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Experiment with Mishkan Tefillah Continues

Throughout January and February, Temple Israel will carry on its experiment with the prospective *siddur*, *Mishkan Tefillah*.

Since the pilot began on December 13, Rabbis Azriel and Marantz and Cantor Shermet have collected important feedback about various aspects of the new prayerbook: its structure, its content, and its choreography.

The members of the *Siddur Pilot Task Force* and other congregants participating in Friday night services have provided a wealth of constructive comments. We thank you for participating and want you to know we value your presence, not just because we love seeing you during Shabbat but because, together, we have a chance to contribute to the direction *Mishkan Tefillah* and Reform prayer will take in the future.

The Friday *Shabbat siddur* pilot dates and times for January and February are:

January 3, 5:30 p.m.
 January 17, 7:30 p.m.
 January 24, 7:30 p.m.
 January 31, 7:30 p.m.
 February 7, 7:30 p.m.
 February 14, 7:30 p.m.
 February 21, 7:30 p.m.

AS I SEE IT...

The disintegration of a large political middle ground representing a liberal philosophy, leaves the political game to either ends of the spectrum. At such a time, both extremes of left and right exploit anti-Semitism for self-aggrandizement. It's an old story. Jews again are in danger. I don't think the fault lies with any single political opinion. What we are experiencing is a potent disillusion with the human character. That is the cause for the meltdown of the traditionally optimistic middle ground in American politics.

The most typical American trait has been a confidence in the future. Expectations for tomorrow were shaped by a conviction that things were going to be better. Human ingenuity, imagination and perseverance, when applied by essentially good people, could bring us no end of glorious accomplishment. If we willed it, we could even go to the moon. And we did.

We are not now so sure that people are essentially good. For the last decades, since the pinnacle of moral optimism reached in the 60's, human frailty leaves us in doubt. We have overestimated, it seems, the ability of human beings to live with decency and propriety, governed by our common ascent to accept mores and standards which maintain our trust in one another.

It's not simply the crime rate that

has deflated our image of the human character. More at fault is the scandal and impropriety which have tainted those in high places at all levels of our society. If good men and women are so flawed, and so susceptible to banality, and deceit, then perhaps we can no longer believe in our potential for effectuating good.

Enron has not helped. The media's intensifying lust for the sensational has not helped. The public's appetite for voyeuristically viewing sin has not helped. The parasites of mistrust and pessimism, on the extreme left and right, with their diet of xenophobic group antipathy, have not helped.

Only the resurgence of a vigorous and credible middle ground will offer a remedy. That requires those of us who do seek cause to trust the humanity, and goodness of our fellows, to come to the forefront with daring outspokenness. We cannot leave the playing field of public discourse to the extremist and the sensationalist. The average American, I believe with all my heart, is a decent, caring person. Good common sense is still available in good measure in American society. To the mongers of despair, scandal, and vituperation of faith in one another and in America, we must courageously assert: "We can do better! We will do better!"

Aryeh Azriel

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, December 27
5:30 p.m.

D'var Torah
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Saturday, December 28
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1

Friday, January 3
5:30 p.m.

Mishkan Tefillah*

D'var Torah
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Saturday, January 4
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Va'era
Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, January 10
5:30 p.m.

**Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book**

5:30 p.m.

OTYG Creative Family Service
"The Salad Bowl Service"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

* **Prospective Reform Prayerbook**

Saturday, January 11
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16

Friday, January 17
7:30 p.m.

Mishkan Tefillah*

**Shabbat Shira
Cantor Wendy Shermet
and Galeet Dardashti**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, January 18
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Beshalach
Exodus 13:17-17:16

January 24
7:30 p.m.

Mishkan Tefillah*

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, January 25
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Yitro
Exodus 18:1-20:23

Welcome New Members

Joan and Justin Cooper
Nicole Flatowicz
Mark Kahn
JoAnne and Gordon Michael
Jody and Gino Vinci

Early Worship Service

**Friday, Erev Shabbat, January 10
5:30 p.m.**

Union Prayer Book Service

Come on your way home from
work; meet family and friends.
Those with special birthdays and
anniversaries will be invited to the
Bima for a special blessing.

