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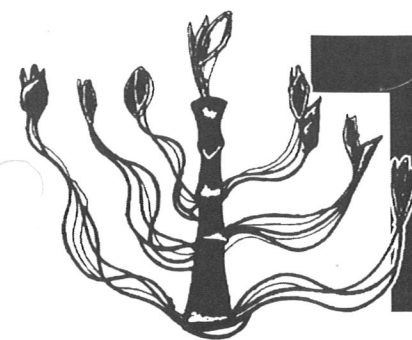
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Make it a Klezmer Night to Remember!

**Saturday, November 20
7:30 p.m.**

Before World War II in Eastern Europe, Klezmer bands entertained at weddings and other festive occasions. Today in the United States, there has been a revival of Klezmer music, and it's coming to Omaha!

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, founded in Chicago in 1983, will bring a kaleidoscope of colors, moods, and an old-fashioned spirit of fun when they perform their show of traditional Jewish music. The concert is sponsored by Temple's Music Fund and by a generous donation from Fred and Eve Simon.

With a combination of dance music, folk songs, theatre medleys and jazzy Yiddish pop music from the 1930's to the 1950's, the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band creates a rich experience reminiscent of the lost world of Eastern European Jewish culture. Combined with vignettes of America as seen through immigrant eyes, the band has delighted audiences of many backgrounds with its high-energy performances.

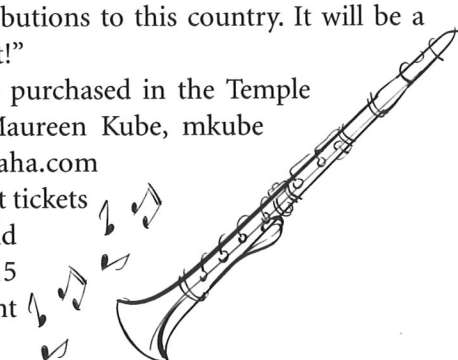
Their concerts have been staged across America as well as in Munich, London, Vienna, Amsterdam, Enschede, The Hague and in Norway. They've performed annually

since 1996 in a Chanukah concert featuring Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary) and Jewish songwriter Debbie Friedman. The Maxwell Street Band has been featured on Chicago's PBS station in a "Do It Yourself Chanukah" television special. They've also played at Carnegie Hall and at New York's Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center.

After a concert in Middlesex, England, the band's performance was described as "not just a concert, but a show!"

Temple's Cantor Wendy Shermet agrees. "This concert is a great way, just before Thanksgiving, to celebrate and appreciate 350 years of Jews in America and also recognize our artistic contributions to this country. It will be a fabulous night out!"

Tickets can be purchased in the Temple office—contact Maureen Kube, mkube@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536. Adult tickets are \$12 when paid in advance and \$15 at the door. Student tickets are \$5.



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Celebrating 350 Years of Jews in America

As I See It...

I love the movie "The Natural." It has a wonderful ending. The movie is about a gifted baseball player. In the last scene he hits a home run that wins the pennant for his team. The ball smashes into the field's floodlights, shattering sparks heavenward as if it were a July 4th fireworks shower.

The winning hit brings defeat to the sinister characters and triumph to the good guys. It is an American allegory, about an American game, with an American hero who braves death for the good of others. Inside I felt a glow at the end, warming and brilliant like the shower of sparks.

I was apparently in the mood for fantasies. After all, the good guys don't always win. Life's evils are not really overcome by a stunning home run.

Still, every time I watched the movie, I believed it. For the length of the movie I am always absolutely engrossed by a possibility that good would prevail. It did.

And you know, sometimes it does really happen. Sometimes for a moment the fantasy comes true. The good guys do win on occasion. We need to be reminded of this.

That's what relieves the disappointment. It is possible. We can hope for the home run. Now get out there and VOTE!



Many Thanks!

Our thanks to Gretchen Radler for so beautifully decorating the sanctuary and chapel for our Sukkot and Simchat Torah worship. Her artistic touches enhanced the magnificent *sukkah* that was built and given by the late Ajon Farber.

The Life of Aaron Copland Sunday, November 7 7 p.m., J.C.C. Theater

Vivan Perlis, Director of Yale University's American Music/Oral History program, will present the "Oral History of American Musicians" featuring the life of Jewish composer Aaron Copland at an Opera Omaha Insight event.

