

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				JUNE	2	3
				1 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-8 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.		Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Erica Langnas
4	5	6	7	8 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Erev Shavuot Confirmation Service 7:30 p.m.	9 Shavuot Morning Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	10 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Kenik
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.		Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
11 WRJ-O Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m.	12	13	14	15 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-8 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	16 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 3:45 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	17 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jeremiah Bleicher
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.				
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		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.			Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	JULY
				1 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.		
Cantors' Concert 7 p.m.		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	



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Worship Services

Friday, June 2
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Debbie Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Shari and Alan Langnas in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, June 3
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Erica Michelle Langnas
daughter of Shari and Alan Langnas

Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20

SHAVUOT SERVICES
Thursday, June 8
7:30 p.m.
Service of Confirmation

Reception following the ceremony -
sponsored by parents of the Confirmands

Friday, June 9
10:30 a.m.

Yizkor

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Temple Israel TIDINGS

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AS I SEE IT...

Lately, I find myself wondering about whether or not most Jews might still be called "People of the Book." After all, do most pray regularly out of a book of prayer? Do we study Judaism's values and insights from the traditional source books - the Talmud, Midrashim, Rabbinic Responsa, or contemporary Jewish periodicals? Are we sufficiently familiar with the Bible to interpret and apply its wisdom to our current experience?

At issue is whether American Judaism - Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, or Reform - can maintain Judaism's genuine legacy if we are no longer bound to our sacred literature. Without deep rootedness in the classical sources of Judaism, the spiritual nourishment of Jews, which alone authentically roots us in history, runs dry.

Customs and interpretations have always varied among Jewish communities around the world. There has never been one Judaism. But the one constant common denominator from community to community and age to age has been the prominence of study and learning in the life of a Jew, connecting us to our sources and making us one people. The emphasis on lifelong learning of classical "textbooks" was always a distinguishing characteristic of the Jewish people; it gave continuity and shape to our diversity. Without "the book" as the crucial influence, our oneness as a people is lost. The non-rooted Jew becomes lost in the maze of competing, non-Jewish spiritual disciplines that illusively offer a sense of community, direction, and purpose.

Yes, as Reform Jews we recognize that other sources must feed the stream that carries us forward. But their presence must not eradicate our legacy. We can learn and find ourselves enriched by the insights from other traditions, but we must first have a firm grasp on our primary sources of spirituality and identity. Otherwise, it is all too easy to lose sight of how Judaism may inform our lives even on the brink of the 21st century.

Introspection requires great courage, yet Judaism urges us to do just that. We must examine how we integrate Jewish study into our daily lives. Newer, more varied forms of our "textbooks" are available: better translations, video and audio cassettes on every aspect of Jewish culture, computer programs to help learn Hebrew, artistic works from dance to glass sculpture. Our sages insisted each of us must have a teacher. The teacher today may take or use varying forms. But to be challenged by the teacher, in whatever form, is the way of our ancestors.

So, let's take aerobics classes, but let us also take classes on Judaism. Vacation in exotic places, but also visit Israel in a learning context. Along with walks that nourish good health, participate in communal worship that will inform and heal your soul. Read the sports pages and the best selling novels, but pick up selections from Jewish suggested reading lists as well. Only through a lifelong continuing study will Judaism come alive to each and everyone of us.

Have a great summer!

Angel Ziv

(worship services continued)

Friday, June 9
8 p.m.

Klezmer Shabbat Service
**Kol Rina Choir and
Jon Bleicher, Tuffy Epstein,
Debbie Greenblatt and Julie Sandene**

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of **Jordan Steel Kenik**
son of Suzan and Jay Kenik

Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers 4:21-5:31

Friday, June 16
7:15 p.m.

**Storyteller
Rita Paskowitz**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Stacie and Bob Bleicher in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday, June 17
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Jeremiah Aaron Bleicher
son of Stacie and Bob Bleicher

Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers 6:1 - 7:89

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.

Friday, June 23
8 p.m.

Special Guest
**Corinne Stavish
Storyteller**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, June 24
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of **Stephanie Wilson**
daughter of Linda and Warren Wilson

Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Friday, June 30
8 p.m.