This service is especially planned
so that, at its conclusion, you may be
home early to enjoy a Shabbat meal
and evening or **join fellow
congregants at the Family Shabbat
dinner in the Friedman Social Hall**

Birthday Blessings Family Service

January 10 5:30 p.m.

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

Three Cheers For Temple's Volunteers!

This Month's Stars Are:

- Michelle Bucher
- Sandy Passer
- Sarah Schondelmeyer
- Speedy Zweiback
- Tim Zweiback

A Weekend of Splendor-Sephardic Music!

Shabbat Shira at Temple Israel with

Cantor Wendy Shermet and Galeet Dardashti
7:30 Friday evening, January 17

and

Galeet and Divahn in Concert

7:30 Saturday evening, January 18
Beth El Synagogue



Members of Divahn, led by
Galeet Dardashti (top row, center).

More on Maimonides

Our year-long study of Sephardic
history and culture has sparked an
interest in some to learn even more
about this fertile and fascinating
period in Jewish history.

Given the strong interest in the
great 12th century philosopher and
Talmudist Rabbi Moses ben
Maimonides, we are offering a mini
course entitled "A Guide to the
Perplexed: Reading the Writings of
Maimonides."

Rabbi Azriel will teach this lunch
and learn series on three
Wednesdays: January 22, February 5
and February 12 at Noon.

Bring your lunch and prepare to
dig deeply into the philosophy of one
of the most outstanding figures in
Jewish history. The text for the class,
The Maimonides Reader, is available
for purchase in the main office at
Temple Israel. Please contact our
program director, Rosie Zweiback, at
556-6536 or rzweiback@qwest.net to
register for this class.

Known as the only all-female
ensemble performing Mizrakhi-
influenced music in the United
States, Divahn's Mizrakhi/
Sephardic grooves were first heard
deep in the heart of Texas. The
Austin-based quartet infuses
traditional songs with sophisticated
harmonies and arrangements along
with vocals in Hebrew, Ladino,
Persian, Arabic, and Aramaic.

Divahn's lead singer, Galeet
Dardashti, will join Cantor Wendy
Shermet on the bimah for Shabbat
Shira. Galeet follows a family
tradition of distinguished musicians.
Her grandfather, Yona Dardashti,
was one of the most famous singers
of Persian classical music in Iran.
Together with her father, Hazzan
Farid Dardashti, and the Dardashti
family, Galeet has performed
international Jewish music
throughout the United States and
Canada for 18 years.

Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of
Song, will feature a Sephardic
"flavor" this year, announced Cantor
Shermet. The Torah portion that
evening is called *Beshalach*. It
describes how the Israelites, pursued
by Pharaoh, safely crossed the Sea of
Reeds and sang to God in
thanksgiving and praise.

Galeet is a classically-trained
singer and has served as a High
Holiday cantor for the past few years
at Congregation Agudas Achim in
Savannah, Georgia. She has lived
and studied in Israel for more than

two years and is currently a doctoral
candidate in anthropology at the
University of Texas.

In addition to performances in
Austin about once a month, Divahn,
which means a collection of songs or
poetry, has been performing for
almost two years in San Antonio,
Texas, Atlanta and Savannah,
Georgia, and throughout New York
and New Jersey. "Together they
weave an energetic, full-of-heart,
acoustically-driven voyage through
the history of Jewish music, earning
them a standing-room-only crowd at
this year's (international music
festival)," according to the Austin
Chronicle.

In a joint concert sponsored by
Temple Israel and Beth El
Synagogue, the quartet will present
a concert featuring "a very diverse
repertoire of songs..." explained
Galeet. "Some of our songs are lyrical
and haunting while we rock out on
others."

Ticket prices are \$18 per person.
Special recognition will be given to
those donating \$50.00 (includes 2
tickets), \$100.00 (includes 2 tickets)
or \$500.00 (includes 4 tickets)

Proceeds will benefit Temple
Israel's Music Fund and Beth El's
Youth Scholarship Fund. Tickets
are available by calling Temple Israel
at 556-6536. Teenagers can purchase
tickets for \$2.50 each and children for
\$1. Temple and Beth El will host a
reception after the concert at Beth El.

