

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MARCH 3 Midrash 10 a.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. High School & Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Torah Tots 10-Noon Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:00 p.m. Community Conversation 7 p.m.	5 Ministers' Institute 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	6 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
7 Community Conversation 10 a.m. Religious School Pre-Kindergarten I-6 10-Noon Purim Assembly 11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival 12-2 p.m.	8	9 Family School 6:15-7 p.m. Community Conversation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	10 Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	11 Torah Tots 10-Noon Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:00 p.m. Community Conversation 7 p.m.	12 Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	13 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
14 Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Religious School Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 10-Noon Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m. OTYG Pizza Sale 12 Noon	15	16 Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	17 Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	18 Torah Tots 10-12 Noon Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9:00 p.m.	19 Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m.	20 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
21 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten I - Grade 6 10-Noon Outreach Program 10-11:30 a.m. Mitzvah Day 11:30 a.m. Mitzvah Day Dinner 6 p.m.	22	23 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Renewal/Healing Service 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	24 Midrash 10 a.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	25 Torah Tots 10-Noon Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m.	26 Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	27 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Gutman
28 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 10-Noon Outreach Scholar 10 a.m. Dr. Freund Lecture 10 a.m. Grade 2 Model Seder 11 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m. Deli Night 5 & 6:30 Seatings	29	30 No Family School AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	31 Shabbat Passover Service 5 p.m.	APRIL 1 Shabbat Passover Service 10:30 a.m. Congregational Seder 6 p.m.	2 Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	3 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, March 5
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Rabbi Azriel

8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, March 6
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Ki Tisa
Exodus 30:11-34:35

Friday, March 12
8 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Guest Speaker
Ann Kibel Schwartz
"Educational Perspectives: Looking
at the World Through Special Glasses"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, March 13
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekude
Exodus 35:1-40:38

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Mitzvah Day '99

We're not asking: We're giving!

Pam Monsky

Mitzvah:
Commandment
from God;
a good deed.



Susie Cohn

Mitzvah Day is quickly
approaching.
We have incredible
Mitzvot for you to choose
from. Please be sure to
get your response form

This could be one
of the best days of your
life. Temple Israel's Mitzvah Day has
grown into Mitzvah Month! Everyone has
received a form to fill out. Please send it
back and sign up for a great experience.

March 1-15, you are asked to bring
wish list items to the Temple. They will be
distributed to all the agencies we are going
to be working with.

Sunday, March 21 will begin with
an assembly at Temple at 11:30 a.m.
We'll have a light lunch and go off to
perform our Mitzvot. At 6 p.m., Roz
Friedman will sponsor a dinner at Temple.
This will be a great ending to an incredible
day. We will all do what we do best, talk
and eat!

Don't miss out! Everyone who
participates will get a Mitzvah Day '99
button to wear while performing our
Mitzvot.

Turn to page 3 of this Tidings to see
the wish list and the organizations where
we will be doing our Mitzvot. For further
information, please contact Susie Cohn,
697-1111.

back to Temple.

We need 15 adults each day, March
16, 17 and 18, to help with 400
Belvedere School children who will go to
the Children's Museum for the first time. It
will be a wonderful morning seeing these
kids experience everything the museum
has to offer.

Another incredible mitzvah will be
going to Quality Living. This facility deals
with people who have had brain injuries
and other neurological disorders. All family
members are invited to a sing-along with
the residents and staff, followed by an ice
cream social.

There are over 20 meaningful Mitzvot
to choose from, so please join us and
make a difference.

Roz Friedman will sponsor a 6 p.m.
dinner at Temple. You must do a
mitzvah, and you must sign up to attend.
It will be a great celebration with many
surprises!

Call Temple to sign up. There aren't
many days like this!

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Friday, March 19
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.
Family Service

Torah Readers:
Wendy and David Goldberg

Mark B. Levy
Ventriloquist

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Wendy and David Goldberg in
honor of their 10th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, March 20
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Friday, March 26

8 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker
Susan Frager
"Outreach at 20:
Its Impact and Opportunities"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, March 27
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of
Daniel Gutman
son of Vic Gutman and Cathy Fogarty

Torah Portion: Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

PASSOVER SERVICES

Wednesday, March 31
5 p.m.