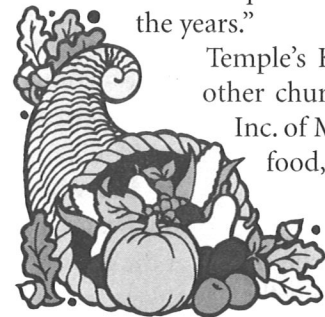
Perlis, biographer of Copland, will discuss his work including recordings of Copland speaking about his music. Joseph Wydeven, biographer of 20th century farm photographer and author Wright Morris, will talk about Morris' Nebraska work and how it evokes the world of Copland's *The Tender Land*.

The free event is sponsored by Opera Omaha and Jewish Educational and Library Services.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service First United Methodist Church Wednesday, November 24, 7 p.m.

Temple Israel will participate in the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service along with Dundee Presbyterian Church, St. Margaret Mary's Church, First Christian Church and Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church. First United Methodist Church will host the service this year.

Pastor Chad Anglemeyer of First United Methodist Church said, "We will have a little different format this year in honor of Omaha's 150th birthday. We're all pieces of the same quilt and we'll describe how the congregations have evolved over the years."



Temple's Kol Rina choir will sing with choirs from some of the other churches. A monetary collection will be taken for Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha for emergency relief services such as food, clothing and financial assistance.

All participating congregations will host a dessert reception at the conclusion of the service. Temple members can call Sandy Passer at 330-4289 to help bake for the reception.

Catch the November Shul Shuttle!



The Shul Shuttle will be up and running for Shabbat Services on **Friday, November 19**. Anyone interested in riding along can call the Temple office, 556-6536, by Thursday, November 18 to reserve a spot!

November's Shuttle is sponsored by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Jeanne Dvorkin in honor of her Special Birthday.

There is no cost to ride the Shul Shuttle.

Yitzhak Rabin: Remembering a Life of Honor

It has been almost nine years since Prime Minister of Israel Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by an Israeli right-wing extremist at the end of a peace rally in Tel Aviv. A memorial service to mark the occasion will begin at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 3, at Temple Israel**. The entire Jewish community is invited to attend.

Sponsored by Jewish Educational and Library Services (JELS) and the Jewish Community Center (J.C.C.), the Rabin Memorial Service will begin with an educational session for Temple Israel middle and high school students at 6:30 p.m. led by Rabbi Aryeh Azriel. Footage from the assassination will be shown followed by a memorial service or *Azkarah* Memorial.

Rabin was born in 1922 in Jerusalem, the son of an American immigrant and one of the first members of the *Haganah*. A volunteer for the *Palmach*, Yitzhak Rabin served in the Israeli Army for 27 years and became Chief of Staff. When he retired from the military in 1968, Rabin was appointed Israeli ambassador to the United States.

Upon returning to Jerusalem in 1973, he became active in Israel's Labor Party and was elected to the Knesset after the Yom Kippur War that year. He was appointed Minister of Labor until he became head of the government in 1974.

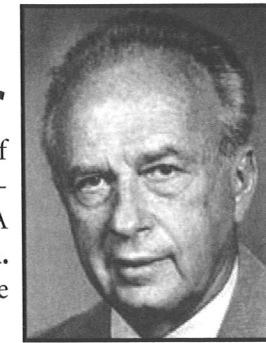
As prime minister, Rabin emphasized improving the economy, solving social problems, and strengthening the Israel Defense Force. He concluded an interim agreement with Egypt in 1975. Under Rabin, a daring rescue by the Israel Defense Force of hostages hijacked by terrorists on an Air France flight was made at the Entebbe airport in Uganda.

When the Labor Party was defeated in 1977, Rabin served in the Knesset as a member of the opposition and on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee until 1984 when he became Minister of Defense in the National Unity Government. He continued serving in the Knesset until he was elected chairman of the Labor Party and then prime minister in 1992.

Rabin was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat for signing the Declaration of Principles which outlined proposed interim self-government arrangements. That same year, Rabin also signed a peace treaty with King Hussein of Jordan.