Rabbinical Intern Dan Fellman
Sermon
Rabbi Debbie Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, July 1
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1-15:41

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Whitney Taxman . . . OTYG President

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Friday, June 9**, call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names to be read. Please phone by **Wednesday, June 7**.

Thank you...

The congregation has been given four Hebrew clocks for Religious School classrooms.

This welcomed gift is in memory of Ray R. Simon by his family, Joie, Jay and Mike Simon.

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Brian Rosen** and **Tamra Willett-Johnson** who have recently chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!

Birthday Blessings Family Service June 16 7:15 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the months of June, July and August will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Family Service.

Welcome New Members

Rebecca Bradsky
Lois and Bob Endelman
Michael and Anne Yablonski

**July and August
Friday, Erev Shabbat
Services will be at**

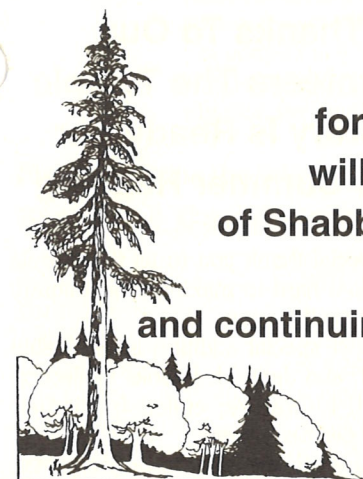
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to your directory:

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Joan Cooper	j_cooper@uswest.net



Rabbi Alan Lew will be our guest Rabbi-in-Residence

We will meet at the Lied Center in Nebraska City for dinner, Shabbat services and study.

Rabbi Lew will offer his insights and teaching during this retreat. The spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in San Francisco, Rabbi Lew was ordained in 1988 at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Before entering rabbinical school, Rabbi Lew pursued a career as a writer and poet.

Rabbi Lew is the author of the book *One God Clapping*. Like a Zen parable or a Jewish folk tale, this book unfolds as a series of stories, each containing a

moment of revelation or instruction that, while often unexpected, is never simple or contrived.

Like the life of the remarkable Alan Lew himself, the book is a bold experiment in the integration of Eastern and Western ways of looking at and living in the world.

If you are going to experience the Retreat, it would be beneficial to read this book first. For more information, and to purchase the book, please call Temple Israel, 556-6536.

WRJ-O

We are pleased to present the following slate for the Election of Officers:

President: Wendy Goldberg

Vice President Membership and Leadership: Elyce Azriel

Vice President Religious Living: Deb Marburg

Vice President Education: Melany Weinstine

Vice President Religious Action: Kay Weinstein

Vice President Development and WRJ Projects: Stacey Rockman

Treasurer: Jackie Cohn

Recording Secretary: Amber Baker

Communications (Secretary and PR): Sharon Brodkey-Yoel

Watch your mail for June meeting and installation dates!

Save the Date

It's coming again soon -

You know it
fondly as the

**3 Cantors'
Concert**

but now, we've
added a 4th!

Sunday, June 25, 7 p.m. at Temple Israel, the sounds of glorious cantorial music will fill the entire Omaha community! This is a special opportunity to hear the voices of Omaha's four cantors: Blum, Berkovits, Fettman and Horowitz. For the first time ever, four cantors will present an evening of music and Jewish humor. Musical numbers will also be performed by a joint choir of participants from Beth El, Beth Israel and Temple Israel. Tickets are \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit The Temple Israel Music Fund.

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Golf Outing

Monday, August 28

Temple Israel's annual golf outing will be held at Ironwood Country Club. Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled afternoon of golf, followed by a terrific dinner and awards ceremony.

Even if you don't golf, plan to attend the cocktail and dinner portion of the day.

Set your twosomes and foursomes now. We will pair up singles so everyone will have a great time and an opportunity to play.

We will send information on registration and sponsorships soon.

Summertime—And The Livin' is Jewish!

A Reminder—WRJ-O has fundraiser events for all ages, every taste and every budget.

