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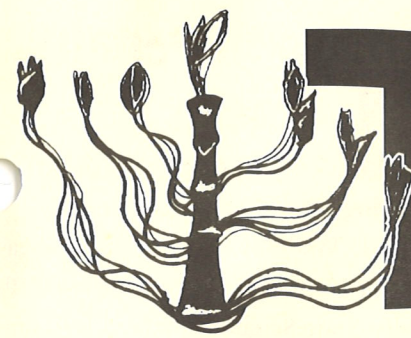
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Temple Israel Tidings

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Mishkan T'filah

Before the Second Temple destruction in 70 CE, Jews gave "burnt offerings" (otherwise known as animal sacrifices) to God. Leviticus clearly explains this practice along with defining many of the other 613 commandments. After the destruction, prayer replaced sacrifice as both a free will offering of devotion to God, and as a way to offer *t'shuvah* (repentance) for our sins.

As we can see then, prayer itself was a radical change for Jews. Prayer has evolved since those early-millennium days: standard rubrics have been set; additions have been added such as the Crusades-inspired prayer *Hashkiveinu*, and, in the biggest change of all, the German Reformers in the early 19th century added prayer in the vernacular. Reform Judaism has had several prayer books since its beginnings. We are most familiar with two: *The Union Prayer Book*, a *siddur* containing a great deal of English and little Hebrew, and *Gates of Prayer*. *Gates* offers ten Shabbat evening services (each with a main theme) and five morning services, plus weekday and some festival liturgy. There is very little transliteration in this *siddur* and no explanatory "commentary" as one travels through the service. There is, however, much more Hebrew than in the *Union Prayer Book*.

The newest Reform *siddur*, *Mishkan T'filah*, will arrive in our pews for

evening Shabbat services on February 22. Reform synagogues have been eagerly awaiting the new CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) *siddur* for some years now; after many discussions, panels, "try-outs" and revisions, the final version is here. This effort was spearheaded and edited by Rabbi Elyse Frishman, with contributions from many others, including rabbis, cantors, educators and laypeople.

Temple Israel has purchased the Shabbat volume; we will use it for the evening service beginning February 22 and will begin to use it for the Shabbat morning service at the end of August. While it will take some time for our community to adjust, it is important to remember one basic fact: **the prayer content remains the same!** The service Hebrew is a constant as there are set rules no matter which *siddur* is used. What will look different are the following: page layout, type-setting, choice of English readings and poetry, and in some cases, the actual order of prayers.

Mishkan T'filah offers two Shabbat evening and morning services, a Shabbat afternoon service, *Hallel* for the festivals and a few prayers such as blessings for home-use, which are not included in *Gates of Prayer*. Each page contains the prayer Hebrew on the right side and the transliteration on the left, with the translation underneath. The margins include a handy

guide that shows where one is in the prayer order.

Also new to this Reform *siddur* is the inclusion of readings and commentary at the bottom of the pages. Many *siddurim*, including the *Art Scroll* series, have done this for years. This adds to the understanding and enjoyment of the service.

We will immediately notice two big changes aside from the helpful transliterations. One is that the prayer *Sh'ma* is stretched over two pages, to emphasize the importance of our creed. Another is the absence of responsive reading! There is a great deal of lovely prose and poetry in this *siddur* that will serve as both community readings and alternatives to the actual Hebrew prayers. These and other changes will be quickly absorbed by all. Our B'nai Mitzvah students (and fifth and sixth graders for their class services) will begin to study from *Mishkan* next school year, and these services will replace the current Yellow Siddur.

Mishkan T'filah will be an adjustment for all, but we are confident that these pangs of change will be brief. The most important aspects of prayer are what we bring to the process, and being together as a community. Please join us for the service on February 22.

Wendy Shermet



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Have You Read A Good Book Lately?

Jon Meyers, President

It was only about five years ago that we finally retired the old *Union Prayer Book*. We have been using the "new" *Union Prayer Book*, the *Gates of Prayer* since around 1975. Can you believe it, over 30 years! The CCAR has been writing and re-writing a new prayer book for over five years now. Temple Israel, along with a select number of other congregations, participated in creation of the new prayer book. We studied and reviewed earlier versions and responded to the CCAR with comments and suggestions. The Board of Trustees voted last year to adopt and order this new book, *Mishkan T'filah*, which is Hebrew for "a dwelling place for prayer." Many of us have had the opportunity to attend services that utilized this new prayer book, most recently at the San Diego Biennial. Those services were exciting and spiritual.