Thursday, April 1
10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 2
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

David Yomtoob
"Organ Donation Changes Lives"

Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 3
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Matzah and Bible"

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER

Wednesday, April 7
10:30 a.m.

Yizkor

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
worshippers are seated.

Welcome New Members

Mollie and Sam Kohn
Gerri Phillips
Lora Uber

Additional Worship Times

Sunday Morning Chapel
Prayer Service
March 14 9:15 a.m.

This service gives members of the
congregation an additional opportunity to
pray and recite kaddish.

Friday, Erev Shabbat
March 19 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Union Prayer Book Service

Come on your way home from work;
meet family and friends. This service is
especially planned so that, at its
conclusion, you may be home early to
enjoy a Shabbat meal and evening.

We've Come a Long Way, Baby...

Rabbi Debbie Stiel

There was a time, particularly in our
pre-America days, when Jews lived a very
segregated life. Jews worked, ate, studied,
and socialized primarily with other Jews.
Sometimes this was because of
government legislation; often it happened
because the Jews felt safest with other
Jews. A non-Jew almost never married a
Jew or thought of converting to our
religion. When someone did ask to
convert, there was great concern that the
person might be a spy for the non-Jewish
government. Today, we are fortunate to
live in a time and country in which Jews
are given equal rights with the other
citizens and where we are so integrated
into society.

Today we are free to show the beauty
of our religion to others who might want
to consider it. We are also blessed to find
that in many interfaith marriages, the non-
Jewish spouse wants to help raise the
children as Jews. Until twenty years ago,
our movement had no institutionalized way
of helping non-Jews to connect to
Judaism. In fact, as Jews, we had spent
centuries learning how to be insular. In
1978, we radically changed our way of
addressing the "outsider."

December 2, 1978, Rabbi Alexander
Schindler, President of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations (the
umbrella organization for Reform
congregations), called upon the Board of
Trustees of the UAHC to establish a
program of Outreach which would address
the needs of individuals converting to
Judaism, intermarried couples, children of
intermarriages and those interested in
learning about Judaism. The trustees
unanimously decided to accept this
proposal. So began the past twenty years
of Reform Jewish Outreach.

In this time period, and at least
partially due to Outreach, Judaism has
been strengthened by thousands of
individuals nationwide who have joined our
people through conversion. Outreach has
helped a myriad families feel more
comfortable in the synagogue, know how
to bring more Jewish ritual into their
homes, and lead more Jewish lives. In
addition, most Outreach programs are
open to the whole community so that
Jews by birth can also use this avenue to
gain more knowledge.

Please join us Friday, March 26 at the
8 p.m. service as we learn more about the
history and the future of this important
program.



Join Our Celebration Weekend March 26-28 20th Anniversary of Reform Jewish Outreach

In celebrating
this milestone for
the Reform Jewish
O u t r e a c h
Program, Temple
Israel welcomes
Susan Frager,
Midwest Regional
Outreach Director
for the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations.

She works with 69 Midwest Reform
synagogues in developing and offering
Outreach programs.

In addition to her work with the UAHC,
Susan has a mediation and business-
consulting firm with her husband. Her
background in counseling, facilitation, and
mediation provides the skills needed in
finding solutions to difficult problems and
conflicts.

Temple Israel's Outreach is sponsoring
the weekend event to celebrate this
anniversary, as well as to provide an
opportunity to involve those affected by
Outreach issues or for those exploring
Judaism.

A few of the goals of Outreach are to
create an environment of congregational
acceptance for Jews-by-Choice, to
welcome intermarried couples, and to
encourage and support the efforts of
interfaith couples and their extended
families when raising their children as
Jews.

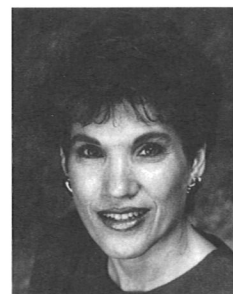
All are invited to attend the weekend activities.

Jill Idelman

If you have faced Outreach
issues yourself, either through
an intermarriage or
conversion, we will offer a special
prayer on your behalf at
this service.

We hope to see everyone during the
March 26-28 weekend as we celebrate 20
years of Reform Jewish Outreach.

Please read Rabbi Stiel's article about
Outreach on page 2 of this Tidings.



Outreach Dinner

Friday, March 26
6 to 7:45 p.m.

