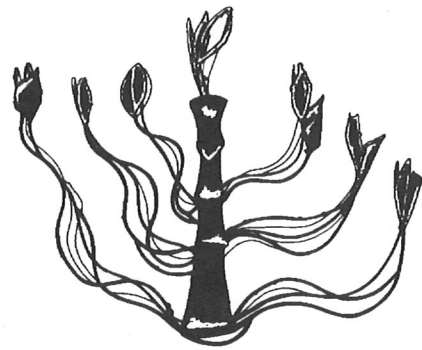


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|                                                                                                                                                                                |           |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>APRIL</b><br><b>1</b><br>Passover Service 10:30 a.m.<br>Congregational Seder 6 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>2</b><br><br>Tot Shabbat <b>7 p.m.</b><br>Shabbat Service 8 p.m.                                                                                        | <b>3</b><br>Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m.<br>Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>4</b><br><br>No Religious School                                                                                                                                            | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><br>Women's Seder 11:30 a.m.<br><br>AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.                                                                           | <b>7</b><br>Passover Service and Yizkor 10:30 a.m.<br><br>No Religious School                                                                                                           | <b>8</b><br>Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.<br>No Religious School<br><br>Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m.<br>Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m.<br>Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.                                                                              | <b>9</b><br><br>Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m.<br><br>Early Worship Service <b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Shabbat Family Service <b>7:30 p.m.</b> | <b>10</b><br>Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m.<br>Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.<br>B'nai Mitzvah of <b>J. J. Friedman</b> and <b>Stephanie Millward</b>                                         |
| <b>11</b><br>Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m.<br>Religious School<br>Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 10-Noon<br>Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m.<br>Outreach Tour of Jewish Omaha 10 a.m. | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><br>Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m.<br>AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.                                                                          | <b>14</b><br>Midrashah 10 a.m.<br>TIGGS 12 Noon<br>Religious School<br>Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m.<br>High School<br><br>Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.<br>Yom HaShoah Service @ Beth Israel 7 p.m. | <b>15</b><br>Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.<br>Religious School<br>Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m.<br><br>Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m.<br>Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m.<br>Kol Rina Choir 7-9:30 p.m.<br>Senior Function                                      | <b>16</b><br><br>Shabbat Service 8 p.m.<br>NFTY-Missouri Valley Spring Conclvae                                                                            | <b>17</b><br>Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m.<br>Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.<br>Bat Mitzvah of <b>Talia Eisenberg</b><br>NFTY-Missouri Valley Spring Conclave                                |
| <b>18</b><br>NFTY-Missouri Valley Spring Conclave<br>Religious School<br>Pre-Kindergarten I-Grade 6 10-Noon<br>Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.                                      | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><br>Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.<br><br>Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m.<br>Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.<br>AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m. | <b>21</b><br><br>Religious School<br>Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m.<br><br>JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m.<br>High School<br>Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.                                                     | <b>22</b><br>Torah Tots 10-Noon<br>Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m.<br>Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.<br>Religious School<br>Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m.<br>Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m.<br>Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m.<br>Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m. | <b>23</b><br><br>Shabbat Service 8 p.m.                                                                                                                    | <b>24</b><br>Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m.<br>Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.<br>Bat Mitzvah of <b>Amy Bresel</b>                                                                             |
| <b>25</b><br>Religious School<br>Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 2 & Grades 4-6 10-Noon<br>Grade 3 @ Blumkin Home 10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>Outreach Program & AOL 10 a.m.                 | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><br>Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m.<br>AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.                                                                          | <b>28</b><br>Midrashah 10 a.m.<br>Religious School<br>Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m.<br><br>OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m.<br>High School<br>Grades 9-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.                                   | <b>29</b><br>Torah Tots 10-Noon<br>Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m.<br>Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.<br>Religious School<br>Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m.<br>Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m.<br>Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m.<br>Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m. | <b>30</b><br><br>Shabbat Service 8 p.m.<br><b>Scholar-in-Residence</b>                                                                                     | <b>MAY</b><br><b>1</b><br>Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m.<br>Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.<br>Bar Mitzvah of <b>Aron Neesman</b><br><br><b>Scholar-in-Residence 5 p.m.</b><br>@ Swanson Tower |



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## Worship Services

### 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.

Guest Speaker  
**David Yomtoob**  
"Organ Donations Change Lives"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by  
The Temple Sisterhood

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

Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26

### CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER

Wednesday, April 7  
10:30 a.m.