Parties are available to all members of Temple Israel and their friends. Please call Stacey Rockman, 397-7930, for information on these upcoming events.



July and August Erev Shabbat Worship Will Be at 5:30 p.m.

Learn about the prayers while you pray!

Why fixed prayer? To learn what we should value, what we should pray for. To be at one with our people, the household of Israel.

Rabbi Chaim Stern

Have you wanted to know more about the prayers in our service? If so, then you will want to attend Friday night services at Temple in July and August.

Each summer, we pick one topic for the short evening services. This year, due to popular demand, we will delve into the history and meaning behind some of the prayers from our Friday night and Saturday morning liturgy.

Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, Professor of Liturgy at Hebrew Union College, has written a wonderful new series of books on the prayers, and we will use these books for our summer teaching as much as possible. The books, My People's Prayer Book, are for sale in the Temple office.

July 7	Overview of the Service and <i>Barchu</i>
July 14	<i>Yotzer</i> and <i>Ahava Rabba</i>
July 21	<i>Shma</i> and <i>Vahava</i>
July 28	<i>Geulah</i>
August 4	Beginning of the <i>Amidah</i>
August 11	End of the <i>Amidah</i>
August 18	Torah Service
August 25	<i>Aleinu</i>
September 1	Mourners' <i>Kaddish</i>

Please join us for prayer and study as lay members of our congregation join with clergy in conducting these special services.

Outdoor Summer Services July 7 and August 4

Each service begins with a bring-your-own picnic supper starting at 6 p.m., followed by a worship service.

The first service will be at **Zorinsky Lake, 156th and "F" Streets, Main Picnic Area, Shelter 1**. Watch your mail for information about the location of the August 4th service.

Bring any sporting equipment you might like to use. A sitter will be provided for young children.

An alternative indoor service will be held at Temple Israel at 5:30 p.m.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

From July 7, through September 1, Shabbat Evening Services will be held at **5:30 p.m.** Shabbat Morning Services will begin at the usual hour of **10:30 a.m.** Bagels and Bible will begin at **9:30 a.m.**

The TEMPLE TIDINGS will not be published during the summer months. The Temple office will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, as usual.

Thanks To Our Volunteers The Temple Library Is Ready For Your Summer Reading

A special thank you to all the people who worked hard to make the new library ready for use this year.

A most special addition is the Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane H. Brooks Collection of Jewish Literature, culled from their treasured personal library.

For their *B'nai Mitzvah* projects, Max McCann and Jamie Tully wrote out the titles and authors of all the books in the library so that we could create a database and catalog of our books. Then Robin Spindler entered all the information into a library program on her computer. Now if you come to the library in search of any particular book you can look for it by title, author or subject.

Dr. Patricia Newman has coordinated all these efforts and has worked tirelessly putting catalog labels and pockets on each book.

Thank you all!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Thank you to Tamra Willett-Johnson for her gift of many wonderful Jewish books for our Temple library.

Swim Wear – Skin Care – Picnic Fare

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A Few Exciting Highlights of the Coming Year!

Watch for details in The Hermene Zweiback
Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning brochure

Richard Freund Returns to Temple

Sunday, Nov. 10
10 a.m.

Rabbi Freund will speak on
"The Five Greatest (and least
understood) Women of Jewish
History: Deborah, Beruriah,
Dona Gracia, Gluckel of Hameln
and Golda Meir"

Renewal/Healing Services

December 5, 2000
February 13, 2001
April 24, 2001

The 10th Grade

will visit the Jewish "Big Apple" for a
New York Shabbaton, October 26-29.

The 12th Grade

will spend four days in Washington, D.C.,
with other teens as part of Panim
el Panim, Washington Institute for Jewish
Learning and Values.

Family Programs

Rabbi Yehuda Fine
The Times Square Rabbi—
Outreach to Youth

Dr. Mark Singer
Programs for parents on youth violence
The successful Parents' Book Club
continues!

Popular Continuing Learning Opportunities

Bagels and Bible Shabbat mornings
Midrashah Wednesday mornings
Sisterhood Adult Education Thursday mornings

Watch for information about the New and Continuing Jewish Journey Groups beginning in the fall

We're planning a great second year for this well-attended program.