Milder Center

Susan Frager will join us for dinner and give a brief introduction to the weekend. This will
be an opportunity to meet Outreach members and their families and for those new to
Judaism to have the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful experience of Shabbat.
Dinner: Adults \$7.50; Grade 6 and under \$4.

RSVP for dinner to Bonnie Sullivan at Temple, 556-6546, by Friday, March 19.

Erev Shabbat Worship

8 p.m.

Sanctuary

"A Celebration of Outreach at 20"

This service will involve many individuals who have been touched by the support of
Outreach. Several of our congregants will take part in the service by sharing their journey
to Judaism. Susan Frager will speak on "Outreach at 20: Its Impact and Opportunities."
This service will provide insight for anyone considering Judaism and for the congregation to
learn about the impact Outreach has had on our Reform movement and goals.

Saturday, March 27

Bagels and Bible

9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Milder Center

Susan will lead a discussion through reading Biblical text and how it relates to Outreach
and Reform Judaism.

How To Take the "Overwhelm" out of Judaism 7 to 9 p.m.

This evening program will be at the Bradin/Wilczewski home. Please join us for Havdalah,
wine, dessert and conversation. RSVP to Bonnie Sullivan at Temple, 556-6536.

Sunday, March 28

Brunch and Discussion

10 a.m. to Noon

Milder Center

"Keeping the Channels of Communication Open: How to be an In-law and not an Out-law"

Susan Frager will speak to parents of adult children who have intermarried. Join us for
this encouraging and informative discussion.

Mitzvah Day Wish List

New books for kids * Musical toys * Magazines for kids * Tape players * Cassettes
and tapes for kids * Personal hygiene items * New kitchen supplies * Linens *
Paper/plastic items * Baby things * Cleaning products * Undergarments for men,
women and children * Stationery * Food for Food Bank * Metal waterproof first aid
kits * Cat litter * Dog chew bones * Pet toys * 24-ft. exercise pen * Bleach * 35mm
film * Camera * Scrapbook * Trash bags * Socks * Perfume * Small boxes of
crayons * Autograph books * Travel diaries * Candy (non-melting) * Small activity
book * New children's clothing * Current movie videos * Games for older children *
Art supplies * Disposable diapers * Formula

Mitzvah Day Organizations

OPS Reading Services * Children's Respite Care Center * Omaha Children's Museum
* Omaha Food Bank * Boys & Girls Club * Siena Francis House * Nebraska
Humane Society * Rose Blumkin Home * Quality Living * Rainbow House * Ronald
McDonald House * Project Harmony * Make a Wish * Thomas Fitzgerald House/VA
Hospital * Visit congregants in hospital * Girls, Inc. * Planned Parenthood * Yachad
* St. Vincent DePaul * Family Shelter * Child Saving Institute * Baking for event

Sisterhood

Save the date:
April 11
10 a.m. to Noon
Challah baking with
Ann Noodell



Annual New York Temple Deli Night



Sunday, March 28
5 or 6:30 p.m. Seatings

Don't be left out! Call the office, 556-6536, to make your reservation, now!

You'll be transported to memories of the past when you eat matzo ball soup, chopped liver, knishes, pastrami, corned beef, cheese cake and more.

This evening of fun and great food is sponsored by Temple Israel's Men's Club and Sisterhood.

Food For Thought

Tuesday, March 16
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Temple Israel

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

Rabbi Stiel will lead a discussion on current issues and events.

Men's Club

Brunch
Sunday, March 14
10 a.m. Milder Center

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

To Ensure a Future as Great as its Past
Remember Temple Israel
In Your Estate Plans

Bagels and Bible: Fuel for body and soul

New! Bagels and Bible is a chance to study Torah with Rabbis Azriel or Stiel on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Join us for an informal opportunity to eat bagels, shmooze and learn Torah with our rabbis in the Temple library. Beginners and those familiar with Torah commentary will all feel comfortable and challenged. Bring you older children, too! Each study session is its own unit, so come when you can. "B and B" will end shortly before services so that those who wish to can join the Shabbat morning service. Share in this fuel for body and soul!



Children in Joan Cooper's Parent/Toddler Class and Stephanie Grossman's Torah Tots Class are pictured modeling the "hand" shirts they recently created.