Yizkor

Friday, April 9  
5:30 p.m.  
Early Worship Service  
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.  
Family Service

**Mark B. Levy**  
Ventriloquist

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by aunts,  
uncles and grandparents of  
J. J. Friedman and Stephanie Millward

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## Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna

### 1999 Scholar-in-Residence

### 2000 and Beyond:

### Who Are We, Who Will We Be?

April 30, May 1 and 2

Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna earned his doctorate from Yale University in 1979. Prior to that, he had attended Markaz HaRav Kook in Jerusalem, Boston Hebrew College and Brandeis University.

In 1990, Brandeis invited Dr. Sarna back to assume the new Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professorship in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, a position he now holds for a second term.

He has also taught at Yale University, the University of Cincinnati, Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati where he rose to become



professor of American Jewish History and Director of the Center for the Study of the American Jewish Experience.

Dr. Sarna has written, edited or co-edited 16 books, including *The American Jewish Experience*, a second edition of which was recently published.

Articles and reviews by Dr. Sarna appear regularly in scholarly and popular journals, including "Commentary,"

"Moment," and "The Journal of American History."

This Scholar-in-Residence program is made possible through a generous grant from the Samuel and Ida Kaiman Endowment Fund.

Friday, April 30

8 p.m.

Sanctuary

*The Roots of American Jewry's Identity Problem*  
Oneg Shabbat Following

Saturday, May 1

5 p.m.

Swanson Towers  
8405 Indian Hills Drive

*Intermarriage in America:  
Historical Lessons and Contemporary Challenges*  
Cheese and Fruit Havdalah Following

Sunday, May 2

10 a.m.

Friedman Social Hall

*The Changing Face of American Jewish Identity:  
Old Assumptions Confront New Realities*  
Bagel Brunch

All events are open to the community at no charge.

(worship services continued)

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

10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah of  
**J. J. Friedman**  
and  
**Stephanie Millward**  
son of Sue and Tom Friedman  
and  
daughter of Sue and David Millward

Torah Portion: Shemini  
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Friday, April 16  
8 p.m.

Temple Israel Welcomes  
NFTY Conclave Participants

Creative Service  
Omaha Temple Youth Group

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by  
Sandra and Marvin Kohll in honor of  
the Bat Mitzvah of Talia Eisenberg  
and by parents of our youth groupers

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

10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of  
**Talia Florence Eisenberg**  
daughter of Robert Eisenberg  
and Pam and Justin Kohll

Torah Portion: Tazria/Metzora  
Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Friday, April 23  
8 p.m.

### Sisterhood/Men's Club Creative Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by  
Marge and Jim Bresel in honor  
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

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

10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of  
**Amy Blanche Bresel**  
daughter of Marge and Jim Bresel

Torah Portion: Achare Mot/Kedoshim  
Leviticus 16:1-20:27

Friday, April 30  
8 p.m.

### Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna

"2000 and Beyond:  
Who Are We, Who Will We Be?"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by  
the Temple Sisterhood

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

10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of  
**Aron Neesman**  
Son of Maria and Steve Neesman

Torah Portion: Emor  
Leviticus 21:1-24:23

## Additional Worship Times

**Friday, Erev Shabbat, April 9  
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.

**Sunday Morning Chapel  
Prayer Service  
April 11  
9:15 a.m.**

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

### Don't Forget! Annual Women's Seder and Luncheon

**Tuesday, April 6  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Milder Center  
Lunch is \$4.00**

RSVP to the Temple office  
556-6536.  
Rabbi Debbie Stiel  
and Cantor Jennifer Blum  
will lead  
this Women's Journey.

### Welcome New Members

Travis Cohn  
Sharon Grunkin  
Rosalie and Arnold Klein  
Lorraine Reiss



### PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Temple's East entrance has 3 handicap  
parking spots - and, no steps into Temple.

### New! Sitter Service for Bagels and Bible Shabbat mornings

**Please call the Temple Office  
556-6536,  
to make your reservation.**

## A Note From the Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

There is a recurrent question asked of  
all cantors. Most often, we hear the  
question following Shabbat or holiday  
services. No less frequently, however, it  
comes at completely unexpected times  
such as in the hallway following religious  
school, at a reception or party, even  
during committee meetings!

"Cantor, why is it that whenever I  
come to Temple, I hear new melodies  
being sung?" While I am often asked this  
very good and, I might add, appropriate  
question, other people ask the related  
question of how I go about choosing the  
melodies for our services.