Torah Restoration Project

"Turn it and turn it again," the scribes told us, "for everything is in it." In the coming months our Temple will offer an extraordinary range of Torah activities. It will touch many lives, **your** life. Classes and workshops. Learning and teaching. Programs and services that shape values and minds. Prayer and song. Torah! A congregation, perpetually involved in Jewish life with Jewish lives. This work is unique and it is holy. For we build Jews here. We come together to form the people of Israel and the faith of Judaism.

These words are more than rhetoric, more than simple or subtle encouragement for you to get involved in the Torah restoration project. Shall we be an institution for inspiration; a place which gives strength of character; a moment of decency in a world bereft of the timeless values contained in our Ark and in our hearts? It is in our hands to determine the spiritual and intellectual future of this Temple and thereby the future of Jews.

For the Torah is not a book to be read but a drama in which to participate; not a book about events, but an event itself. The Torah whispers to those who give themselves to it, and who choose to live with it. The Torah is more than words; it is the history of God and men together, a living record of revelation and response. Yet, the Book remains unfinished.

As of Chanukah, 44 Temple Israel families have "taken hold of Torah." They have sponsored the restoration of 13 letters, 19 words, 12 names, 5 verses and 2 columns. They have made these contributions to celebrate B'nai Mitzvah, to honor grandchildren, toast friends and family and to remember loved ones who have passed on.

All are invited to participate in this project. If you need a dedication form or more information, please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536. Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Marantz, or Cantor Shermet can assist you in selecting meaningful passages or words or letters to sponsor.

Passover Cookbook

We need main course recipes to add to "Unleavened," our Passover cookbook. Please share your family's favorites with us.

Send your recipes to Judy Zweiback, jzweiback@aol.com, or drop-off a copy at the Temple office and we'll see that it is delivered to our tireless cookbook editor.

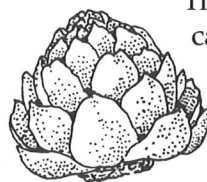
Something New!

This winter our monthly Family Service will be even more family-friendly. Join us Friday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. for a special service about tolerance led by teens in Omaha Temple Youth Group. Immediately following the service, you are welcome to stay for a festive Shabbat dinner. Enjoy a relaxing, early Shabbat evening and let us do the cooking and the cleanup!

To reserve a place at the table, please fill out the form below and mail it with your check to Temple Israel by Monday, January 6.

Family Shabbat Dinner			
Name _____	Phone _____		
	Chicken	Vegetarian	Cost
Adults _____	_____ + _____	x \$7.25 = _____	
Children (Grade 6 and under) _____	_____ + _____	x \$4.50 = _____	
Children (2 years and younger) _____	_____ + _____	x No Charge	
Total amount enclosed _____			

This They Didn't Eat in Poland!



Tired of the same old casseroles and baked chicken? Looking for some new flavors and spices to inspire your work in the kitchen? Wishing for a night out full of fine food and friendship? If the answer is "yes," have we got a program for you!

Join the Women of Reform Judaism for an evening devoted to a few delicious dishes from the Sephardic tradition. Some of WRJ's best cooks will demonstrate for you a variety of interesting recipes from southern Europe and north Africa all inspired by the Jews of Spain. If Ashkenazic cuisine is noted for cabbage, potatoes, brisket and borsht, the Sephardic tradition is known for couscous, almonds, oranges, eggplant and eggplants.

Come "travel" to a new place with us on **Wednesday, February 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, at Temple Israel. Please reserve your spot by calling the Temple office at 556-6536, or e-mail tisrael@qwest.net.

Shabbat Services 101: A Back-to-Basics Tour of the Sanctuary 10 a.m., Sunday, January 26

"Our sanctuary and prayer services are rich with tradition," said Todd Hutton, chairman of Temple Israel's Outreach Committee. At the next Outreach event, "we'll explore the sights and sounds which serve as the foundation upon which our spiritual customs are observed."

Rabbi Marantz will be the guide "as we tour the sanctuary taking note of its design, its history, and the spiritual observances which take place in this holy space," Hutton said. "A Shabbat service is, for the

most part, a consistent observance of certain practices. This program will offer a chance to reflect and refresh our memories on the what, where, when, and why about our services."