Rabin is buried on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

After the *Azkarah* Memorial, there will be an educational discussion focusing on the political speech and culture in Israel. The discussion will address the Jewish perspective of political dissent, land and democracy. The entire gathering will sing *Hatikvah* at the conclusion of the evening memorial program.



In Search of Suits..... or Just a Jacket!



Coming to Temple to celebrate a Bar Mitzvah, whether your own or a friend's, is **ALWAYS** fun. Finding a jacket or suit to fit a growing adolescent is **RARELY** fun. Help us help others dress for Temple. Please consider donating your pre-teen or teenage son's nearly new or gently used "Shabbat clothes" so that we can share them with other growing boys. Contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

What Can You do When... December is a Dilemma! Sunday, November 14 10 a.m.

"There are legitimate challenges that families face during the holiday season that affects their sense of peacefulness," said Rabbi Craig Marantz. "The December dilemma is something our community faces on a regular basis, because there are so many families who have members who celebrate Christmas."

"December Dilemma will allow us to talk about real life issues in pursuit of homes that are more peaceful, whole, and in which families can maintain their dignity," explained Rabbi Marantz who will lead the discussion with Temple member John Dacey.

John, who has led numerous Jewish Journey Groups at Temple, participated in Outreach Fellows Interfaith Family Training at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, last summer. He was one of 36 participants from across the country.

"In the latest census of 1996-2001," pointed out John, "47 percent of Jews who married got married to someone who is not Jewish. Temple's membership reflects that national consensus, and we need to address it. Christmas is inescapable. If you're Jewish, how do you deal with this overwhelming time of year in America? We also have Chanukah around the same time of year. How do you celebrate that in the context of Judaism? Some people have grandchildren celebrating two traditions. How do we address this?" asked John.

John and Rabbi Marantz will offer help in navigating the tricky paths of celebrating the holidays in inter-faith families. The December Dilemma is free and open to the community.

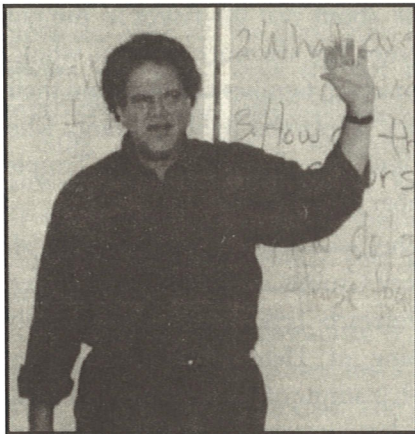
Rabbi Sam Joseph

How to be an Effective Teacher

December 3-5

This year's Educator-in-Residence, Rabbi Sam Joseph, is a professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati.

An internationally known educator, lecturer, workshop facilitator, and expert in leadership development, Rabbi Joseph was ordained at HUC-JIR in 1976. He was awarded a Ph.D. in education and organizational psychology



Rabbi Joseph, who met with Religious School teachers in August, will continue his ideas for effective teaching when he returns in December for another teacher-in-service.

from Clayton University in St. Louis in 1981. From 1974 to 1979, he was the rabbi of Temple Israel in Dayton, OH. and has been with HUC-JIR since 1979. He specializes in synagogue leadership, curriculum development and adult education. Rabbi Joseph has worked with Jewish communities in Brazil, Argentina, Moscow, Leningrad, Australia, and Hong Kong.

Author of four books and more than 50 articles about education, teaching, organizations, and the family, Rabbi Joseph's most recent book is *Portraits of Schooling: A Survey and Analysis of Supplemental Schooling in Congregations*.

On Friday night, December 3, he will attend a dinner with all of Temple's Religious School teachers and their families at 5:30 p.m. at Temple. He'll

talk about "How to be an Effective Teacher and How to Know That You Are One," part two of the teacher-in-service he conducted in August. His discussions will be "related to exploring the educator's own inner landscape of being a teacher," explained Rabbi Joseph. "I was asking them to think quite deeply about the traits that make them good teachers. I'm trying to get away from the external criteria of being a good teacher."

Speaking to all members of the congregation, Rabbi Joseph will give the sermon at the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat worship service that evening.