There's Music In The Air!

Shabbat Shirah—
Instrumental Shabbat
February 9
Klezmer Shabbat
June 29

Classes

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Soul-Searching through
the Kabbalistic Ocean

Hasidism

Alternative Models of
Spirituality in Judaism

Myth and History
in the Jewish Bible

Who's Afraid Of
The Dead Sea Scrolls?

The Jewish Way in
Death and Mourning

Scholars/Composers-in-Residence Weekends

Danny Maseng **September 22-24**
Danny Maseng and friends will usher in the High Holy Days with inspirational music during
the weekend of *Slichot*.

Rabbi Alan Lew **November 3-5**
An adult *Shabbaton* with the "Zen Rabbi" is planned by Synagogue 2000 at the Lied Center
in Nebraska City. A Sunday morning program at Temple Israel will follow.

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz **December 8-9**
Come hear the Reform movement's premier philosopher speak about Reform Judaism.

Dr. Marc Saperstein **December 15-16**
A noted historian, Dr. Saperstein will discuss Jewish/Catholic relations.

Dr. Adolfo Roitman **February 2-3**
The Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls at The Shrine of the Book at The Israel Museum, Dr.
Roitman will talk about "The Origins of Evil", "Who Were the People Who Wrote the Dead Sea
Scrolls?" and "The Scrolls and The Shrine: Past and Future."

Rabbi David Saperstein **March 30 – April 1**
The Director of The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will speak about Reform
Judaism and social justice.

Rabbi Marvin Tokayer **April 27-29**
Rabbi Tokayer served as the Rabbi of the Jewish community of Japan and is the author of
The Fugu Plan, the untold story of the Japanese and the Jews during World War II.

Outreach

Plans for this year's
program include:

August 26

"Whassup With That Outreach Thing?"
Havdalah

September 17

"How to Get Rid Of
Guilt The Jewish Way"

November 17

"The December Red
and Green and Blues"

April 22

"Ollie The Trolley—
Jewish Historical
Tour of Omaha"

Shavuot – שבועות



Entire Congregation Invited to Shavuot and Confirmation

Thursday, June 8 7:30 p.m.

It has been a long-standing tradition for the congregation to support our confirmands
and to share this high point in their commitment to Judaism.

Join them, their families and friends, and fellow congregants in this beautiful, joyous
Shavuot service.

Following the service, the confirmands' parents invite everyone to a
special Oneg Shabbat.

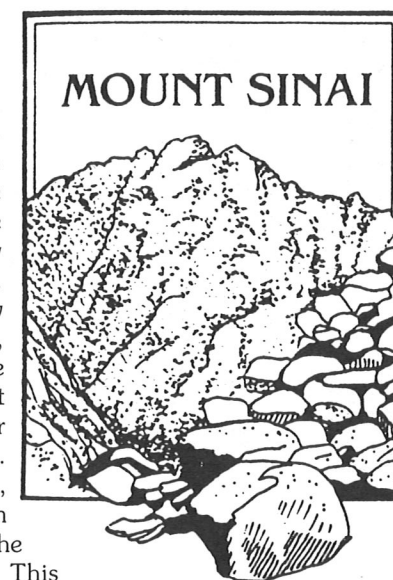
CONFIRMANDS

Lauren Elise Feigin
Adam Lee Gerber
Igor A. Ginzburg
Max David Goldberg
Nicholas Evan Jacobson
Rachel Lynn Javitch
Stephen Allen Sternberg
Adam Nathaniel Waldbaum
Andrew John Weinberg
Aaron Jacob Wolfson

PARENTS

Judith Feigin and Philip Feigin
Laurie and Paul Gerber
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Jennine and Marvin Goldberg
Sheila Lee and Mark Jacobson
Karen and Gary Javitch
Mary and Walter Sternberg
Natha and John Waldbaum
Babs and Mike Weinberg
Sara and Doug Wolfson

In its original form,
as a nature festival and
pilgrimage, Shavuot
could have lost much of
its relevance when the
Jews lost their Temple
and their agricultural life
on the land. But the
Rabbis gave new
meaning to Shavuot.
After a thorough study
of the Book of Exodus,
they determined that the
Israelites came to Mount
Sinai seven weeks after
they left Egypt.
Therefore, they agreed,
Shavuot's real function
was the anniversary of the
giving of the Torah. This
inspired conclusion elevated
Shavuot beyond its agricultural base.
Now, every year in late Spring, Jews
celebrate the giving of the Torah with the
festival of Shavuot.