Truly, there is no easy answer, but a  
look at our Passover Haggadah can  
provide some explanation and insight.  
The Haggadah is an amalgam of rabbinic  
stories, psalms, Jewish history, passages  
from Torah, songs and poems. Yet, as we  
each read through the Haggadah at our  
seders, we do not feel a sense of disjointed  
fragmentation. Instead, these texts,  
created in various geographic locations, at  
different periods of time and under  
differing circumstances, combine together  
to form a meaningful whole.

Invoking the central story of the  
Jewish people (the story of the Exodus  
from Egypt), the Haggadah is able to  
weave a cohesive service order intended to  
represent the people who use it.  
Moreover, we are encouraged by our  
tradition to add our own voices to the  
Haggadah's text: to share melodies we  
know from our own family history and to  
exchange ideas that make the Haggadah  
relevant to us today.

When a group feels they are not fairly

represented by the authors of the  
Haggadah, they are often inspired either  
to add their own texts to the Pesach seder  
or to create their own separate seder.  
This is most commonly done to represent  
women's experiences, as we will see at our  
own women's seder.

The music of worship should work  
similarly. Reform worship is undoubtedly  
a patchwork of texts interpreted through  
countless different melodies. The worship  
experience and the melodies which  
comprise it should never feel disjointed for  
the regular worshipper. I choose melodies  
that I believe fairly represent the texts they  
enhance. Whether they are part of the  
*nusach* (musical pattern) of the occasion  
or they represent a more contemporary  
composition, my aim is to use music that  
keeps our worship within the guidelines of  
our tradition while also reflecting our  
identity as Reform Jews in America.

Certainly, Reform Jews are not only  
of one fabric. We all must be represented  
musically in our worship of God. There  
are those of us who are moved by Debbie  
Friedman or Jeff Klepper and others of us  
who prefer to listen to Lewandowski or  
hear the harmonies of Lazar Weiner. As  
American Reform Jews we have a  
distinctive history and ideology. We have  
music that is specific to our history and  
music which connects us to the rest of the  
Jewish world. We are continuously trying  
to ensure that our ideals are represented in  
our worship. Music is one vehicle of  
assuring that our worship, like our  
Passover Haggadah, represents who we  
are and what we believe.



**How often do we in our 20's and 30's lament that there  
are few others in our same age group who come to Temple  
regularly?**

On Friday, April 30, following Shabbat service, there will be an  
opportunity for us to gather in the Milder Center for a special 20's and  
30's Oneg Shabbat.

Come eat and shmooze with Cantor Blum and Rabbi Stiel as we  
dream of future programs and social gatherings to better meet our  
unique needs.

## Men's Club

### Brunch

**Sunday, April 11**

**10 a.m. Milder Center**

Join us for the traditional lox and  
bagels get-together and a special guest  
speaker. Free for Men's Club members;  
\$3 for non-members.

## Food For Thought

**Tuesday, April 20**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Temple Israel**

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

Cantor Blum will lead a discussion on  
current issues and events.

## In The Community

### Yom HaShoah Commemoration

**Wednesday, April 14**

**7 p.m. Beth Israel**

Yaffa Eliach, who created "The  
Tower of Life" at the Holocaust  
Museum in Washington, D.C., will  
speak.

### Yom Haatzmaut Celebration

**Sunday, April 25**

**12:30-4 p.m. J.C.C.**

An afternoon of fun and activities  
for all ages.

### Presentation of Dyslexia Harold Levinson, M.D.

**Sunday, May 2**

**2-4 p.m. J.C.C.**

Dr. Levinson is a nationally  
known neurologist and authority on  
dyslexia and ADD. His talk is  
presented by the Samuel and Ida  
Kaiman Endowment Fund.

Watch for details in your mail and  
the Jewish Press.

**“So where do we go from here.....?”**

**Committee on Adult Learning  
at Temple Israel  
Donna Greenberg, Chairman**

On March 11, we hosted our last “Community Conversation” at Temple Israel. As the chairman of the Adult Education Task Force, I was very excited at the response of our congregation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who braved the cold and the traffic and gave us your valuable time. It was a wonderful learning experience for me, getting to know you and hearing your ideas and dreams. Thank you!

Now that we have gathered all this information, where do we go from here? Our next step is to organize all of your ideas and thoughts on adult education. This will be no easy task....but an exciting one. Once this is completed we will meet as a committee and begin to look at the direction that you, the congregation, would like to take.