On Saturday, December 4, Rabbi Joseph will meet with the Religious School Steering Committee in the afternoon. "One of the focus groups of our committee is curriculum," said Maria Neesman, Chairman of the steering committee. "We feel it would be helpful for parents to see a little bit of the view the teachers have as they're looking at the curriculum." She added that all interested parents are welcome to attend on the discussion.

Maria heard Rabbi Joseph when he was here in August and thought that "he was very good. He had great ideas for the teachers to use in the classrooms. And it's the job of all of us to be Jewish teachers to our kids," she said.

To conclude his discussion with the teachers, Rabbi Joseph will meet with them again at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 5. His residency at Temple is supported by the Margaret and Arnold Robinson Family Jewish Education Fund.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

We Need You! Yes, You!

WRJ-O has several upcoming events, and we need volunteers for various activities. If you are interested in baking, making phone calls, greeting people, serving food or helping us out in any other way, let us know! Please contact President Nancy Nogg at nnogg@cox.net or 968-9619 to volunteer your time.

Join Us For Game Night!

WRJ-O will host a Game Night on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. in the Milder Center. The featured game will be Mah Jong. Expert members of our own community will show us how to play. Snacks and refreshments will be provided—you bring the desire to have a fun night out! The more the merrier, so please attend with your friend, mom, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, niece or grandmother! RSVP to the Temple office. Fee, \$5. Watch the mail for your invitation!

Did you know...

children who attended the Sukkot Potluck Dinner on September 29 made edible sukkahs out of graham crackers, licorice, Skittles, M & M's and frosting? They also used twigs and twine to make a Star of David. Their crafts looked great hanging in the outdoor sukkah!

Welcome New Member

Sharon Bargas!

Give Hope
Your one donation can
save three lives.
Temple Israel's
Annual Blood Drive
has been rescheduled for
Thursday, April 14, 2005.



Strengthening Male Spirituality and the Connection to Community

Rabbi Craig Marantz

Historically, Judaism has been a patriarchal religion. The patriarchy has manifested itself in numerous ways, like the all-male prayer *minyan*. The *minyan*, which is still convened regularly by some Jews, has been more than just a vehicle for communal prayer. It has also been a point of connection, in which men could check in with one another and embrace each other's lives.

For over thirty years, though, feminists have helped Jews understand that Jewish patriarchy and its institutions, like the *minyan*, have been unsympathetic to a greater role for women. As a result, congregations like ours have grown more and more open to equal participation in Jewish life by men and women. We have been blessed by the leadership of several women, who have served Temple Israel as president. An egalitarian Judaism has opened doors for women, like our cantor, Jendy Shermet, to become inspiring spiritual leaders.

Ironically, while women enjoy more and more access to Jewish life, we find that many men now find it difficult to fit in. Perhaps this disconnection has to do with the desirability to make a difference in the broader world and

to reap the benefits of an assimilated life. Perhaps it has to do with a limited command of Jewish knowledge that we can integrate into our daily lives. For whatever reason, men are now more often marginal members of our congregation, lacking connections to each other and the Jewish community.

In light of this challenge, I think it is important for Temple Israel to offer different kinds of opportunities for men to explore their Jewish identity. While we are not going back to the all-male *minyan*, there are other excellent possibilities. To be sure, there are many general educational and worship opportunities that can help male participants do so. We are now also offering a men's spirituality group that will provide opportunities for men to explore more deeply what it means to be a Jewish man. **This group will meet once a month on Thursday mornings at the Market Basket (on Pacific and 87th) from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Check the Temple calendar or the e-Tidings for specific dates. This group will also explore ways in which men can make a difference in other areas of Temple life. Our efforts promise to be very rewarding. Come join us.

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7023 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68132

Strike Up Some Fun Sunday, November 14, Noon

Singles and single parent families-kids of all ages included-are invited to a pizza and bowling party. Come to Temple for Valentino's pizza and then head to Maplewood Lanes bowling, 3030 North 101st Street. "We want Temple to feel like home for everyone," said Rosie Zweiback, Program director, who has been planning events for singles and single parent families.

In addition to the November event, the group is encouraged to attend together Temple's annual Chanukah dinner on Friday, December 10. On January 9, a Sunday morning conversation meeting is planned. Other possible events include a Shabbat dinner in February and attending the April 24 Congregational Passover Seder as a group.