Dr. Richard A. Freund Lecture Series and AOL

Sunday, March 28
10 a.m.
Friedman Social Hall

Rabbi Richard A. Freund, Issacson Professor of Judaic Studies and Director, Bethsaida Excavation Project, University of Nebraska at Omaha, will deliver the last of a five-lecture series. His topic will be "Who Wrote the Passover Haggadah?: Why Should This Night be Different than All Other Nights?"

Jewish Law Sanctions Organ Donation

David Yomtoob To
Speak For Transplant,
Donor Program

Erev Shabbat Worship
8 p.m. April 2

Authorities in both the Reform and Orthodox rabbinate have stated that the Jewish principle of *pikuach nefesh*, the saving of a human life, applies to organ donation.

In observance of National Organ Donor Week, David Yomtoob, a software engineer, will speak to our congregation about the critical shortage of organ donation.

David, his wife Sara and daughter Rachael moved from Illinois to Omaha last Fall and are waiting for his second liver transplant.

Seventeen years ago, while preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, he became ill. Five months later, his transplant surgery in Pittsburgh made national headlines, and David's recovery was cited by the surgeon, Dr. Thomas Starzl, in his lectures about organ transplantation.

Donor cards will be available following David's presentation at Temple.

Temple clergy and congregants to be featured speakers

Jewish Women's
Symposium To Tackle
Current Issues

Sunday, April 18
UNO Alumni Center

This first Jewish Women's Symposium will bring together women of all ages for a day of learning and discussion while exploring the issues and challenges facing Jewish women today.

The Symposium is sponsored by Jewish Family Service in conjunction with Temple Israel and other Jewish organizations and foundations.

There will be three sessions of concurrent workshops, along with keynote luncheon speaker Esther Perel. She is a senior faculty member of the couples program at the 92nd Street Y in New York City and a clinical instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at New York University Medical School.

Rabbi Debbie Stiel and Temple members Ruth Erman, Susan Norton and Patricia Newman will be featured speakers at three of the workshops.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes a kosher lunch.

For further information, contact Todd Ephraim at Jewish Family Service, 330-2024.

"I Wish I Knew What All These Funds Do"

Do you know how vital your donations to Temple Israel's funds are?

Dues alone cannot maintain the programs, maintenance and services provided to our growing membership.

Your contributions support and enable a wide variety of activities that educate and care for our diverse congregation.

This issue concludes a monthly explanation of some of these funds so that you will be aware of the many ways you can help assure a healthy future for our synagogue.

Elinor Whitman Religious Education Fund

This fund was established by Norman Whitman in memory of his wife, a life-long teacher in the community, who devotedly served Temple Israel for many decades. Its purpose is training and furthering the education of Temple Israel's religious school teachers and for the enrichment of the school.

Temple Youth Group Fund

This fund augments programs and travel expenses for our youth.

Endowment Fund

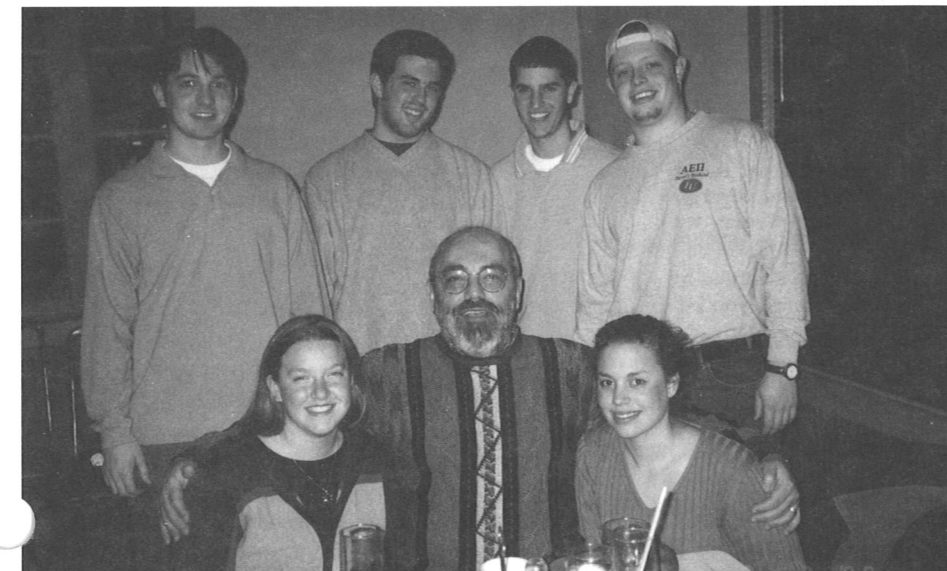
This fund was established to ensure the longevity of Temple Israel. Seventy-five percent of the income from this fund is used for operating purposes each year. Twenty-five percent of the income is reinvested in the Endowment Fund.