Dreaming is always exciting and fun, but reality needs to balance our dreaming. It has been a fundamental goal of this committee from the beginning that, whatever we decide to do, the adult education programs that we start will be of high quality. “If you provide learners with a quality program, they will come”...this is our focus.

Again, thank you to all of you who participated in our community conversations. Without your help and support, this project would never take wings and fly.

**Sign-up for  
Family Israel Mission**  
  
**Sunday, April 11 4 p.m.**  
**The Needelmans' Home**  
**616 So. 96**

This Millenium Mission 2000 Family Trip is December 26, 1999 to January 4, 2000.

There is great interest in this trip, so don't miss out!

Call Lana, 334-6430, to make your reservation.

## Bikkur Cholim Committee Reaches Out to Extend Spiritual Caring



**Standing , left to right: Patricia Newman, Beth Walts, Gloria Bassik, Anne Cohen  
Seated, left to right: Marilyn Mellen (holding Jonah Stiel), Matt Ferer, Earl Katz, Shelly Fox**

### Bikkur Cholim Committee Reaches Out To Extend Spiritual Caring

**Patricia Newman, Chairman**

During the past few months, several members of Temple Israel have been meeting together for training and the formation of a committee of Bikkur Cholim.

Bikkur Cholim is the mitzvah of visiting the sick, a Jewish tradition for helping those who are ill or, for various reasons, homebound and unable to easily access the Jewish community.

The committee at Temple Israel is an outgrowth of our congregation's participation in the national Synagogue 2000 program.

The committee itself, its structure, is new; however, the essence of the work is certainly not. Our rabbis and cantor, of course, are continually involved in providing this kind of support to individuals and families. Also, many individuals, several on our committee in fact, have been doing exactly this kind of caring work, independently and out of their own concern and spirit of sharing. There are many organizations in which this kind of support is also provided.

What makes our committee somewhat different, is that our purpose is precisely to provide care of a spiritual nature to carereceivers. We have also attempted to provide a structure and training and, importantly, ongoing training

and support for the caregivers. The members of our committee are comfortable in reaching out to persons unfamiliar to them, truly caring about their well being and feeling at ease in offering to share their feelings of caring, as well as their own sense of Jewishness and prayer with them.

Committee members Anne Cohen, Gloria Bassik, Matt Ferer, Shelly Fox, Earl Katz, Marilyn Mellen, and Beth Walts were specifically selected with consideration of their experience and skill in this realm of caring.

There is no doubt that a need for our committee exists. We plan to start small and grow as we are able. Carereceivers are individuals who make a request for one of us, who is referred through one of our rabbis. We will do the best we can, one visit at a time. Hopefully, we will all, carereceivers and caregivers alike, find some spiritual comfort and joy through this process. I am confident of one thing; there couldn't be a group of individuals more suited for this committee than these special people!

Rabbi Debbie Stiel is the rabbi for the committee; Sally Kaplan is the Synagogue 2000 liaison. If you know someone who could use a visit from the Bikor Cholim Committee, please let Rabbi know.

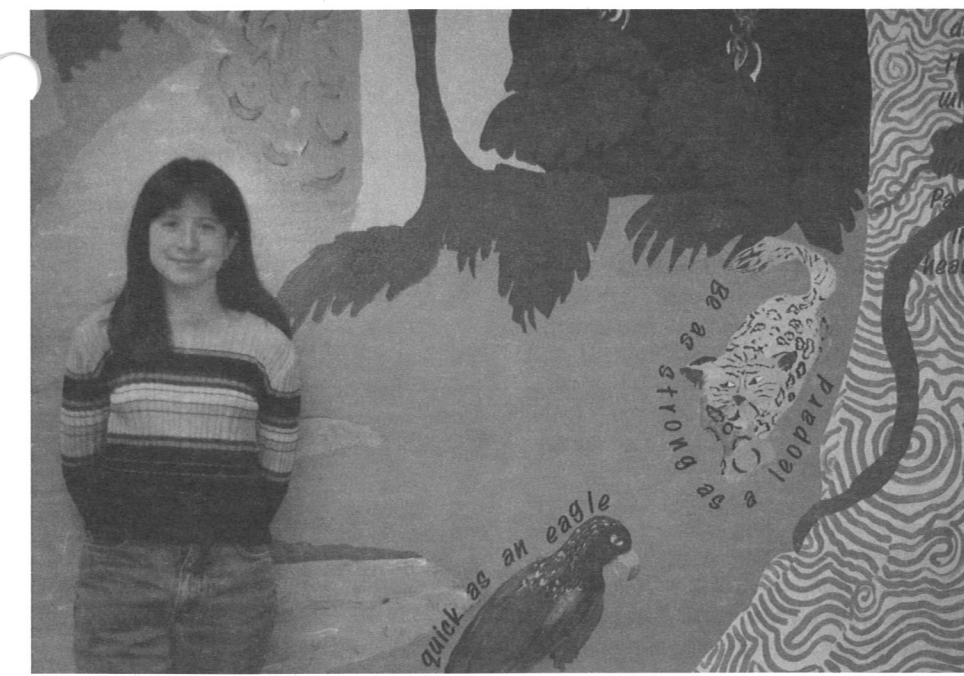
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## Come See Molly's Completed Mural!