RSVP for the pizza and bowling party to Temple at 556-6536 or to rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. Lunch is \$5 for adults; \$3.50 for children 12 and younger.

Annual Bible Quiz is a Challenge!

Each year, B'nai B'rith sponsors a local Bible contest for students who attend Omaha's congregational high schools. The purpose of the quiz is to encourage Jewish youth to become more familiar with their heritage—the Bible.

Held at the Jewish Community Center, this year's Bible Quiz will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8 preceded by a dinner at 6:15 p.m. Participants will be quizzed on the Books of Exodus and Ruth. First prize winner will receive \$600; second prize is \$350; third prize is \$250; and fourth prize is \$125. Prize money can be applied toward college tuition or an approved trip to Israel or a Jewish camp experience that is sponsored by a local or national Jewish organization.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					29	30 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Slosburg Grade 8 & OTYG Haunted Havdalah 7-10 p.m.
31 Religious School Steering Committee, 8:45 a.m. Teacher Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-5 10 a.m.-Noon Grade 6 @ Federation Library 10:15-11:45 a.m. WRJ-O Board Meeting 10 a.m. Beginning Hebrew 10:15 a.m.-Noon	1	2 Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School & Keep-up 6:15-8 p.m. Creation, Revelation, Redemption 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	3 Religious School Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Service @ Temple Israel 7-8:30 p.m.	4 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Social Justice Roundtable Noon-1:30 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30-8 p.m.	5 Torah Tots 10-11:30 a.m. Readings in the Zohar Noon-1 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner Following 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	6 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Chloé Ginsburg
7 Teacher Meeting 9 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Prayer Assembly Rabbi-in-Residence Josh Zweiback 10 a.m. Beginning Hebrew 10:15 a.m.-Noon 4B's with Rabbi Zweiback 10:30 a.m.	8	9 Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School & Keep-up 6:15-8 p.m. Creation, Revelation, Redemption 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	10 Religious School Bible Quiz Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. OTYG Board Meeting & Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	11 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30-8 p.m.	12 Torah Tots 10-11:30 a.m. Readings in the Zohar Noon-1 p.m. Shabbat Comes To You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Family Service 6 p.m.	13 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Grossman
14 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-4, 6 10 a.m.-Noon Grade 5 @ Shelters December Dilemma 10 a.m. Beginning Hebrew 10:15 a.m.-Noon Single Parent Pizza & Bowl Noon OTYG Laser Tag Noon	15	16 Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School & Keep-up 6:15-8 p.m. Creation, Revelation, Redemption 7-8:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	17 Conversation with Rabbi Azriel Noon-1 p.m. Religious School & Dinner Bible Quiz Study 5-6 p.m. Teacher Meeting 5:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m. WRJ-O Game Night 7 p.m.	18 Men's Spirituality Group @ Market Basket 7:30-8:30 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina 6:30-8 p.m.	19 Torah Tots 10-11:30 a.m. Readings in the Zohar Noon-1 p.m. Camp Reunion Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	20 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. B'not Mitzvah of Melanie Long Samantha Long Sarah Long Klezmer Concert 7:30 p.m.
21 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-Noon Summer in Winter Camp Fair 10 a.m.-Noon Beginning Hebrew 10:15 a.m.-Noon	22	23 Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School & Keep-up 6:15-8 p.m. Creation, Revelation, Redemption 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	24 No Religious School Thanksgiving Interfaith Service & Reception @ First United Methodist Church 7 p.m.	25 No Religious School Office Closed Thanksgiving	26 Office Closed Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	27 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
28 No Religious School	29	30 Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School & Keep-up 6:15-8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.				

Worship Services

Friday~October 29

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Martha and David Slosburg in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday~October 30

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Jacob Slosburg
Son of Martha and David Slosburg
Torah Portion: Vayera
Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Friday~November 5

6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the
Ginsburg Family and the Grossman
Family in honor of the B'not Mitzvah
of Chloé Ann Ginsburg and
Hannah Beatrice Grossman

Saturday~November 6

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Chloé Ann Ginsburg
Daughter of Cheri and Larry Ginsburg
Torah Portion: Chaye Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-1:31

Friday~November 12

4 p.m.
**Shabbat Comes to You at
Remington Heights**
6 p.m.
Grades 1 and 2 Family Shabbat Service