At Sinai, God and
the people of
Israel entered into a
covenant for all time.
The Jews promised to
observe God's Torah
for themselves, their
children, and every
succeeding generation.
Shavuot reminds us
of that everlasting
covenant and calls on
us to look toward
the future. We pledge
ourselves not only to the
distant memory of that
epochal event at Sinai,
but also to its faithful
continuation.

Shavuot helps us to see
ourselves as part of a long
ladder reaching upward to Mount Sinai
and to heaven.

from *The Rhythm of Jewish Time*, 1999

A Note From The Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

Join Us June 9

8 p.m.

and bring your
dancing shoes!

It's Klezmer Shabbat

When one hears the word "Klezmer,"
one can't help but think of pulsating
rhythms, a wailing clarinet, a flying fiddle,
and a foot that can't cease its tapping. It
is no wonder.

The word "Klezmer" comes from the
two Hebrew words "Kley" meaning
instrument, and "Zemer," meaning song.
Put them together, and you have a recipe
for the expressions of extreme joy, or even
sometimes, overwhelming sorrow.

Combine this expressive music with a
Friday evening Shabbat worship service
and you have an emotive and memorable
experience. This will most certainly be the
case as you join us June 9th.

The Kol Rina choir and I will be
leading the musical liturgy along with the
talents of Tuffy Epstein on clarinet and
rhythm, Debbie Greenblatt on fiddle and
recorder, Jon Bleicher on tuba and upright
bass, and Julie Sandene on keyboard.

The music for this service was
composed by renowned composer, Jose
Bowen. Formerly a teacher of music and
humanities at Stanford University, Bowen
currently lectures at the University of
Southampton in England where he is also
the director of the Centre for the History
and Analysis of Recorded Music.

He has won numerous awards in
composition including a nomination for
the Pulitzer Prize in Music, the Hubbell
Award from ASCAP, the Koret Israel
Prize, and awards from the Jewish Music
Commission and the Guild of Temple
Musicians.

He has performed with and
composed for Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie,
Liberace, Dave Brubeck, Hubert Laws,
Jerry Garcia, the Stanford String Quartet,
and the Allegri String Quartet, among
many others.

In The Mail—

Dear Rabbi Azriel,

...I had the most wonderful experience of my life over this past winter break...The Israel trip [Birthright Israel] you referred was the best possible thing that could have happened to me. The people I met and the things I saw have changed my life. It was truly a great experience, from the Western Wall to the Red Sea and everything in between. I reflect on these people, images and experiences every day since I have gotten back...I would also like to thank you for the nice Passover gift box...It made me feel good to know that people are thinking about me.

Jonathan Cipperly

Jonathan was one of several college students thanking WRJ-O and Rabbi Azriel for the Passover gift box and note received.

WRJ-O sent each student gift boxes containing: a Haggadah, matzah, grape juice, matzah ball soup, macaroons, a chocolate bar and a phone card.

Temple Israel's Young and Professional Organization (TIYPO), our religious school, and Young Jewish Omaha (YJO) co-sponsored a mini-Mitzvah Day on May 21. The program, called Yad L'Yad - Hand to Hand, focused on helping children and organizations that aid children. We offer many thanks to all the wonderful people who volunteered. Among the activities of the day, were beautifying the landscape at a Girls, Inc. facility and planting flowers on Temple Israel's grounds. A special thank you goes to Mulhalls for donating plants and sharing advice to make these projects a success.



Gretchen Radler, right, organized a mass planting of annuals to beautify Temple's grounds.



