above left) Sarah Bleicher and Caroline Terry dazzled in their costumes. (Above right) Jackie Neesman, Annie Rips, Aaron Bleicher and Jaclyn Adelson laugh-it-up before hitting the haunted houses. Check out more pictures on www.templeisrael-ne.org.

What's Happening in Religious School

Rabbi Criag Marantz, Elementary School Director

Family Prayer Assembly and 4Bs..... Sunday, December 4

Please join us for the last Prayer Assembly of 2005! Directly following the assembly, parents are encouraged to attend the 4Bs, "How to talk to Your Kids About Gossip, Bad Language and Jokes." We welcome Rabbi Sam Joseph, who will lead us in this lively and important discussion.

Grade 6 Trip to the Federation Library..... Sunday, December 4

The sixth graders will make their second and final trip to the Federation Library to work on their research projects. Sixth grade teachers will be on hand to meet the students at the Library. Parents, please drop your sixth grader off at 10:15 a.m. and pick them up at 11:45 a.m.

Chanukah Parties Sunday, December 18

Students, parents, and teachers have a wonderful time celebrating this holiday. All ideas for a fun time are welcome. Thanks for your support and suggestions.

No Religious School.....December 18-January 7

Classes resume on Sunday, January 8 for grades Kindergarten-Six. Family School resumes on Tuesday, January 10.

Mark Your Calendars for FUN!

JYG'S Second Annual Battle of the Sexes

Wednesday, November 30, 5-6:30 p.m.

Last year it was boys against the girls in a Chanukah-themed competition, with the girls the clear winners! What will happen this year? All seventh and eighth graders are invited to a fun, friendly competition and dinner before middle school.

Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Leora Azriel, 960-5796, or Lynne Jensen, 556-6536.

Club 56

Pizza, Floats and a Movie

Sunday, December 4, Noon-2 p.m.

Come chill out with your friends in the Youth Lounge after Religious School. Our Club 56 events are always fun — don't let your classmates miss this one!

Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Lynne Jensen, 556-6536.

Middle/High School Tikkun Olam Days

Elyce Azriel,

Middle/High School Director

On Wednesday, October 26, our teens experienced their first *Tikkun Olam Day*. This evening was filled with hope through encounters which defined what the teens need to do in repairing the world. Our Jewish teens engaged in community service as they reached out to help those beyond the boundaries of the Jewish community.

Our youth visited Youth Emergency Services (Y.E.S.), Micah House and Quality Living. Y.E.S. and Micah House are agencies working with the homeless; Quality Living provides services for young adults with brain injuries, physical disabilities and Multiple Sclerosis.

Patrick McNamara, *Tikkun Olam Days* coordinator, said in his introduction to our youth, "...I want to frame what we are about to do in the context of *Sukkot*...The *sukkah* reminds us how fragile and temporary our lives and the houses we live in can be, subject to wind and rain and the elements. Tonight we have a wonderful opportunity to interact with some people who are homeless. While we can retreat into a warm house when our *sukkah* gets cold, not all people have that luxury."

There is clear evidence that one of the surest ways to engage Jewish teens is through social action projects — *Tikkun Olam Days*. Teens respond to impassioned role models. They in turn will begin to also serve as role models. In Patrick's final words, he said, "I hope that all of us will try to truly connect with those we meet tonight, not as charity cases for us to serve, but as fellow human beings created in God's image, who also share fragile and temporary lives and who, ultimately, seek that deep *shalom* we are all striving for in the world."

Our teens can make a difference in society and in the life of someone less fortunate for themselves through enthusiasm, commitment and youthful energy!

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Frances P. Batt, mother of Ellie Batt and Bob Batt, sister of Louis Blumkin, Sylvia (Babe) Cohn and Cynthia Schneider, grandmother of Aaron Batt and Jonas Batt, and aunt of Claudia Boehm, Irv Blumkin and Ron Blumkin;

Cecelia Eirinberg, mother of Lewis Eirinberg;

Lois Hightower, mother of Ann Pickel;

Pauline Hoberman, mother of Audrey Epstein, Gerald Hoberman and Dr. Lawrence Hoberman, and grandmother of Lisa Cohen, Robin Becker and Jennifer Hoberman;

Patricia F. Jensen, grandmother of Patrick Jensen;

Joseph Needelman, father of Howard Needelman;

Sylvia Parilman, sister of Vera Lewis;

Corinne Rockman, mother of Jonathan Rockman;

Helen Rugg Sherrill, grandmother of Patrick McNamara;

Ruth Sternhill, sister of Morris Shapiro and aunt of Lisa Lewis;

Maurice M. Udes, husband of Joan Udes, father of Barbara Shaw, Diane Udes and Lynne Scott, and step-father of Janet Backus, Susan Cannon, JoEllen Eugenides, and Barbara Pathak.

JoAnn P. Wees, aunt of Patrick Jensen

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome Patrick Jensen who has recently chosen Judaism:

May he go from strength to strength!

Our most sacred prayers are recited when the congregation is standing. Therefore, we ask that you not enter or leave the sanctuary or chapel until worshipers are seated.

Contribution Form

All donations received will be placed in the Endowment Fund unless specifically directed otherwise.

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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, at 556-6536.

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Congratulations

On the Birth of: Elena Carolyn Kully, daughter of Maritza Rivera and Dan Kully, Seattle, WA. Grandparents are Aida and Luis Rivera, Hollywood, FL, and Connie and Bob Kully.

On the Engagement of: Lisa Fried and Eric Mackem. Parents Norma and Marshall Fried, Myra Mackem, Fredericks, MD, and Walter Mackem, Arlington, VA.

On the Marriage of: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vann. Mrs. Vann is the former Shohreh Ma. Parents are Judy Vann and the late Howard Vann.