Saturday~November 13

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Beatrice Grossman
Daughter of Stephanie and
Barry Grossman
Torah Portion: Toledot
Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

Friday~November 19

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Sermon
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the
family and friends of Melanie,
Samantha and Sarah Long in
honor of their B'not Mitzvah

Saturday~November 20

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
**B'not Mitzvah of Melanie Long,
Samantha Long and Sarah Long**
Daughters of Ellen Long
Torah Portion: Vayetze
Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Wednesday~November 24

7 p.m.
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Reception immediately following
First United Methodist Church

Friday~November 26

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
D'var Torah
Cantor Wendy Shermet

Saturday~November 27

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

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Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Torah Tot Classes Begins Friday, October 29

It's not too late to join this session of Torah Tots. Classes provide a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months. Tereza Wigodsky leads the Friday 10-11:30 a.m. class with guest appearances from Rabbis Azriel and Marantz, and Cantor Shermet. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Family Prayer Assembly Sunday, November 7

Once a month, our entire school comes together for this "kid friendly" service. What a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about prayer and worship! Following our 10 a.m. assembly, parents are invited to attend the 4B's at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1 and 2 Family Shabbat Service.....November 12

Parents and extended family are invited to attend this special evening. First and second graders will participate in the 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service. Sitter Service is available during the worship service by advance reservation through the Temple office.

PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR CHANGE.....

The Public School Teacher Shabbat has been moved to April 15, 2005. Look for details about this incredible evening to be mailed in early spring!

Grade 5 to Visit Omaha Area Shelters Sunday, November 14

Students will travel in carpools driven by parent volunteers to area shelters. As part of our commitment to doing mitzvot in our community, we are collecting personal care products to take with us. If you are interested in helping with this day's special activities, please call the Religious School office.

Camp Reunion Dinner Friday, November 19

All third and fourth graders are invited to the Camp Reunion Dinner to meet our experienced campers. Come learn how much fun Jewish camps can be! Look for your invitation in the mail.

Summer in Winter Assembly Sunday, November 21

Parents are invited to join us at 11:30 a.m. for a special presentation.

RSSC Meeting Sunday, November 21

Our next meeting will be held in the Milder Center at 8:45 a.m. Please let Maria Neesman or Katherine Finnegan know that you will be joining us!

Thanksgiving Break—No Religious School..... November 25 & 28

Due to Thanksgiving and public school closings throughout the city, there will be no Religious School classes Thursday, November 25 or Sunday, November 28. Classes resume Tuesday November 30 for Family School; Thursday, December 2 for grades 3-6; and Sunday December 5 for grades K-6.

Please join us Sunday, November 7

10:30 a.m. in the Milder Center

A Taste of Talmud: What the Other Big Book Has to Teach

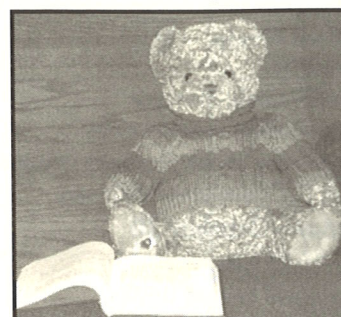
The Talmud isn't just for Jewish scholars. This classic text, assembled in its final form in the 5th century, is called the "oral Torah." Generations of Jews have cherished these ancient teachings that cover everything from Sabbath laws to how to treat your animals. Rabbi-in-Residence Josh Zweiback will share his love of Talmud—come study, laugh and nosh with a masterful teacher!

The 4B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels



Tot Shabbat

November 5, 6 p.m.



Join us for our regular Tot Shabbat service with Tschuva Teddy and his friends in the Livingston Chapel. Stay afterward to celebrate Shabbat with old and new friends, and enjoy a pasta dinner!

The traditional cookies and juice will be available, but consider taking the time to eat together, as friends and families, creating fun and friendship throughout the evening.

Cost for the meal is \$5 per adult; children eat for free! Please RSVP to the Temple office by Wednesday, November 3.

Did you know that sitter service is available...

- every Friday evening
 - every Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah
 - every Sunday morning during Religious School
- (Reservations and a \$2 donation are appreciated)

Birthday Blessings Family Service, 6 p.m. Friday, November 12

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

Getting Excited in Winter...About Summer Camp

It's almost winter, but Temple kids will have summer on their minds the weekend of November 19-21.