Well over 50 of our congregants have attended classes entitled "Know Thy Service," as well as other classes geared toward understanding *Mishkan T'filah*. Watch the *Tidings* for future offerings.

Okay, so much for the background, now a bit of my editorializing. If you are anything like my mother, (and I am sure MANY people are) you will think or say things like:

"What's wrong with the old book? (some still call the 30-year-old book the NEW Book!)

"I don't like the way it's laid out."

"Too much Hebrew."

"It isn't familiar."

"I miss 'such & such' prayer."

And many more!

This is not a dig against her or any of us who harbor these thoughts. It's just the way some choose to approach some new ideas.

Open minds please! We are all creatures of habit. Change can be challenging. I will admit that it took me three to five services before I got the hang of it. I now LOVE it. Most people do after using it a few times. The cantor's column on the front page of this issue does a very good job of describing the new siddur. The edition we have is very easy to use and to follow. The service is divided into its natural segments. There are guides on each page to let you know where you are in the service. There is NO responsive reading. There is English and poetry to be used as alternatives to every prayer. There is easy to read transliteration. It has large print. It is attractive. It blends modern and tradition very well. It encourages daydreaming and introspection. It is a really good book.

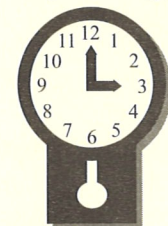
Most important, it is OUR NEW PRAYER BOOK! For those of you who do not attend Friday night regularly, commit to attending four Shabbat services in the next four months. Familiarize yourself with the *Mishkan* by attending classes that are being offered. Embrace it. Avoid the inclination to desire a return to the *Gates of Prayer* (or for some, the *UPB*). I have seen people hold on to the past book for 20 to 30 years. Nothing is accomplished by doing this. The feeling of alienation overshadows all the good that Judaism and prayer holds for us. Prayer is our way of getting closer to God in a communal sense. While extremely important, it is only one part of our religious or spiritual self. Accept the new prayer book with open arms, open hearts and, of course, open minds. The sooner you embrace the *Mishkan T'filah*, the sooner the familiarity of it will feel comfortable. That will allow your prayer experience to reach a new level, one that we all strive to achieve, where we block out the mundane and enter into the sacred. Now be honest, you can't say that for many of the good books you've read lately, can you?

The Death Penalty In Nebraska

Sunday, February 24, 10 a.m.
Following the Pancake Man

Mark Weddleton, state field organizer for Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty, State Senator Brad Ashford and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel invite your participation in a conversation on Nebraska's death penalty. What do you think about the death penalty? Share your thoughts and listen to other opinions.

Spring Ahead on March 9!



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 9 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour!

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 14, 6 p.m.

Try it again!! We have made some exciting changes to Tot Shabbat services. It is no longer just for tots - bring first and second graders, too, to this all new program.

This month is hosted by Natasha Kraft, and we will be celebrating Purim so wear your costumes. We will be working on Mishloach Mainot (Purim baskets) and, of course, a fabulous craft will be in the works while we munch on hamantaschen.

Dinner is available after the service. Cost is \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com, to make a reservation.

The next Tot Shabbat services are Fridays, April 11 and May 2.

"Know Thy Service" Class Participants Help Introduce the New Reform Siddur

Friday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.

More than 50 people have been getting familiar with the new Reform *siddur*, *Mishkan T'filah*, as members of Temple's "Know Thy Service: A Guided Tour" class led by Rabbi Eric Linder and Cantor Wendy Shermet. They've been learning "why we do certain things and when we do them," explained Al Rieder who attended the Sunday morning class with his wife Joan.

"We took the class to find out more about the new prayerbook," he said. He feels it's been worthwhile. "I'm more familiar with the traditions that come up during the service."

Members of the "Know Thy Service" class will participate in a Learners' Shabbat worship service which will also be the official congregational introduction to *Mishkan T'filah*.

"There are so many questions, it's hard to cover it all in class," remarked Mindy Clark who is taking "Know Thy Service" with her son William, 15. Although she would have liked to see the class be expanded to more sessions, Mindy appreciated the opportunity to get to know Cantor Shermet and Rabbi Linder.