"It will also serve as a great opportunity to learn — whether it's the first time or the 100th time — our way around the sanctuary physically and spiritually," Hutton added. "If you're interested in exploring where we worship and how we worship, I strongly encourage you to join us."

Please join us Sunday, January 12
10 – 11:30 a.m.

The Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing & Bagels



This month we offer two choices:

Building a Jewish Library for Your Children

Join Rabbi Craig Marantz for a useful tour of the latest and greatest in Jewish books for children. After three years as the director of a large Reform religious school in Atlanta, he's an excellent resource for the Jewish family bookshelf. Harris Finkelstein, Director of the Kripke Jewish Federation Library, known for his enthusiasm and expertise, will also lead this interesting workshop.

What Happens to Jews When We Die?

If your shelves are full or you are searching for some answers to life's big questions, join Rabbi Aryeh Azriel for a discussion of the Jewish understanding of what happens when we die. He will give you some tools to understand death from a Jewish perspective and how to approach this challenging subject with your children.

As always:

- The MICHA MOCHA gourmet coffee cart will be in the Temple lobby.
- Childcare is available for ages 1-preK (reservations, 556-6536; a \$2 donation is appreciated).
- "Bee" sure to join your child for Prayer Assembly at 11:30 a.m.

P.S. The Religious School classroom that has the best attendance of parents will enjoy a donut party!

Sunday, January 19
10 a.m. Milder Center

Guest Speaker
Howard E. Gendelman, M.D.

Dr. Gendelman holds the Distinguished Chair of Pathology and is the Director of the Center for Neurovirology and Neurodegenerative Disorders at UNMC. He is known world-wide for his stemcell research. His topic will be **"Repair of the Human Brain."**

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

"Religious Occidentalism: Dehumanizing the West"

7:30 p.m. Monday, February 3
Jewish Community Center

Avishai Margalit, Shulman Professor of Philosophy at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will speak in Omaha on "Religious Occidentalism," exploring radical Islam as an Occidentalist ideology which sees the West as promoting a form of idolatry. Occidentalism is a pernicious picture of the West that enjoys a great deal of currency today and should be unmasked for what it is: a dehumanizing ideology.

Avishai Margalit, author and lecturer, is a frequent contributor to the New York Review of Books and a founding member of Peace Now, an Israeli peace movement.

Margalit's lecture in Omaha is sponsored by Temple Israel, the Kripke Jewish Federation Library, and the Harris Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Classes Resume Sunday, January 5
Religious School resumes Sunday, January 5 for grades K through 6. Family School resumes Tuesday, January 7, and the first Thursday of the year will be January 9.

Torah Tot Classes Friday, January 10
A new Torah Tot session begins. Lynne Jensen provides a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months to explore together. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Family Prayer Assembly Sunday, January 12
Parents are encouraged to join Religious School for the first Prayer Assembly of 2003 from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. The Four B's topics for this morning (10-11:30 a.m.) will be *Building a Jewish Library for your Children* or *What Happens to Jews When We Die?* See page 6 for more details.

Religious School Partnership (RSP) Thursday, January 16
RSP serves as the Temple Israel Religious School's Parent/Teacher Association. Parents are always encouraged to attend the Partnership meetings. Mention your questions and comments to Kathy Beauchaine, RSP Chairman and they can be included on the agenda! beauch@boystown.org or call 556-6536. Meetings are from 6:15-7:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on January 16.

Second Grade Family Tu B'Shevat Seder..... Saturday, January 18
Kindergarten through 6th graders (and their families) are invited to join our Second grade families for a taste of Tu B'Shevat at Fontenelle Forest! If you haven't made a reservation for this "treeful" celebration, call the Religious School office - 556-6536.

Third Graders visit the Federation Library Sunday, January 26
Harris Finklestein, Director of the Kripke Jewish Federation Library, will lead us on a book treasure hunt with Jewish Storyteller, Rita Paskowitz from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Blumkin Home residents will be invited to join us to share stories and friendship. Parents are also welcome to stay and browse the shelves.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades 1-6 Sunday, February 2
1st through 6th grade parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress on a Sunday morning! Families with last names beginning with M-Z come from 10 - 11 a.m. Families with last names beginning with A-L come from 11 a.m.-Noon. This is a "free" make-up day for students IF a parent attends the brief conference.