Robyn Freeman and her committee members Bonnie Levinger, Maria Neesman, Rosie Zweiback and Lynne Jensen have planned a Camp Reunion and Recruitment Dinner for 6 p.m. on Friday evening, November 19.

"Our Temple kids have had good camp experiences," said Robyn, "and they love to reconnect and talk about it. This will be an opportunity to celebrate those wonderful experiences and to get excited about next summer. I know how much camp meant to my two older daughters. That's why I couldn't say no when it came to getting involved in the camp weekend."

Temple's former campers of all ages

and their families, along with third and fourth graders and their families, are invited to the camp dinner followed by Shabbat worship services at 7:30 p.m. The planning committee is planning displays from Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), Shwayder Camp, Camp Sabra and Beber Camp, as well as a scholarship booth. To add to the fun, freebies will be given away, and a camp song session is planned. Centerpieces on the tables will feature photographs of Temple campers. The evening will give new and prospective campers and

their parents an opportunity to talk to those who have already had camp experiences.

It will be "Summer in Winter" on Sunday, November 21, during Religious School hours. This successful event is being

revived with activities such as s'more making in the kitchen, a song leading session, arts and crafts, face painting and a sandbox to simulate camp activities. Jerry Kaye, Director of OSRUI, and

Susan Alexander, Assistant Director, will be at Temple for the occasion. Uri Levin, the J.C.C. Shaliach from Israel, will

also be there.

"It's their summer experiences at Jewish summer camps that help turn Jewish children into actively Jewish adults," emphasized Elyce Azriel, Middle/High School Director.

"Judaism can never have enough actively Jewish adults," added Lynne Jensen, Director of Youth and Informal Education at Temple.

Winter is on the Way... Time for "Snowbirds" to Fly

Before leaving Omaha for warmer climates, please take the time to call the Temple office with your winter address and phone information so that we can keep the communications going to where you're heading.

Here's a P.S.: If, despite sunny weather, you are "under the weather" and would like a phone call from the clergy, please let us know.

Have a safe trip—and a warm and healthy winter!

Come to the Chanukah Service and Dinner!

Our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner, sponsored by WRJ-O, will begin Friday, December 10 at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Everyone is invited—children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends! Please bring your own menorah, along with the candles to be lit at your table.

A Shabbat/Chanukah Family Service, appropriate for all ages, will be held before dinner at 6 p.m.

Please send a check, along with the reservation form, to the Temple office. Deadline is Friday, December 3. No telephone reservations will be accepted.

Adults, \$9.50—Children Grade 6 and under, \$5.00

Children 2 years and younger, no charge

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Children 2 years and younger _____	_____	_____
We would like to sit with _____		

A Lesson in Time

350 Years of Jews in America

1830 - 1867

- Jewish women began to make history in the 1830's as Rebecca Gratz established America's first Jewish Sunday School in 1838 in Philadelphia. Penina Moise, born in Charleston, published a book of poems in 1833. Her book is thought to be the first by a Jewish woman in America.
- Another publication made history in 1837 when the first Passover Haggadah in America was printed followed by the first complete Anglo-American translation of the Hebrew Bible by Isaac Leeser in 1853.
- Substantial numbers of German Jews began immigrating to the United States in the 1930's, among them Abraham Rice, America's first ordained rabbi who assumed a pulpit in Baltimore. Other German rabbis became active in promoting reforms in Judaism. The installation of an organ in a Charleston synagogue divided Reform Jews from Orthodox. Two of Reform Judaism's first congregations, Charleston's Beth Elohim and Har Sinai in Baltimore, were established in the early 1840's. Ten years later, Congregation Anshe Emeth in Albany, NY, became the first synagogue to allow mixed seating of men and women.
- Exercising their civil rights in 1840, 15,000 American Jews in six American cities protested on behalf of their Syrian brethren, who were accused by Syria of killing two men and using their blood to make matzah. President Martin Van Buren ordered the U.S consul in Egypt to protest the Damascus blood libel.
- Congregation B'nai Jeshurun established America's first Jewish day school in 1841 in New York. B'nai B'rith, the first Jewish fraternal organization, was founded in 1843 in New York by 12 German Jews.
- David Levy Yulee of Florida was the first Jew to serve in Congress in 1841 and also the first to become a U.S. senator.
- In 1846, Isaac Mayer Wise, organizer of the American Reform Movement, came to this country from Bohemia. He settled in Cincinnati in 1854 promising to shape an American form of Judaism.
- California's Gold Rush of 1849 brought an influx of Jews to the state where they worked mainly as merchants and storekeepers. By the end of the 1850's, the Jewish population of San Francisco was larger than New York's.
- New York's Jewish community established what is believed to be the earliest hospital under Jewish auspices in 1852. One of America's first major philanthropists, Judah Touro, donated several hundred thousand dollars to Jewish and non-Jewish institutions in 1854.
- Judah Benjamin, a former U.S. Senator, was appointed Secretary of State of the Confederacy in 1862. General U.S. Grant, blaming "Jews as a class" for cotton speculation and smuggling, expelled Jews from the war zone, the most sweeping anti-Jewish act in American history. President Abraham Lincoln, however, overturned the order.
- During the 1860's, the American Jewish population rose to 150,000.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask a Rabbi