Randy Langdon admitted that "we want to know more about what's going on at services since we have a daughter in the third grade. I'm not Jewish, and my wife wanted me to understand the service better." His wife, Sharon Comisar-Langdon, also attended the sessions.

Welcome New Members!

- Todd and Roxanne Krasno
- Sarah - 4th grade
- Sydney - kindergarten
- Nathan - 4 years old

California transports, Todd and Roxanne moved to Omaha four years ago to be closer to Roxanne's family and to enjoy the good life of the Midwest. Roxanne works for the Silverstone Group as a consultant, specializing in human resources. Todd is an at-home-dad tending their three wonderful children, particularly Nathan who doesn't start Kindergarten until 2009. Sarah and Sydney attend Ackerman Elementary. Two dogs, a cat, Girls Scouts and school keep them very busy.

Temple Israel Family Mission To Israel

December 21-31, 2008

What are you doing on Wednesday, December 24, 2008? Imagine waking up on a clear, crisp sunny morning with a view of the Sea of Galilee. After a lavish Israeli breakfast buffet, you head west to the Bat Yaar Ranch for an active morning of ropes course, horse-trail rides and forest bowling. What is forest bowling? There is only one way to find out...

Travel to Israel with Rabbi Aryeh and Elyce Azriel for a trip of a lifetime. Your children will never forget this family adventure. For itinerary information, trip costs and enrollment information contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

1st Annual Temple Israel Challah and Chicken Soup Cook-off

Sunday, March 9, Noon

Who will have bragging rights in the following categories?



1. Best in Chow
2. Most Unusual/Creative Soup
3. Most Beautiful Challah
4. Best Tasting Challah
5. People's Choice Award
6. Kids' Choice Award
7. Best Decorated Booth

This is like American Idol, but the judges aren't mean and everyone gets to eat!

\$5 entry fee includes plenty of soup, challah and drink. Pizza slices and raffle tickets will also be available. Be a \$10 Patron and get one raffle ticket for free. Support two great causes - the 2008 Israel Trip Fund and the Omaha Food Bank!

Questions? Contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Passover Mini-University: Fact vs. Myth (What Really Happened?)

Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, April 19. You don't need to remove the hametz from the house yet, but...it's not too soon to take a journey through the haggadah with Cantor Wendy Shermet, Rabbi Eric Linder and congregant Stephanie Grossman, known for her creative seders. The three will spend the evening telling about the history of what really happened at the Sea of Reeds as opposed to the movie versions. They'll guide you along a path that opens up the possibilities of a seder filled with learning, laughter and song that your family will remember with joy and renewed understanding of the deliverance of the Hebrew slaves from Egyptian bondage.

To register, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. This class is an offering of the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

A Look at Jewish Mysticism - Lurianic Kabballah and Hasidism

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, Noon - 1 p.m.

In recent years, Hollywood celebrities such as Madonna, Demi Moore, Ashton Kutcher, Roseanne Barr and Guy Ritchie have taken an interest in Kabballah to "find spiritual enlightenment." But pop idols are not really studying Kabballah. Their interest - and that of many Jews - is rather "pop Kabballah."

Kabballah, mystical Jewish teachings, is based on interpreting the Hebrew texts for hidden meanings. Kabbalah literally means "receiving" the inner secrets of Torah.

Dr. Guy Matalon, executive director of the Center for Jewish Education, professor of Judaic Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, returns to Temple Israel to teach a four-week session from many different texts that will offer a unique glimpse of Judaism that is spiritually enriching and intellectually stimulating. He'll show how the inexpressible has been expressed in some of the most profound writing in existence.

"This class will develop a firm rewarding foundation from which participants will seek deeper knowledge into these mystical texts," stated Dr. Matalon.

Each four-week session costs \$18. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. The class is co-sponsored by the Center for Jewish Education and the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

Shabbat Summer Speakers Series

Would you like to share your Jewish journey in seven minutes or less at one of the Friday night services this summer? The experience of telling our stories as we gather for worship has been such a success that we are continuing it for the third summer in a row. Please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com for more information.

Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels!

Texts We Share: How Jews, Christians and Muslims

Interpret Sacred Readings

Sunday, March 9, 10 a.m.