Molly Needelman, a Bat Mitzvah, October 10, 1998, has finally completed her Bat Mitzvah project, a large mural in Temple Israel's Torah Tot Learning Center, first floor religious school, at the end of the short hall to your left. Children can learn and play here while their parents attend services.

Molly is very grateful to have been given the opportunity to do what she loves best, original artwork, for Temple. Over a year ago Molly and her mom, Lee Needelman, found the inspirational quote from the Pirke Avot 5:20 – Be as strong as a leopard, as quick as an eagle, as fast as a deer, and as brave as a lion, to do the will of your parent in heaven.

For this quote, Molly used lettering commissioned from a professional sign maker and artistically applied the words by the appropriate animal. Molly sees the large tree in the center of the mural as the Tree of Life. She has come to understand the quote to mean to be the best of whoever you are – the best leopard, eagle, the best that you can be.

We hope the children who use the room will enjoy the mural, and hope that you get to view it as well.

Lee's comment is, “THANK YOU, Temple Israel, for giving Molly this wonderful opportunity to give back, for all you've done for us!”

## AOL and Outreach

**“Faith Development  
and Jewish Identity”**

**Sunday, April 25  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Milder Center**

Stephanie Grossman, Lee Needelman and Mimi Rogers, Temple Israel's Outreach Fellows, will present knowledge and information they gained when they attended the UAHC Outreach Fellows program in Cincinnati last year.

They will begin with traditional texts and then, using other sources, will teach and discuss the stages and transitions a person goes through when seeking faith development. Stephanie, Lee and Mimi will intersperse their own stories with their teachings.

## Summer Fun for Jewish Teens

**UAHC's Kutz Camp is NFTY's Leadership Academy** for those in 9th through 12th grade. Expanded programs include a Mitzvah Corps and a social action program.

Call Temple, 556-6536, for information.

## Experience Omaha's Jewish History!!

**Tour Jewish Omaha's Past with  
Ollie the Trolley  
April 11, 10 a.m. – Noon**

Don't miss Mary Fellman of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society as she guides you through Omaha's Jewish heritage. Peer into the past by visiting culturally and historically significant sights from Jewish Omaha's past in this informative and entertaining trolley ride.

We will meet at Temple Israel at 10:00 a.m. for the beginning of our two-hour adventure. The cost is \$5.00 per person and advance reservations are a must. Please complete the form below to secure your opportunity to discover Jewish Omaha's present by rediscovering its past.

**RSVP to Temple by Thursday, April 8.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ann Kibel Schwartz To Take Baltimore Post

After 13 years as Temple Israel's Director of Education, Ann Kibel Schwartz has accepted that position at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation which has two previous links to our synagogue.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel was assistant rabbi at Baltimore Hebrew before being named Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel.

Rex Perlmeter, current senior rabbi at Baltimore Hebrew, grew up in our congregation.

Ms. Schwartz was Cultural Arts Director at the J.C.C. before coming to Temple.

Ms. Schwartz will begin her new position July 1.

She and her husband Don will be honored by our congregation. Watch for details at a later date.

# Educational Perspectives

Ann Kibel Schwartz

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that I prepare to leave Temple Israel to take the position of Educator at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. When I began this job 13 years ago, it was my goal to watch a generation grow up. On March 6, I watched the "babies" that were born my first year successfully lead the Shabbat morning worship service. Some of our younger students are the children of my original students.

It will be hard to say good bye to the many friends of all ages that Don and I have made here at Temple Israel. We love the regulars at Simcha B'Shabbat. Room Parents have a special place in heaven as well as in my heart. The members of the Religious School Committee, Synagogue 2000, and the Parent-Toddler classes are very dear to me. Life cycle events have become an important part of our lives. Baby-namings, Consecrations, B'nai Mitzvah, Confirmations, and even funerals are treasured memories.