Milton and Rosalie Saylan Jewish Education Fund

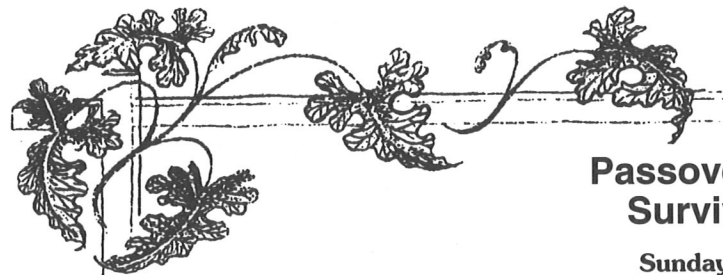
Milton and Rosalie Saylan established this fund to further the Jewish education of young people.

Social Justice Fund

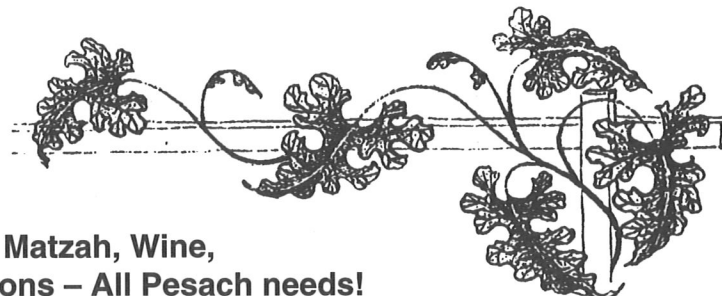
This fund encourages *Tikun Olam* (Repairing the World) by supporting Social Justice projects and programs in our congregation as well as the larger community.



Rabbi Azriel recently visited students at the University of Indiana. Standing (l. to r.) are Max Newman, Josh Samis, Jamie Epstein and Alan DePorte. Seated (l. to r.) are Elissa Brown, Rabbi Azriel and Marci Brookstein.



Passover Begins at Sundown, March 31



Seder Enrichment Class

March 11, 18, 25 J.C.C.

Students will be guided on their journey by Dr. Scott Bresler. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and was graduated cum laude with an award in Talmudic studies. He received his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology from Georgia State University.

Cost is \$36 per person. For further information and time, call Michael Linn, 334-0517.

Will You Share Your Seder?

Will you extend hospitality to one or more extra guests. Or, if you are new to the community or have no extended family in the Omaha area to share this joyous holiday, please call Caring Committee Chairman Shelly Fox, 397-1578, or the Temple office, 556-6536, and we will find a host family for you.

Passover Seder Survival Kit

Sunday, March 21
10 a.m. to Noon Milder Center

A joint program between
Temple Israel Outreach and YJO

It is your turn to lead the Passover Seder. You are feeling that the FOUR Questions have just multiplied to 16.

If you find yourself needing more insight or creative ideas on how to lead the Passover Seder...help is here!

Outreach and YJO (Young Jewish Omaha) are co-sponsoring this informational event on how to lead a Passover Seder.

Please join us for this educational and fun get-together to make Passover an experience your family will enjoy.



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

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

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

As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. In a world with more than enough food to feed everyone, we can work toward a day when everyone has enough food.

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

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Do You Need Passover Haggadot?

Haggadot, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, may be purchased in our Temple office.

These beautiful Haggadot will be exquisite additions to your Seder. The Haggadot are illustrated by Leonard Baskin and are works of art you will be proud to own.

Complete directions for the Seder and optional choices of readings will make your Seder memorable.

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- Combines tradition with teaching and humor
- Readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion.
- Traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest
- Traditional and children's songs, including musical scores

The Haggadahs are available for \$8 each in the Temple office.