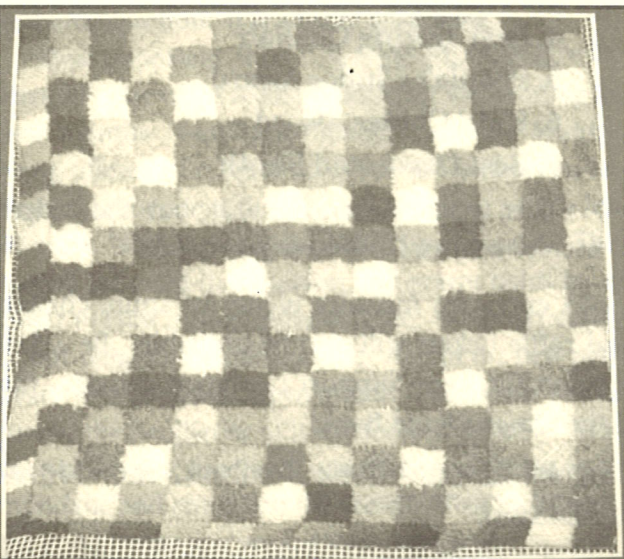
The Jewish bible is an important text in three monotheistic religions, yet each reads it from a unique perspective.

Join Rabbi Aryeh Azriel in an exploration of familiar narratives through new lenses. Using our sacred stories we can come to know ourselves and our neighbors in surprising ways.

The Four B's, a once-a-month class taught by our clergy and special guests, covers everything from parenting to the Patriarchs. Enjoy some Jewish learning, while meeting a variety of interesting people in the congregation, with a side of bagel and a shmear! No reservation and no fee just come!

Please note the earlier start time this month.

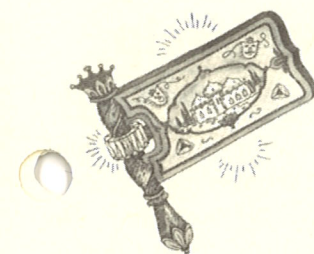
And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



This block was made by Maxine Noodell. "The different colors represent Joseph and his coat of many colors. The colors also represent many cultures and families living in peace in the tapestry of life."

Every Family Can Be Represented In Our Tapestry.

Look for Marge Bresel, project leader on Sunday, February 24 in the foyer. She can get you started!



PURIM AT TEMPLE!

Purim Carnival!

Sunday, March 16

Limber up your wrist for grogger twirling at the Megillah reading at 11:15 a.m. Then get ready to celebrate at the Purim Carnival!

Pre-kindergarten children
and their parents are invited
to a sneak preview at 11:30 a.m.

Queen Esther welcomes
everyone else from

Noon to 2 p.m.

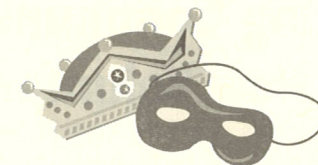
This year, try your luck at a candy walk! Winners will take home a BIG bag of sweets. No one will go home a loser! Cotton candy, snow cones and games galore are planned. Try your hand at inflatable basketball and soccer and even Gorilligans Island! Have a kosher hog dog, sandwiches or pizza for lunch. All in the name of the miracle of Shushan's Jews who were saved from the evil Haman!

Haman Is In The Hall Challenging Us One And All To Do A Good Deed And Help Those In Need...In Celebration of Purim!!

Grab a "hamentaschen" out of Horrible Haman's pocket and complete the mitzvah on the card. This tradition of Matanot L'evyonim - doing mitzvot on Purim - is brought to you by the Social Justice Committee.



Pick Haman's pockets today!



Needed for Purim Carnival Sunday, March 16

2 liter bottles of soda
for Ring Toss

Please bring them to the
Religious School office anytime
before the start of the carnival.

"Nothing But Nets" Debuts at Purim Carnival Sunday, March 16

Seventh grader Morissa Miller has chosen "Nothing But Nets" for her mitzvah project. Together with her family and friends, she has made a commitment to fight global poverty and combat malaria. Millions of people die each year from malaria. But, there's a simple life saving solution, and all it takes is \$10 to buy a bed net, distribute it to a family and explain its use.

Please join Morissa at the Purim Carnival "Nothing But Nets" booth and make a difference.



Get Your Groggers Ready! Here Comes Purim!

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m.

This year's family-friendly Purim spiel will be followed by chicken dinner and a dessert potluck. Please make a reservation by calling the Temple office, 556-6536, by Thursday, March 13. Bring a dessert to serve 12 people. Dinner costs \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids five to 12, and no charge for children younger than five. The cost for reservations made after March 13 is \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids five to 12.