What's Happening in Religious School

Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator

Special Thanks To 1999/2000 Room Parents

Our Room Parents have made a big difference to our Religious School in so many ways: providing direction to volunteers who help with field trips, preparing for special events, and activities in the classrooms, etc. The efforts of these parents helped to make Temple a home-away-from-home for all our children. PRE-KINDERGARTEN: **Stacey Rockman**, and **Stephanie Grossman**. KINDERGARTEN: **Lisa Ephraim**, **Stacy Simon** and **Sandy Lehr**. GRADE 1: **Stephanie Saferstein** and **Amy Katz**. GRADE 2: **Leslie Slutzky** and **Patricia Newman**. GRADE 3: **Julie Martin** and **Lynn Salzinger**. GRADE 4: **Betsy Baker Heyman** and **Jim Clark**. GRADE 5: **Karen Lepp** and **Deb and Doug Finnicum**. GRADE 6: **Kathy Hirshman** and **Rosalie Klein**. FAMILY SCHOOL: **Lisa Scheet**. Partnership between parents and teachers has been a key factor in our success as a Religious School.

Special Thanks to Teachers

One of our greatest assets is our Religious School faculty. Our teachers really care and guide our students to grow more each year. THANK YOU. PRE-KINDERGARTEN: **Vicki Chesen** and **Jackie Christensen**. KINDERGARTEN: **Kimberly Robinson** and **Wendy Goldberg**. GRADE 1: **Melany Weinstein** and **Dora Goldstrom**. GRADE 2: **Steve Danon** and **Jen Gates**. GRADE 3: **Doris Parker**, **Maya Werthiemer**, **Dan Fried**, and **David Goldberg**. GRADE 4: **Anne Joseph** and **Rini Gonsher**. GRADE 5: **Patsy Wallace** and **Marvin Parilman**. GRADE 6: **Elyce Azriel**, **Elinor Matalon** and **Fritzi Luefschuetz**. FAMILY SCHOOL: **Scott Bresler** and **Karen Kazor**. SPECIALISTS: **Eileen Kader**, **Jeff Taxman**, **Sheila Kenny Baldwin**, and **Cheryl Lerner**.

Also, Madrichim, our teen assistants, make a big difference. Thank you: **Leora Azriel**, **Alex Bloom**, **Naomi Fox**, **Allyson Freeman**, **Lauren Freeman**, **Samantha Friedman**, **Melissa Josephson**, **Alex Katz**, **David Martin**, **Anne Muskin**, **Joel Passer**, **Jamie Skog**, **Steve Sternberg**, **Ben Taxman**, **Whitney Taxman** and **Aaron Wolfson**.

Special Thanks to the Religious School Committee

Behind the scenes and generally out of the spotlight, are the devoted members of the Religious School Committee. THANK YOU: **Jeff Smedlund**, Chairman, **Marge Bresel**, **Jim Clark**, **Mitzi Delman**, **Wendy Goldberg**, **Anne Joseph**, **Kathy Beauchaine**, **Laudin**, **Sandy Lehr**, **Patricia Newman**, **Ann Noodell**, **Ricki Skog**, **Leslie Slutzky**, **Whitney Taxman** and **Doug Wolfson**.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their 2000/2001 Religious School Registrations. Your prompt attention is appreciated. If any family does not have a registration packet for the coming school year, please call the Temple Israel office at 556-6536.

Sitter Service Summer Schedule

During the month of June, Sitter Service will be available each Friday evening and Saturday morning for the worship service. During the months of **July and August**, Sitter Service will be available for the **5:30 p.m. Shabbat Services**; however, there will be no Sitter Service for the Shabbat Morning Services. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

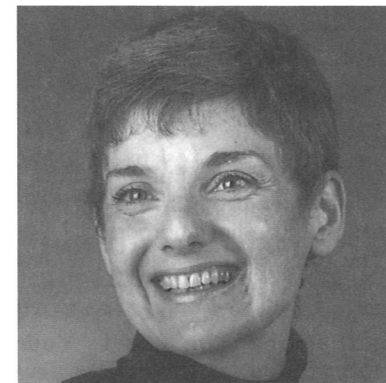


Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, June 2

7 p.m. Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. **Come enjoy songs and a story with the rabbi and Patty Nogg.**



Jewish Storyteller Corinne Stavish

Friday Erev Shabbat

June 9

Worship 8 p.m.