With great pride, I look back on the many accomplishments of our students, teachers, parents and staff. Together, we have striven to create a place of Jewish learning and loving. I am most grateful to all the wonderful leaders and followers at Temple Israel who have provided the moral and financial support that helped us to succeed.

## Family School

One of our proudest accomplishments is the Family School. Special thanks to Mike Walts! We took a chance on a new way of conveying Judaism and we discovered more benefits than we had imagined. In this demanding society, time has become very precious. What children want most is time and attention from their parents. Family School provides this in a Jewish setting. How wonderful it is to be able to create happy memories in the Temple. For mothers who work outside the home, Family School has provided relief from the stress of dealing with 4 p.m. "Hebrew School" transportation. The whole family attends together and learns together. I strongly recommend that you continue to

support Family School at Temple Israel.

## Support Staff

Joan Cooper, Staff Coordinator, and Gloria Ketter, Secretary, are two of the finest support persons that any educator would be proud to supervise. They have shown great initiative in helping to set up systems that keep the school operating smoothly. These include communications, record keeping, evaluations, inventories and progress reports. I have asked them to give the new educator the same levels of valuable support.

## Faculty Continuity

The heart and soul of a school are the teachers. When I arrived at Temple Israel in July 1987, there were many empty teaching assignments; and excessive faculty turnover was a serious problem. Stabilizing this situation has brought many benefits to our Religious School. Teacher recruitment, training and retention have been some of my chief goals. Today we have as fine a faculty as can be found anywhere in the country. I hope that each of our teachers will continue to serve Temple Israel Religious School in 1999-2000. Please join me in showing them the appreciation they deserve for dedicating their time and energies to our students.

In my Bat Mitzvah year at Temple Israel, I take satisfaction in a Religious School that has reached a strong level of maturity. I am confident that it will continue to go from strength to strength. Baltimore Hebrew Congregation will benefit from the experience that I have gained here at Temple Israel.

In closing, let me assure you that I will do every thing possible to help you with a smooth transition. Your next Director of Education will be coming to a wonderful congregation.

## Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening and Saturday morning and Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. 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 April 2  
and  
Friday, May 7

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 April 9 7:30 p.m.

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



Sam Anderson, Leora Azriel, Jacob Bleicher, Josh Bleicher, Amy Bresel, David Bresel, Lauren Feigin, Alex Freeman, Lauren Freeman, Adam Gerber, Joe Goldberg, Nate Joseph, Molly Needelman, Stephanie Olesh, Aaron Passer, Joel Passer, Anna Patkovsky, Olga Patkovsky, Steven Patton, Anne Rips, Sara Rips, Forrest Rogers-Marcovitz, Max Rogers-Marcovitz, Adam Skog, Becky Smedlund, Ben Taxman, Chelsea Taxman, Margaret Ter Michael Vann, and Alex Wolf.

There are a **few** spots open, grades 4 through 10, for boys and girls.

Call Temple, 556-6536, for information.

# OTYG

## NFTY National Youth Convention Was Great!

### From the Advisors

As we first entered the Westin Hotel in Los Angeles, it occurred to me that it wasn't so many years ago that a Jew could not stay in many hotels. And, now, here we were, a part of two conventions of all Jews! Concurrent with the NFTY National Youth Convention was the 1999 Reform Jewish Youth Workers Conference. Barry and I were lucky enough to be able to be a part of it.

During some of the many breakout sessions, one of my areas of focus was the development of a college program. Barry chose the sessions that examined how to deal with teenage issues and how to communicate those issues with parents.

Perhaps the most valuable experience that resulted from the sessions was interacting with the many advisors from around the country and sharing ideas, challenges, and dreams. We also now know how lucky we are to be a part of such a positive and supportive congregation. Youth is a priority here at Temple and the encouragement we receive for our youth group reaches beyond parents of OTYG members.

The culmination of this wonderful experience was joining the teens (Yes, you can find 6 teens hidden among 1500!) on an excursion through Universal Studios Park. Imagine the surprise of the unsuspecting tourists at the park as 1800 of us converged upon them, with many teens singing "If you're a Jew and you know it, clap your hands!"

This experience was not only a pleasant and exciting memory for the teenagers but one for these advisors as well.