And remember - costumes are not just for children! Everyone who enters the sanctuary will need to wear something resembling a costume. No excuses will be accepted. Extra attire will be on hand in the lobby.





Pancake Man is Coming!

Sunday, February 24, 9 a.m.
 Make life easy on yourselves, feed your kids breakfast at Temple and come home to a clean kitchen.
 Cost is \$5 per person, no charge for children three and under. Hope to see you there!



Cradle Roll!

Sunday, February 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Your toddler will explore his or her Jewish identity! Come for a craft, snack and story time!
 Cradle Roll is for the very young and the young at heart, so grab your parents, grandparents or special friends and come rock at cradle roll!

Please RSVP to Temple, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com, and let us know you're coming.

Holocaust Remembrance T-Shirts For Sale!

WRJ is selling Holocaust Remembrance t-shirts through March. Amen Clothing Company was started by two Reform Jews with a goal of selling six million "never forget" shirts. One person wearing this shirt represents one Holocaust death.
 Shirts are \$18.00 a piece with one-third of the proceeds staying at Temple Israel. Another 10 percent of the proceeds will go towards providing assistance to Holocaust survivors and humanitarian aid to refugees of oppression or violent conflict. Shirts come in youth, men's and women's sizes.
 T-shirt samples are available to try on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons during Religious School school. If those times don't work, call Danielle Gordman, 343-1435, to set up a time. Please order today!!

Hamentaschen Baking

**Sunday, March 2
 10 a.m. - Noon**
 Join the fun when the rolling pins are floured and the filling is flowing. Last year 900 terrific triangular treats were made for the congregation's Purim Celebrations! Will you be there to help us make even more this year? Contact Mimi Silverman, 932-6626 or mimiffet@cox.net, to RSVP and for more information. (Rolling pins not required but are very helpful!)

Caring Community Looking for New Volunteers

Two years ago, Lisa Epstein became the chair of Temple's Caring Community. It started when she took some of her homemade mini-*challot* to the Blumkin Home. "I thought it would be nice to share them for *Shabbos* with the Temple residents," she said. "Great idea until I found out you need to check with the nurses before you deliver food to anyone at Blumkin. Many residents have dietary restrictions or simply might choke."

Bonnie Pfrenger and Judy Josephson joined Lisa delivering soft treats to the residents. "We became friends and family to many of these people," Lisa continued. "They look forward each week to our visit. Many residents have no living family. We listened to their stories...and became connected. She regards the seniors at the Blumkin Home as "our living history." The simple act of bringing someone a Coke or a boom box brings wide smiles from the residents and "an incredible experience" to those who visit them, according to Lisa.

Women of Reform Judaism has assumed the role of supporting the Caring Committee's work and enlisting more volunteers by establishing a vice president's position to involve more congregants in this caring work. In addition to visiting the Blumkin Home, volunteers are needed to deliver meals to recently released hospital patients, and bags of treats to homebound and Remington Heights residents, provide a *shiva* meal for mourners in need of such support, and attend funerals to help form a *minyan*.

"We need more people to be involved," Lisa added. "We need to take care of our own people. So much of what we enjoy in our Jewish community we can thank the elderly for having given of their time years ago. Now it's your turn to give a little of your time."

Surveys were sent to all members of the congregation to help clarify the Caring Community's goals and congregants' interests. If you would like a copy of the survey, please contact Temple's program director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Shop...Eat...Help Temple Israel, Too!

Gift certificates in denominations of \$10 to \$25 for Whole Foods, Baker Kwik Shop, Bag 'N Save and The Bookworm are available in the Temple office. Buy them and keep them handy for shopping at these stores which are gracious enough to return a percentage to Temple. The reimbursements are used for camp scholarships. If you have children attending Religious School classes on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings, stop in the Religious School office to purchase!