The inspiration to tell stories came to Corinne Stavish in her Evanston, Illinois synagogue about 20 years ago. "I've always had a propensity for drama," says Stavish, who has a degree in Speech and Theater from the University of Illinois and a graduate degree in Performing Arts from Northeastern Illinois University. That, combined with her involvement in her synagogue, led her to this vibrant Jewish tradition.

Stavish states, "You're performing not for the audience, but with the audience." She practices her artistry in schools, libraries, synagogues and churches and was one of the two Jewish storytellers at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN last October. She is also co-chairman of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE).

"I love to tell Jewish stories because they represent my heritage and the best of what I strive to be."

Stavish will be in Omaha for the Nebraska Storytelling Festival at the College of St. Mary's June 23-25.

Desperately Seeking Ushers!

We need a corps of ushers for our worship services and to assist congregants entering and leaving services.

A short training session will be held this summer.

We need you!

Please call Temple, 556-6536, for information.

Elderhostel 2000

September 10-15
Oconomowac, WI

Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute will host a summer program as part of the international Elderhostel program.

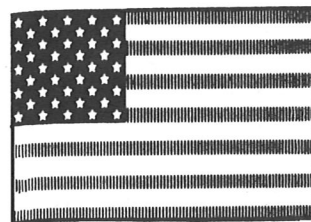
The topics will include, "The Jew in Literature", "Christianity, Judaism and Islam - The Links that Bind - The Walls that Separate", and "You be the Jury - Medical Ethics and Jewish Lore."

Cost of the program is \$365 and includes accommodations, meals, classes and all recreational programs and activities. For further information, call 847-509-0990, ext. 19 or, to register, call Elderhostel at 617-426-7788.

Annual Reports

Committee, auxiliary and budget reports were distributed at the May 30th Annual Congregational meeting.

If you were unable to attend this special evening, they are available in the Temple office.



Volunteers Needed

To Help Others Study for U.S. Citizenship

Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Agnes will need several volunteers this summer.

They will begin an eight week long session to help those in our community learn the questions needed to pass the INS citizenship test.

Each class will take place at St. Agnes, 2215 "Q" Street, from 7 - 10 p.m., and will run from June 1st - July 20th. If you are able to make only some of the sessions, that will be okay.

Contact Gayle Reyes, 556-3775, if you are interested.

The community needs your help!

Congratulations

On the Engagement of:

Suzanne Dawn Shapiro and Matthew Jason Goldberg. Parents are Lorie and Howard Shapiro, Park Ridge, IL, and Carol and Manny Goldberg.

Lindsey Paige and Brian Savoie. Parents are Sherry and Jeff Taxman and M. H. Weinberg, and Jeanne Savoie, Deland, FL, and Dennis Savoie, Miami FL.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milder. Mrs. Milder is the former Patti Seeger. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eric R. Seeger and Mrs. Edwin Milder and the late Edwin Milder.

Remember Our Funds

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

\$6.00 fund contributions:

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Endowment
Samuel and Ida Kaiman Endowment Fund
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If you wish to contribute to any of these funds at a different level, please advise the Temple staff.



Tree of Life

Commemorating the joyous moments in families' and friends' lives.

The following leaf has been added to our Tree of Life:

In honor of 70th Birthday of
David J. Meyers
With love from,
Your friends

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Eunice Krasne, cousin of Harold Bernstein and Shirley Kulakofsky.

Lee Jane Parsow, wife of Sol Parsow, mother of Alan, Jay, David and Steven Parsow, and sister of Barton "Bucky" Greenberg.

Elaine June Whitman Kuklin, sister-in-law of Elliot "Bus" and Betty Rubin.

Jeffrey S. Spiegel, husband of Devra "Dede" Spiegel, father of Justin, Joseph and Andrew Spiegel, son of Merrian Spiegel, and brother of Susan Weinstein.