Did you know that Sitter Service is available

- Every Friday evening at the 7:30 p.m. service
- Every Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah
- Every Sunday morning during Religious School
(Reservations and a \$2 donation are appreciated)

Tot Shabbat Services Friday, February 7 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 Rabbi Marantz.**

Your Kids Will Love this Concert!

JCC Theatre 3 - 4 p.m.
Monday January 20, 2003

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a great time to teach our kids, through character building songs and stories, the importance of good values. Jewish educator and performer, Caroline Figiel, and her accompanist, Danny Jones, have performed this original and kid friendly concert around the country. They will be in town to lead Jewish teacher training workshops and perform this interactive and fun concert. Children in preschool through the younger grades and their parents are especially encouraged to attend.

Cookies and punch will follow the show. These very special guests' visit is underwritten by a grant from the Pennie Z. Davis Staff Development Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Debbie Stiel at the JCC, 334-6547.

Cradle Roll

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 5
Milder Center

Cradle Roll will present a Shabbat program for families with infants through pre-kindergartners. Children, parents, and even grandparents are encouraged to attend any one or all three of the programs this year.

"As soon as you're a parent, you're welcome to come!" said Susie Norton, who along with Jill Goldstein, is co-chairman of Cradle Roll. One member of the clergy attends each Cradle Roll program to talk to participants, sing, or read a story. In addition to introductions, the families work on a craft project and enjoy a snack.

There is no charge to attend, but families are requested to RSVP if possible to Jill at 614-6090 or to Temple at 556-6536. "Even if you haven't called in your RSVP, you're still welcome to come," Susie said.

We are hosting a Missouri Valley Conclave!!!!

JYG NFTY-MV Conclave 2003
Friday, February 28 -
Sunday, March 2

"If we build it, they will come..."
(the tabernacle, not a baseball field)

For all 7th and 8th graders in the Jewish community

And where else would Temple Israel host a conclave but Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS?

More information and application forms are available at the Membership table before Wednesday Religious School or call Stephanie Grossman, 556-6536.

What's Up With OTYG?

Twenty OTYGers attended Western Fall Conclave in Boulder, CO in November with chaperone Gil Cohen and Youth Director Stephanie Grossman.

The theme of the weekend was "The Jewish Divide." Programs focused on how we, as Jews, are

OTYG

We invite the congregation of Temple Israel to:

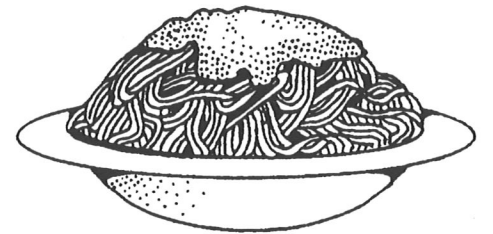
*The Salad Bowl Service that is,
"Uniquity" with Diversity
aka
Celebrating Diversity*

Friday, January 10, 5:30 p.m.

6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Shabbat Dinner at Temple will follow:
RSVP by Monday, January 6
8 - 10 p.m., Bowling

As part of our celebration of diversity, we encourage youth groupers to invite non-Jewish classmates and friends to join us for the evening.

It's Just Around the Corner!



**OTYG SPAGHETTI DINNER
And
AUCTION
Sunday, February 9
5:30 p.m.**

Adults - \$8
Children - \$4

An exciting Auction of goods and services
(The silent auction will begin at 10 a.m. in the Friedman Social Hall.)

Proceeds will benefit

Omaha Temple Youth Groups
(OTYG and JYG)

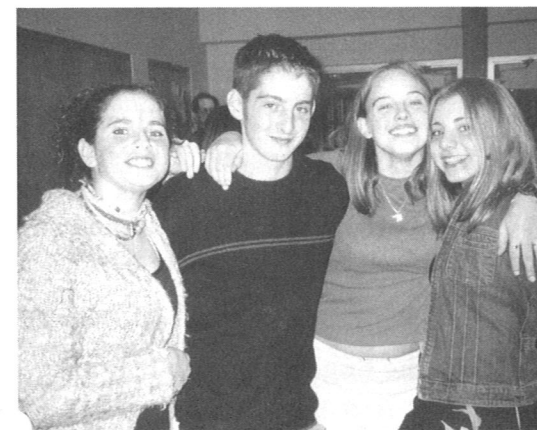
and

Two camps for children with life-threatening illnesses:

Camp Rainbow, St. Louis, MO
Camp Co-Ho-Lo, Gretna, NE

Call the Temple office, 556-6536,
by **Monday, February 3**
to make your reservation

If you can donate an item or a service to be auctioned, please contact the Temple office, 556-6536; Stephanie Grossman, Youth Group Director, 556-4596 or Janet Baack 333-6231.