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					22 Shabbat Comes to You @Remington Heights 4 p.m. Israeli Gourmet Dinner 6 p.m. Learners Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	23 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
24 Pancake Man 9 a.m. Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Book Club 10 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Death Penalty Panel 10 a.m. Cradle Roll 10:30 a.m.	25	26 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	27 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m. Passover Mini - University 6:30 p.m.	28 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m. RSSC Meeting Noon	29 Grade 3 Family Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	1 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Cleo Rogers Havdalah in Pajamas 5 p.m. March
2 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Hamentaschen Baking 10 a.m. Immigration Panel 10:15 a.m.	3	4 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	5 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School at the JCC 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-126-8 p.m. Dr. Sol Gordon @ J.C.C. 6:30 p.m.	6	7 Understanding Jewish Mysticism Noon Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	8 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Grade 5 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
9 Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Four B's 10 a.m. WRJ Board Meeting 10 a.m. Challah and Chicken Soup Cook-off Noon	10	11 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	12 Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. OTYG Israeli Cooking with Zohar 5 p.m. All School Dinner 6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8 p.m.	13 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	14 Understanding Jewish Mysticism Noon Shabbat Comes to You @Remington Heights 4 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner following 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	15 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Grade 6 Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Noah Placzek
16 Teacher Meeting 9 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Book Club 10 a.m. Prayer Assembly 11:15 a.m. Purim Carnival 11:30 a.m.	17	18 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. Executive Board 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FAMILY SCHOOL, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	20 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m. Purim Service Dinner following 6 p.m. Erev Purim	21 Understanding Jewish Mysticism Noon Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Purim	22 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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Worship Services

Friday~Februaury 22

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
7:30 p.m.
Learners Shabbat Service

Saturday~February 23

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Ki Tissa
Exodus 30:11-34:35
Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39

Friday~February 29

6 p.m.
Grade 3 Family Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 1

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Cleo Rogers
Daughter of Mimi Rogers-Farkas
and Scott Farkas
Torah Portion: Vaykhel
Exodus 35:1-38:20
Haftarah: I Kings 7:40-7:50

Friday~March 7

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 8

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Grade 5 Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Pekudei
Exodus 38:21-40:38
Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:5-16

Friday~March 14

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
Dinner immediately following
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 15

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Placzek
Son of Kimberly and Matthew Placzek
Torah Portion: Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10;8:15-17

Friday~March 21

7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 22

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Haftarah: Jeremiah 7:21-8:3;9:22-9:23

Friday~March 28

2:30 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Blumkin Home
7:30 p.m.
Educator's Shabbat Service

Saturday~March 29

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Zane Fletcher
Son of Hillary and John Fletcher
Torah Portion: Shmini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

Did You Know?

- *Mishkan T'filah*, the new Reform siddur, is the first new prayerbook of the movement in more than 30 years.
- For the first time in the history of Reform Judaism, the name of its siddur is in Hebrew. *Mishkan T'filah* means a sanctuary or dwelling place for prayer and is drawn from Exodus 25:8 where God commands us to build a portable sanctuary that can accompany us on our wanderings.
- There are more than 100 contemporary and traditional song texts included in *Mishkan T'filah*, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the association of Reform rabbis.

Birthday Blessings

Friday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the month of March will be called to the bimah and receive a special blessing from the rabbi.

Sitter Service

is available...

- Wednesday evenings during Family School hours so that parents can take advantage of adult education opportunities;
- each Friday evening except when there is a Tot Shabbat;
- Saturday mornings when there is a bar or bat mitzvah;
- Sunday mornings when there is Religious School.

Advance reservations and a \$5 donation are appreciated. Please email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Young children, including infants, are welcome.

FOR PARENTS ONLY at the JCC

Raising a Child in a Sexually Permissive World

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Gordon, a clinical psychologist and sex educator known for his insight, humor and honest approach to communication, will talk about life stressors, such as interpersonal losses, associated with poor sexual choices; sexual thoughts, wishes, dreams, and daydreams being normal, but it's behavior that counts; no one having the right to exploit someone else's body; no one having the right to impose his or her sexual preferences on someone else; and the psychology of being sexually healthy.

"Everywhere you look, kids today are being forced to grow up faster," points out Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education. "There's more violence, a high rate of suicide, parental neglect, promiscuous sex and a host of things that make it more difficult being a teenager in 2008. School curriculums have been expanded to teach about AIDS, adolescent suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and more. Television and movies are imposing adult material on grade-schoolers before they are emotionally equipped to assimilate it. Interviews with young people confirm that some of them are confused about where to draw the line between flirting and harassment, advances and abuse, media images and reality, and right and wrong."