Sylvia Stein, mother of Robert, Ronald, Frances, Gail and Harold Stein, Ellen Cohen, and Geri Kiger, sister of Helen Kirke, and sister-in-law of Verna Hahn.

And extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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

IN MEMORY OF: **Merrill Banks:** Phyllis & Harvey Aronson; **Morris Becker:** Silvia and Larry Roffman, Phil Sokolof; **Bruce Bloom:** Babe Cohn, Silvia and Larry Roffman; **Beverly Franklin:** Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Joan and Milton Marcus; **Bill Fried:** Joan and Milton Marcus; **Warner Frohman:** Barbara Frohman, The Parsows; **Stewart Gilinsky, Herman Roesberg:** Mark Jacobson; **Jerome Katz:** Beatrice Katz; **Eunice Krasne:** Mrs. Alan Fleishman, Dorothy Lipp; **Dr. Eugene London:** Babe Cohn, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **George Malacoff:** Terri and Dick Zacharia and family; **Harold Oruch:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Rosemary and Daniel Turner; **Lee Jane Parsow:** Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Molline and Fritz Cassman, Marcia and Jack Cohen, Betsy and Art Davidson, Carol Farber, Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Irene and Leo Kamisar, Howard and Barbara Krantz, Connie and Bob Kully, Dorothy Lipp, Gigi and Syd Osten, Sandy and Jeff Passer and family, Stanley Passer, Jan and Stan Perlmeter, Kimberly and Andrew Robinson, Stacey and Jonathan Rockman, Suzy Rubin, Phil Sokolof, Miriam and Joe Soshnik, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **McAdoo Ricks:** Norman Whitman; **Vincent Runco:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Sonia Schrager:** Anne and Alan Cohen, Marcia and Jack Cohen, Babe Cohn, Sandy and Paul Epstein, Dorothy Lipp, Jay Noddle family, Gigi and Syd Osten, Nancy and Patrick Peartree, Kimberly and Andrew Robinson, Chris and Barry Schweer, Phil Sokolof, Donald Yale; **Aaron Singer:** Doris and Milton Parker; **Jeff Spiegel:** Joe Frank; **Irwin D. Weiss:** Dr. and Mrs. Earl Wigodsky; **Frances Wilczewski:** Silvia and Larry Roffman

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: **Jack Cohen:** Roie and Bernie Meyers; **Dr. Spencer Gilbert:** Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman; **Phil Handleman:** Joe Frank, Maynard and Sylvia Katzman, Adele Hornstein, Ronnie and Art Jacobson; **Morris Lipp:** Etta and Harold Epstein, Lisa and Gary Epstein and boys; **Donald Polsky:** Molline and Fritz Cassman; **Jerry Rosinsky:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Sara Schreiber:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Stan Schrier:** Bella Eisenberg;

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IN HONOR OF WEDDING OF: **Susan Noddle and Marvin Levine:** Marty and Marilyn Warren

IN HONOR OF NCJW AWARD: **Carol Bloch, Debbie Friedman, Susie Norton:** Patricia, Jeff, Bobby and Emily Newman

IN HONOR OF BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AWARD: **Harley Schrager, Phil Schrager:** Donald Yale

IN HONOR OF UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: **Harry Alloy:** Jay Noddle family

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IN HONOR OF SERVICE AS DEAN OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE: **Jim Armitage:** Connie and Bob Kully

IN HONOR OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEARTLAND AFFILIATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: **Howard Marcus:** Joan and Milton Marcus

IN HONOR OF INSTALLATION AS NCJW PRESIDENT: **Beth Friedman:** Patricia, Jeff, Bobby and Emily Newman

IN APPRECIATION OF KINDNESS OF: **Deborah and Arthur Greene:** Ilene and Don Klein; **Harriett and Sherm Sperling:** Betty Rae and Ben Weiser

IN APPRECIATION OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS: **Steve Danon, Jen Gates, Rini Gonsher, Anne Joseph:** Patricia, Jeff, Bobby and Emily Newman

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