Left to right: Chelsea Taxman, Jake Bleicher, Samantha Long, Aly Friedman



Left to right: J. J. Friedman, Allie Willensky, Daniel Gutman

Temple Receives Exquisite Gift of Lectern Covers

Ducky and Mike Milder, along with their daughter Emily, have commissioned and given to Temple beautiful covers for each of the bima lecterns. One features the unique sanctuary menorah design, executed in the brilliant colors of the stained glass windows. Both covers are bordered in rich, deep blues.

The covers are a gift from the Milders in memory of Mike Milder II and in honor of Rabbi Aryeh Azriel.

JCC Presents Live from 92nd Street Y

Joe and Hadassah Lieberman
Sunday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.

Alan Dershowitz Delivers the
State of Anti-Semitism Address
Thursday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.

Programs are broadcast live on the big screen in the J.C.C. theater. Tickets: \$5 for J.C.C. members and students; \$8 for non-members. Call Rachel Blum, 334-6404, for more information.



Visiting at the New Member Reception held recently at the home of Rabbi Aryeh and Elyce Azriel are three new members, all of whom grew up at Temple Israel (left to right: Beth Spizman and Alan and Susan Kohll).

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Tillie Bromm, mother of Anita Bernstein;

Alan Baer, husband of Marcia Baer, father of Ted and John Baer, and brother of David and Dr. Bob Baer;

Lynn Ellen Misle Weiner, mother of Sara Beth Weiner, daughter of Helen Misle, and sister of Dr. Gale Sosnick, Linda Shrier, Marsha Misle-Haugland and Howard Misle;

Irene Lyddon, mother of Debra Lyddon and Pat Scott;

Adele Mandell, wife of Nathan Mandell, mother of Terri, Marci and Paula Mandell, and sister of Thelma Lustgarten and Donna Gordon;

Joseph Soshnik, husband of Miriam Soshnik, father of David and Robert Soshnik, and brother-in-law of Harold Saks and Betty Kelberg;

Jane Brodkey Richwine, daughter of Lucille and Harold Brodkey;

Fred Silver, father of Harry Silver;

Miriam Meiches, sister-in-law of Maurie Meiches;

Margaret Robinson, mother of Gwenn Robinson, Barbara Robinson-Dunn, Diane Robinson and Richard Robinson, and sister of Florence Moser and Eve Raden;

Sylvia Schwartz, husband of Solomon (Sol) Schwartz, mother of Debra Baack, Nancy D. Schwartz, and sister of Melvin Hurwich;

Sol Joseph, father of Ed Joseph;

Miriam Martin, mother of Howard and Leon Martin, mother-in-law of Sandra Martin, and grandmother of Angela Horner;

Bonnie J. Briece, wife of David Briece, mother of Patrick and Mick Jensen and Kim Morock, and sister of JoAnn Wees

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Benjamin Louis Wilczewski, son of Allyson and Christopher Wilczewski. Grandparents are the late Barbara and Bruce Bradin, and Kathleen and Gene Wilczewski.

On the Engagement of:

Ali Lerner and Mark Doyle
Parents are Martha and Dick Lerner, and Jacqueline and Patrick Doyle.

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Grant Awarded to Hire Tri-Faith Group Coordinator

Root2fruit has awarded the Tri-Faith Working Group, composed of Temple Israel, First United Methodist Church, and the Islamic Center of Omaha, a \$10,000 per year grant to hire a director to coordinate the group's programming which includes meaningful dialogue and community building. The grant will extend for three years.

"We are seeking someone to work with our three communities to build relationships, plan programs and help us enlarge our vision of what we can do to further positive human relations in our diverse, and often divided, world," said Rosie Zweiback, program director at Temple Israel.