Dr. Sol Gordon has served as chief psychologist at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic and the Middlesex County Mental Health Clinic both in New Jersey, has taught at Yeshiva University and Syracuse University where he was a professor of Child and Family Studies and founding director of the Institute for Family Research and Education.

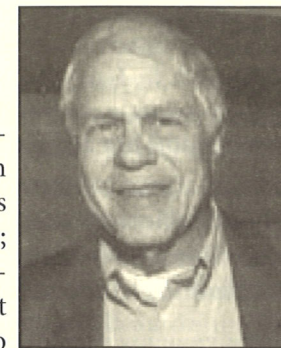
Funded by the Lazier L. Singer Memorial Fund and Jewish Family Service, Dr. Gordon's presentation is co-sponsored by Temple Israel, Beth El Synagogue, and Beth Israel Synagogue.

Keep Us Informed

Changes in privacy laws now restrict hospital chaplain offices from notifying Temple about congregants who are patients. We want to visit our members. You can help us keep in contact by:

1. Calling Temple prior to a scheduled hospital stay.
2. During admissions, inform the hospital staff of your Temple affiliation and give permission for your name to be released to the Temple office.
3. If you are unexpectedly admitted to the hospital, ask a family member or friend to call Temple.
4. Call and tell us if someone you know is ill or in the hospital and might be helped by a visit or telephone call.

Help us keep in contact with our Temple family!



New Fund to Help Turn Dreams Into Trips to Israel

A brand new fund has been set up to assist congregants who have a strong desire to go to Israel on an organized tour but need some financial assistance. Grants from the Israel Travel Fund will be used first for the Family Mission coming up in December 2008. Priority will be given to families making their first trip to Israel.

In the belief that traveling to Israel is vitally important to Jewish identity and to the spiritual nourishment of every Jew living in the Diaspora, Temple Israel created the Israel Travel Fund to put the journey within reach of more congregants. Call Executive Director Dennis DePorte if you are interested in financial support.

Anyone can donate to the fund. It's an appropriate and meaningful way to celebrate a simcha, honor a B'nai Mitzvah child, or remember a loved one.

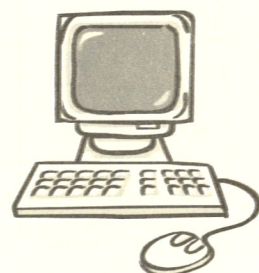
Money that is not used for the Family Mission in December will be available to future travelers to Israel.

Youth Groups

For the past five months, PJ Wiesner has worked as the Director of Youth and Informal Education. While here, PJ attended several youth group conclaves, as well as the URJ Biennial. She helped to organize an exciting and successful spaghetti dinner, and was an asset to our staff.

To continue on her career path, PJ has taken a job at a local marketing firm. We wish her all the best in her new endeavor.

The entire staff at Temple is working together with the OTYG board to make sure that all youth group events take place, and we have some exciting months ahead of us. In March, OTYG is going bowling with our tri-faith partners. In April, JYG will participate in an "Afikomen Hunt." As of now, OTYG has six students going to the Spring Conclave in Denver. Exciting things are happening and they will continue to do so.



Visit Temple's website
www.templeisrael-ne.org



PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

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

Youth & Education

What's Happening in Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Pancake Man Breakfast Sunday, February 24
Mark your calendar and come for lots of pancakes and fun at 9 a.m.!

Religious School Steering Committee.....Thursday, February 28
Join us at Noon in the library in our continuing effort to strengthen our school and the partnership between school and home. Please contact Katherine Finnegan, kfinnegan@cox.net, to let her know if you are planning to attend this meeting.

Grade 3 Shabbat Service and Dinner Friday, February 29
The third graders will lead the service which begins promptly at 6 p.m. The grade-level dinner immediately follows the service.

Havdalah in Pajamas! Saturday, March 1
Steve Brodsky returns to lead newborns to Grade 6 children (and their families!) in a rocking and rolling Havdalah service. There is no cost for the 5 p.m. sing-along, dinner and craft, but please make a reservation so we will have enough to eat! (556-6536 or lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com)

Family School Classes and Parent Workshop Wednesday, March 5
Family School classes will be held at the J.C.C. so parents can attend an interesting discussion on "Raising a Child in a Sexually Permissive World" lead by renowned author Dr. Sol Gordon (see page 7 for details).