NO-FAIL MATZO BALLS

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

Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Stir in water, seasonings and chicken fat. Stir in matzo meal, amount depending on size of eggs. Dough should be semi-loose. refrigerate for several hours. When ready to cook, dip hands in cold water and roll dough in shape of small egg. Drop dough into boiling water (and then transfer to soup later) or into soup: cook gently for 45 minutes, covered. Do not peek.

The trick is in handling the matzo balls. Gently roll them in your hands and when they are dropped into the water to cook, don't crowd them, or the ones on the bottom will become hard.

**FOOD! FRIENDSHIP!
WOMEN'S STORIES!
SINGING!
SPECIAL HAGGADAH!**
What is it?

Annual Women's Seder and Luncheon

Don't miss it!
Bring your
daughters, aunts,
mothers, and
friends

Tuesday, April 6
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Milder Center

Lunch is \$4.00

RSVP by Wednesday, March 31
to the Temple office, 556-6536

Rabbi Debbie Stiel and
Cantor Jennifer Blum will lead
this Women's Journey.

PASSOVER PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

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

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

CHAROSET

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

Mix all until smooth.

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TEMPLE ISRAEL CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Thursday, April 1 6 p.m. Second Night of Passover

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

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

Here's my reservation for the Congregational Seder:

NAME _____

_____ Adults @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

_____ Children (Grade 6 and under) @ \$6.25 each \$ _____

No charge, age two and under.

Total \$ _____

We would like to sit with _____

Name of Family _____

Number in Family _____

Reservation Deadline: Monday, **March 22**. The Seder will be open to non-Temple members after **Monday, March 15**. Reservations received after March 22, accepted on stand-by basis only.

No reservations will be made unless accompanied by payment!

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

Educational Perspectives

Ann Kibel Schwartz

Take a walk with me on a sunny Sunday morning. The downstairs hallway is dark compared to the brightness I encounter in the first class room on the right. Second graders are clustered at the back of the room with Hebrew teacher Steve Chesen. Their bodies almost vibrate with the excitement of an active game of Hebrew Word Play. Across the hall, Steve Danon's second graders are busy adding pictures cut from magazines to the "Mitzvah Mural" that almost completely covers one wall. The air is filled with Jewish music and color.

Farther down the hall, Kindergarten students are rolling coils of dough between their hands. Teachers Wendy Goldberg and Melany Weinstine show how to braid loaves of challah. Soon, the smell of baking bread will make our mouths water in anticipation of this taste of Shabbat.

Next door, Vicki Chesen actually sparkles as she leads preschoolers in a Jewish art project that requires ample amounts of glitter, glue and imagination. Here, as elsewhere in the Religious School, Madrichim, teen teaching assistants, make sure that each child gets some individual attention.

At the end of the hall, a book cart filled with library books attracts first graders from their classrooms. Just a few at a time, please, so the room parents can keep up with the demand. Meanwhile, Mary Beth Muskin's class is finishing up a coat of many colors collage that will decorate their "Bible Bulletin Board." Dora Goldstrom's students are adding another letter to "Betman's Hebrew Alphabet" that is growing on the wall and in their hearts.

Up the stairs and we arrive where the big kids learn. Elyce Azriel's 6th graders work at many stations. A few practice prayers out loud, while others listen through headsets to Hebrew tapes. Another writes at the computer, while another composes longhand. Some B'nai Mitzvot are less than a year away and there is much to prepare. At the other end of the hall, the rest of the 6th graders are hard at work on individual Jewish research

projects. This spring, each student will make an oral and visual presentation to parents and peers.

Marvin Parilman and Patsy Wallace are busy fielding rapid-fire questions from their curious 5th graders about an upcoming field trip. As part of their Mitzvah curriculum, they are going to various shelters, where they will help those less fortunate. They are learning what the Torah and commentaries say about this and then following up with actions that match the words.

Doris Parker's students are navigating the complex channels of Hebrew consonants and vowels. Sunday is the one day each week that the whole class is together. Mid-week, half attend Family School on Tuesday evenings, and the other half attend regular classes on Thursday afternoons. Anne Joseph's 3rd graders enjoy Our Jewish World, which is more than just a textbook. They love to visit the synagogue people and places described in the book. Portraits of the rabbis and cantor decorate the walls.