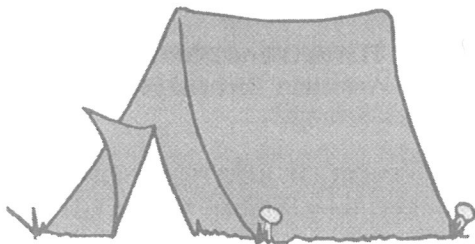
Temple member David Goldberg, one of the lay leaders who has helped plan some of the tri-faith programs agreed that "building personal relationships among Jews, Muslims, and Christians" is one of the goals of the group.



November's All School Dinner was prepared by The Cooking Quintet, an all-male high school cooking elective. Pictured left to right are part of the Quintet and their kitchen helpers: Marie Briggs, J.J. Friedman, Kyle Baines, Alex Bloom, Toby Fellman and Gil Cohen.

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Brochures are available at Temple Israel or check out the website for all of the exciting options at OSRUI. (www.uahc.org/camps/osrui)

- New this year:
- *Kallah* is now offered in two 2-week sessions for campers entering 3rd-6th grades.
 - *Bonim* - choose your own adventure – sports, waterfront, or explorations – for campers in grades 6-9 (4 weeks).
 - *Hineni* - for those who want to make a difference in the lives of people confronting hunger and homelessness. Your adventure will also be filled with visits to other Jewish camps as well as loads of fun activities throughout the Midwest and down to Atlanta (4 weeks).

Sessions are filling up quickly so SIGN UP NOW!!! Sessions that are now filled: Kibutz HaTzofim Bet, girls Tiferet Workshop, girls Chalutzim, girls and boys

Shwayder Camp of Congregation Emanuel is located on 240 acres of spectacular mountain forest at 10,200 feet in the beautiful Rocky Mountains, on the slopes of Mount Evans.

Shwayder Camp is a close-knit camp of “living Judaism,” with enrollment limited to only 120. The warm and fun Jewish environment nurtures a positive sharing of Judaic values.

- Living Judaism means
- ☆ The serenity of Shabbat
 - ☆ The joy and spirit of a song session
 - ☆ Worship in the beautiful outdoor chapel
 - ☆ The study of Jewish history and heritage
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Questions? Call the Temple office, 556-6536.

And in an age quite different from our childhoods, it is an unequaled stimulus to their Jewish feelings and commitment. It is undeniably “cost-effective,”

But, it doesn’t come cheap. Camp, excluding transportation and supplies, can cost more than some families can afford. Two weeks, usually for 3rd to 6th graders, can be over \$1,200. Older students may participate in longer sessions which cost more.

It is essential that each of our students has a chance to experience Jewish camping.

That’s why Temple has set up a Camp Scholarship fund.

Donations are always welcome, but the main source of income is our Gift Certificate Program.

You use the certificates like cash. Temple benefits – and more children will get “booster shots” of Judaism. Make it easy on yourself and set up a standing order. Remember: you pay no more, and our Scholarship Fund grows with each certificate you buy. They’re great gifts, too.

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Pay by check, cash, Visa, or MasterCard. Please call Temple, 556-6536, for all the information.

“Camperships” are available through Temple Israel (Dorothy Spizman, 556-6536) and the Bureau of Jewish Education (Kathy Hirshman, 334-6445).

January 2003 – Tevet/Shevat 5763

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			DECEMBER 25 No Religious School	26 No Religious School	27 Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.	28 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
29 No Religious School	30	31 No Family School	JANUARY 1 No Religious School	2 No Religious School	3 Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.	4 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
5 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m.	6	7 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	8 Religious School & Dinner Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m.	9 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m.	10 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 3:45 p.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Dinner Following Services	11 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
12 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon “The Four B’s” 10 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m.	13	14 Family school 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	15 Religious School Social Justice Club 5:30-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	16 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m.	17 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shira	18 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Galeet & Divahan Concert @ Beth El 7 p.m.
19 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Men’s Club Brunch 10 a.m.	20	21 Conversation with Rabbi Azriel 12-1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	22 Religious School Grades 7-12	23 6:30-8:30 p.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Basic Judaism	24 7-9 p.m. Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m.	25 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.