Tuesday, November 30
6:15-8:00 p.m.

Four rabbis, representing the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements of Judaism, will speak as members of a panel during the Basic Judaism class and Family School at Temple. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Rabbi Craig Marantz from Temple, Rabbi Mordechai Levin from Beth El Synagogue, and Rabbi Jonathan Gross from Beth Israel Synagogue will participate on the panel.

"This will be a chance for the entire community to inquire about everything you want to ask a rabbi and were afraid to question," according to Rabbi Azriel. He encourages everyone to join members of Basic Judaism and Family School for the annual panel conversation.

He expects subjects such as birth control, abortion, the question of whether a Jew, conversion in America, relationships with churches, interfaith marriage, separation of church and state, Revelation, and women in the clergy to be discussed.

There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome.

Healing

Mi Shebeirakh, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *Mi Shebeirakh* recited on your behalf, please call the Temple office (556-6536) before Noon, Fridays, so the congregation may offer its prayers for you.

If you know another person who needs the same, please ask the individual for permission to read his/her name before calling the office.

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IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: **Al Bloch:** Carin and David Rosinsky and family; **Nancy Greenberg:** Margo and Bill Rosen; **Colleen Kennealy:** Toby Fellman

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: **Marilyn and Judd Manvitz:** Soralee and Jerry Cohn

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IN HONOR OF CONVERSION OF: **Charles Sullivan:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Nancy Rips, the Zetzman Family

IN APPRECIATION OF FRIENDSHIP: **Jan and Mort Glass:** Stacey Rockman

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Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Ethan Ben Rubin, son of Erica and Barry Rubin. Grandparents are Saundra and Harvey Newman, Boyton Beach, FL, Mark Rothstein, Columbia, MD, and Barbara and Alan Rubin, Potomac, MD.

On the Engagement of:

Lisa Coren and Brad Green. Parents are Fran and Mickey Coren, and Ruth and Lester Green, Bethesda MD.

Shannon Dinovo and Marshall Comisar. Parents are Brian and Sandy Nimmo, Diane Wallace Reid and Terrance Dinovo, and Cheril and Frank Comisar.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fried. Mrs. Fried is the former Christine Billings. Parents are Noriko and Alvin Billings, and Norma and Marshall Fried.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosen. Mrs. Rosen is the former Kate Koester. Parents are Susan and Bob Koester, Chicago, IL, and Margo and William Rosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Batt. Mrs. Batt is the former Valerie Hoy Spellman. Parents are Connie and Richard Spellman, Jane Batt and the late Lawrence Batt. Step-mother is Margaret Kirkeby.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Schillie. Mrs. Schillie is the former Debra Givner. Parents are Donna Givner, Nathaniel Givner, Scottsdale, AZ, and Charlene and Frank Schillie, Moberly, MO.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Nathan Mandell, father of Terri, Marci and Paula Mandell, and brother-in-law of Thelma and Steve Lustgarten;

Henry Riekes, husband of Dorothy Riekes, father of Nancy Alvarez-Calderon and Steven and Carl Riekes, and uncle of Suzanne Singer

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.