Classroom discussions run both deep and wide in Fritzi Luefschuetz's 4th grade Bible class. Every student's ideas are welcome, and no matter how far they roam, Fritzi knows how to bring the conversation home and to the point. Rini Gonsler's 4th grade Hebrew students like to illustrate their lessons. Their classroom looks like an art gallery. The weekly Religious School Newsletter holds a prominent place in their classroom routine. The Hebrew word of the week helps to build their vocabulary. They keep up with the paper doll twins, Adam and Joy, by applying color, cutting them out and adding them to a special display.

We must not think our tour has ended. There are other students in the building. AOL, Adult Opportunities for Learning, has lots of adults attending regularly to continue their Jewish education. A great sight is when the AOL class runs overtime. Children are seen coming in to pick up their parents from Religious School. That is just the kind of turn about we want for generations to come.

Tot Shabbat Services

Friday March 5
and
Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

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

Birthday Blessings

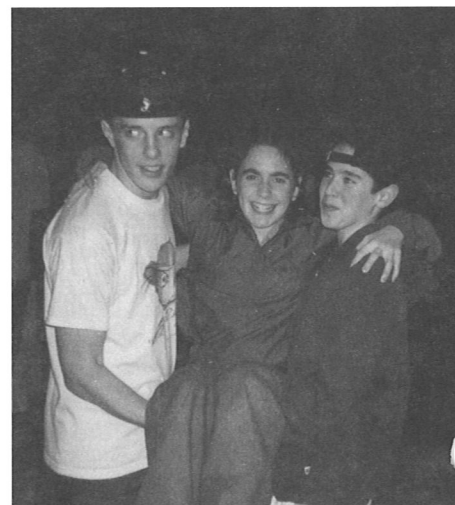
Family Service

March 19 7:30 p.m.

Children who celebrate their birthdays during the month of March will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service.

Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening, Saturday mornings when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. Sitter Service is also available Sunday mornings during Religious School hours. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family if reservations are made prior to Friday. Drop-ins will be \$3 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.



Jeff Gates (left) and Ben Taxman give a ride to fellow JYG conclave participant at the recent convention.

OTYG

JYG Conclave
Steve Sternberg, JYG Liason

Eleven JYGers had a great time at the JYG Conclave at B'nai El Synagogue in St. Louis, MO, February 5-7. The theme of the weekend was "Reviving the Ten Commandments." Participants did a variety of activities based on determining which commandments were most important to us and how they apply to us now.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the song sessions led by Rich Recht. Another highlight was the social at the newly opened JCC West. Activities included swimming, basketball, and karaoke. As usual, the weekend was concluded with a heartwarming friendship circle to say goodbye to all of our new friends.

The Omaha contingent included Jeff Gates, Rebecca Sternberg, Allie Willensky, Lauren Freeman, Samantha Friedman, Leora Azriel, Ben Taxman, Keith Gaul, Alex Katz, Alex Clark, and Ben Delman. OTYG members Steve Sternberg (JYG Liason), Jen Gates (OTYG President), Morgan Denny and Amy Willensky (Regional NFTY board members) also attended. Stephanie Grossman, Youth Advisor, and Cantor Jennifer Blum supervised the group. This was Cantor Blum's first conclave experience!

Spring Conclave

Nikki Flatowicz, Housing Chairman
Stephanie Grossman, Advisor

Spring Conclave is two short months away. By now you have probably received our letter with information. We are hosting NFTY Missouri Valley Spring Conclave for grades 9-12 on April 16-18, 1999. Senior Function will start Thursday, April 15th.

As explained in the letter, we need EVERYONE to assist us with housing teens Friday night and providing them with Shabbat dinner and Saturday breakfast.

If you would like to house, please call Nikki Flatowicz at 333-3561. If you would like to help with planning or help in general, call Stephanie Grossman at 556-4596. If you are a teenager you could be helping plan and attend this exciting weekend. Call Jen Gates at 778-8742 or Amy Willensky at 493-7511. We would really like to hear from you.