Stephanie Grossman

### From Our Seniors

Imagine a week with 1500 Jewish teenagers who sing and dance and even become silent all at once. It was impossible for me to picture this. At Nationals I met people and made friends from Pennsylvania, Florida, California and NFTY regions all over the country. I went to workshops that discussed Reform Judaism, gays and lesbians, and more. I sang; I danced; I had fun! I recommend OTYG members take the opportunity and experience it in two years when it happens again. Next to Israel, this was the best experience of my life.

Nikki Flatowicz

NFTY National Convention was amazing - it was breathtaking to participate in services and song sessions with 1500 other Jewish teenagers. Participating in workshops and listening to speakers helped me to be more aware of important issues in the Reform Movement and helped me to define who I am as a Jew and as a leader in the Reform Jewish youth movement.

Amy Willensky

There are two words that I would use to describe NFTY National Convention: maddeningly amazing. Not only were there 1500 people there, an amazing accomplishment in itself, but these were 1500 Jewish teenagers all assembled in gorgeous LA with one thing in common - religion. While the large amount of people made for some chaotic and trying times when trying to make announcements or transport everybody around the city, there is no feeling like praying with 1499 other Jewish teenagers. That's what I call maddeningly amazing.

Morgan Denny



Amy Willensky, Jen Gates, Ally Freeman, Morgan Denny and Whitney Taxman surround Nikki Flatowicz on their way to NFTY National Youth Convention.

## Upcoming OTYG and JYG Events

Friday, April 9, 3:45 at Livingston  
Shabbat Comes to You

Thursday, April 15, 4 p.m.  
Senior Function

Friday, April 16 - Sunday, April 18  
Spring Conclave, Temple Israel

Wednesday, April 21, 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
JYG Dinner

Sunday, April 25  
JYG to That Pottery Place

Wednesday, April 28: 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
OTYG Dinner

Sunday, May 2, Temple, 2-4 p.m.  
"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know  
About Judaism"

## Spring Conclave

A note to our adult congregants....  
from: Jen Gates and Amy Willensky,  
Conclave Co-Chairmen; Nikki Flatowicz,  
Housing Chairman

Spring is in the air....in OTYG....

We know you've heard about **Spring Conclave** about five million times already, but **we still need your help!!!** Thankfully, many of you, along with the Conclave Committee, have already put forth countless hours of effort towards our fast approaching event: April 15-18!

We are expecting 200 teenagers from around the region to spend the weekend in Omaha.

There are all sorts of ways you can help, so please give Stephanie Grossman a call (556-4596) and see what you can do for your Temple's youth group. For example, we still have quite a few teenagers who do not have a place to stay.

If you have not notified us yet and are willing to house a few teens, please contact Nikki Flatowicz, 333-3561, or Stephanie as soon as possible.

## Purim Carnival

Nikki Flatowicz

The Purim Carnival was a great success this year. We would like to thank all of the parents and teenagers who helped. It was a lot of fun seeing all the kids dressed up and having a great time. This year, youth group members made the hamentaschen themselves and had fun doing it. Zio's Pizza was a new part of the carnival and was a hit! We hope you had

## What's Happening in Religious School

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

**Grade 5 to begin Folk Dances. . . . . Sunday, April 11**  
Cheryl Lerner will begin teaching the 5th Grade a series of Jewish folk dances in preparation for their Model Wedding scheduled for May 8.

**Grades 7 & 8 go to Beth Israel . . . . . Wednesday, April 14**  
Middle school students will attend the community-wide Yom HaShoah service at Beth Israel. Instead of meeting at Temple at 4 p.m., they will meet at Beth Israel at 6:30 p.m.

**New Parent Toddler Classes begin . . . . . Thursday, April 22**  
Thursday classes 10-11:15 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. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

**Spring Torah Tot Class Sessions begin. . . . . Thursday April 22**  
Thursday 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.

**Grade 3 to Visit Blumkin Home . . . . . Sunday, April 25**  
Sunday, April 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Third Grade students of Temple Israel will conduct a Yom Ha'atzmaut Seder at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. This program will serve to highlight and reinforce their studies about Israel and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Lois Wine, Volunteer Coordinator at the Blumkin Home will join students April 18, at Temple Israel, in order to prepare them for the April 25th visit.

**Registration for 1999/2000**  
Registration packets will be mailed April 30 to all Religious School families. If any family does not receive a registration packet for the coming school year, please call the Temple Israel office at 556-6536. Our goal is 100% registration by May 23, the last Sunday of Religious School.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS  
(ENTERING GRADES 9-12 IN THE FALL)**

**ARE YOU A LEADER?**

**WOULD YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH OTHER TEENS  
TO MAKE AN EVEN BETTER OTYG?**

**THEN YOU ARE A PERFECT CANDIDATE FOR:  
THE 1999-2000 OTYG BOARD!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PICK UP AN APPLICATION PACKET IN  
THE MAIN OFFICE OR CALL JEN GATES (778-9742) OR  
STEPHANIE GROSSMAN (556-4596)**

## Purim '99...



Cleo Rogers-Markovitz, a princess



Leah Brookstein, Teletubby



Joe and Ali Slosburg, Wizard of Oz and Dorothy

## ...Megillah a La Walt Disney!



Elyce (Newt Gingrich) Azriel, Dorothy (Captain Hook) Spizman, Cantor Jennifer (Evil Queen) Blum, and Barry (Queen Esther) Grossman



Junior Youth Groupers Rebekah Phillips and Alex Bloom run a booth



Abigail Reiss



Keith Graul and Alex Katz in charge of a game.



Philip Hirshman holds his prize fish.



Policeman Ariel Yoel



Steve Danon and Jim Clark



Rabbi Aryeh (King Ahashueras) Azriel and Barry (Queen Esther) Grossman



Morgan Denny and Jenny Friedman run cotton candy machine

## Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

**Shulamis "Toni" Kutcher;**  
**Helen Adler Diamond,** sister of  
 Morris Adler;  
**Constance Smart,** mother of  
 Kathy Carmine;  
**Dorothy Kovnar;**  
**Bess Becker,** wife of Morris Becker,  
 mother of Marshall Becker, aunt  
 of Marc Delman;  
**Mollie Delman,** mother of  
 Marc Delman, grandmother of  
 Benjamin Delman, sister-in-law of  
 Morris Becker

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

## 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.

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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:

**To our dear Barbara Rips on her special birthday**  
 from, loving friends and family

## California Redwoods

Are you interested in spending a few days in a redwood forest? Say, July 21-25?

Join Will Wallace and Colleen Kennealy at the University of California-Santa Cruz as they attend Kallah '99. You will spend five days exploring and studying, worshiping and singing about this year's theme, **Living the Good Life: Righteousness in Jewish Text and Thought.**

If July 21-25 is not a convenient time for you, there are two other Kallot:

July 7-11 at Brandeis University,  
 Waltham, MA

August 4-8 at Beloit College, Beloit, WI

More information, including registration forms and fees, can be found on the web at <http://uahc.org/growth/kallot/99.html>. Will and Colleen can be reached by email at: [willwallace@compuserve.com](mailto:willwallace@compuserve.com) or [colleenk@compuserve.com](mailto:colleenk@compuserve.com).

## 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.

## Yizkor-A Time To Remember

*Yizkor* is a Hebrew word which means "to remember." We remember in formal sense, during the liturgical service, our beloved who have according to the Jewish tradition, "gone to eternity." Their death saddens us, for we know that gone is their life which offered us companionship and love. We miss their smile and warm touch-their words of encouragement which sustained us.

*Yizkor* offers each of us the opportunity to join together to express our sorrow. We grieve as a community. Who among us has not tasted from the cup of sorrow? We need not suffer our loneliness alone but can join with the members of our community who understand and share how we are feeling.

Our loved ones who are gone were part of our community. In a sense, when we gather together to share our loss, that community still exists. Together we are bound, and together we offer love and honor to those now gone, but who distinguished themselves when alive. They were part of our families and community. We shall not forget them.

Several times during the year, we pay public honor to our deceased loved ones. *Yahrzeit* (the anniversary of their death) a time for family to come to the synagogue, hear the name of their loved one read and recite *Kaddish*. This practice is a vital link to the previous generation. Through *Kaddish* and through their names being read, their memory is sustained into the next generation.

The *Kaddish* and the *Yizkor* service have, for centuries, accomplished two goals: they have given comfort to the mourners and have given dignity to the deceased. Both add a dimension to enriching the lives which we live.

## 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**.

## Visit our Website!

Temple Israel is now on the world-wide-web at:

[templeisrael-ne.org](http://templeisrael-ne.org)

Our thanks to Will Wallace, resident webmaster, for his work in updating and designing the webpage.

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

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### On the Birth of:

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