Overnight at the Rose

Nikki Flatowicz

Four OTYGers, Adam Rosen, Mendel Kurland, Rachel Flatowicz and myself attended an overnight Holocaust workshop at the Rose Theater February 6-7. We were joined by four other Jewish youth involved in the theater. The workshop was based on the book Rose Blanche. There were three separate workshops which involved role-playing, crafts, and discussions. It was a very interesting workshop which might be held again in the spring. I would highly recommend this workshop to other teenagers because it was both interesting and fun.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Grade 6 Shabbat Service and Lunch March 6

Members of the 6th grade class will lead the 10:30 a.m. service followed by a luncheon. Family and friends will "kvell" as they enjoy the service and lunch. Lunch is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Please make reservations by February 28.

Purim Assembly March 7

Grades 1 - 6 families will have a Purim Assembly in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. At the same time, Preschool and Kindergarten students and their parents will have a preview of the carnival, which opens to the public at Noon.

Time to talk March 9, 16, and 23

Parents and students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in a three-part series on growing up, which is being offered at Temple Israel by Planned Parenthood of Omaha. Watch your mail for more information, or call Kathy Tolufsrud or Tara Miller at 554-1045

Special service to Honor Teachers March 12

Temple Israel Religious School faculty will be honored at Shabbat Worship Services on Friday, March 12th at 8:00 p.m. Ann Kibel Schwartz, Religious School Director, will deliver a sermon entitled, "Educational Perspectives: Looking at the World Through Special Glasses."

Grade 4 Shabbat Service and Luncheon March 20

At 10:30 a.m., Fourth Grade students will conduct a Shabbat morning service which will provide students with an opportunity to apply their study of Hebrew prayers, Bible, and Jewish Ethics to actual Jewish worship. A family Shabbat luncheon will provide a wonderful opportunity for Fourth Grade Families to extend their joy. Lunch will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children (under two -no charge). Those interested in attending should RSVP to Gloria Ketter at 556-6536 and pay in advance.

Mitzvah Day Activities March 21

A special Assembly in honor of Mitzvah Day will be held for parents and students at 11:30 a.m. Religious School families are encouraged to participate in Mitzvah Day activities, which begin at Noon. See front page of this Tidings for information.

Grade 5 Parent Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting March 25

At 7:30 p.m., Fifth Graders and their parents will meet with the rabbis, cantor and other professional staff in preparation for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs during the 2000/2001 year.

Second Grade Grandpersons Model Seder March 28

Grandpersons will participate at a Model Passover Seder with Second graders at 11 a.m.

Passover Vacation No classes March 30 - April 8

Classes will resume Sunday, April 11. Family School will resume April 13. Happy Pesach!

Spring Torah Tot Class April 15(16)- May 27(28)

Thursday and/or Friday 10 a.m. to Noon, classes for 2-to-4 year olds who are ready for independence from their parents. Class size is limited; early enrollment is encouraged. Call Stephanie Grossman, 556-4596, for additional information.

New Parent Toddler Classes begin April 15 and 27

Thursday and/or Friday classes 10:00-11:15 a.m., for parents and toddlers, age 12 to 24 months. Classes provide a variety of age-appropriate activities; a portion of each class is devoted to discussion of a parenting issue. Ann Kibel Schwartz and Joan Cooper will lead classes. Temple rabbis and other Jewish professionals will join as guest presenters. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

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Lena Grossman, grandmother of Bruce Muskin;
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Moe Whitebook, uncle of Phil Wolf and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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On the Birth of:

Cecelia Judith Vann, daughter of Wendy Marie and John Joseph Vann. Grandparents are Rita and Steve Hughes, Syracuse, NY and Judy and Howard Vann. Great-grandparents are Freda Milder and the late Howard Milder, Port Wine Hueneme, CA and Cecelia Baron, Colonia, NJ.

Jacob Miles Bernstein, son of Terri Lynn and Mark Bernstein, Skokie, IL. Grandparents are Joanie and Terry Bernstein, Jim Scherer, Antioch, IL and Ev Scherer Swanson, Ft. Myers, FL. Great-grandparents are Dave Bernstein and the late Bess Bernstein, and the late Betty and Leon Marx.

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On the Engagement of:

Gail Handleman and Peter Lobin, Chicago, IL. Parents are Renee and Morris Handleman and Marshall Lobin and the late Gloria Lobin, Chicago, IL.

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Wednesday, April 7,** call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names to be read. Please phone by **Friday, April 2.**

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.

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