Tot Shabbat Friday, March 14
This service is designed for children up to Grade 2 and is a fun, multi-sensory exploration of Shabbat. A family dinner follows. Details can be found on page 2.

Purim Prayer Assembly Sunday, March 16
Join us at 11:15 a.m. for an enjoyable reading of the *Megillah* and a costume march. Kindergartners and their parents can have a sneak peek of the Purim carnival at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes to Religious School this day!

No Religious School.....March 19 and 23
Due to public school breaks, there will be no classes. School resumes Wednesday, March 26.

Grade 2 Very Important Persons Seder Sunday, March 30
This is an opportunity for our second graders and the important people in their lives to enjoy a special Passover *Seder* together. During the Seder, the adults in attendance practice the *mitzvah* of *V'hig'ad'ta l'vin'kha*: You shall tell your children of the Passover story. Invitations will be sent home soon.

A Celebration of Learning: An Educator's Shabbat Friday, March 28, 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

This wonderful Shabbat gives families a chance to honor their public and religious school teachers and principals who have blessed their lives, by inviting these special people to attend the family service with them. Families who choose to may also include their guest in the Shabbat dinner immediately following.

Invitations and a letter explaining the process will be mailed at the end of February. Questions can be directed to Susie Norton, lead event coordinator, at 391-7333 or susie.norton@cox.net.

Madrichim (Teaching Assistants) We Want You!! Seventh through Twelve Graders

It's not too early to think about next year and what will occupy your Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Being a *madrich/a* is a wonderful opportunity as a younger member of the congregation to contribute and make a real difference. Not only can you make a difference at Temple Israel, but the skills you learn through participating can be applied to many areas of your life as well as creating great memories.

If you are interested, please contact Elyce Azriel, 556-6536, or just walk into her office located in the Religious School wing of Temple.

JYG Chavurah

Jordan Jensen, an eighth grader, attended the JYG Chavurah in St. Louis. She strengthened her friendships with other Omaha JYGers who were there, and although she was



initially shy about meeting kids from other cities, she's now eager to go to the next Chavurah to see them again. Rylee Zimmerman, Morissa Miller and Rachel Sullivan (pictured above) also attended the chavurah.

MoVFTY Spring Chavurah Denver, April 4-6

Cool mountains, cool program, cool Jews!

Cost: \$50 Registration plus airfare*

*OTYG will subsidize flight

Contact Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536, or

rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com

This is a great way to try youth group and make new friends in Omaha and beyond.

Don't Get Caught Sleeping... Havdalah in Pajamas is Back! Saturday, March 1, 5 p.m. Dinner immediately following

Havdalah is "a great time for families to gather and say good-bye to Shabbat and look forward to the new week ahead," be-



lieves Steve Brodsky, the administrative director of Sounds Write Productions, the largest wholesale and retail distributor of Jewish music in North America. Sounds Write is a division of URJ Books and Music, the publishing arm of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Last year, Steve led *havdalah* at Temple before a crowd of pajama-clad children, parents and grandparents in the Milder Center. Steve, "stretched out" Shabbat with songs and his guitar. Last year, he introduced a *niggun*, a simple melody with no words and concluded *havdalah* with "Eliyahu Hanavi," welcoming the coming of Elijah, the prophet, and "Shavua Tov," to wish everyone a good week.

Steve has performed at Temple in the past. In fact, along with Rabbi Josh Zweiback, who also grew up at Temple Israel, they started a Jewish rock 'n roll band which gave its first performance at Temple in 1991.

This year, the children and their families will design *Havdalah* boxes to take home. A kid-friendly healthy dinner buffet will be served after the *Havdalah* service. There is no charge, but please call 556-6536 or email lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com to make a reservation.

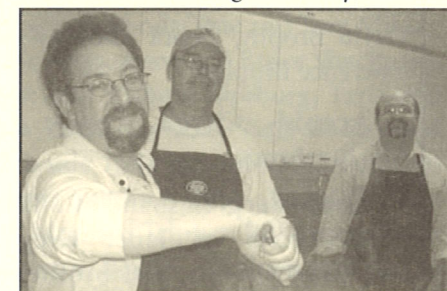


OTYG Spaghetti Dinner A Huge Success!

After weeks of soliciting for donations to auction at "It's Raining Meatballs," this year's Spaghetti Dinner, Omaha Temple Youth Groupers spent a weekend decorating, setting tables, preparing auction items, and all the other details it takes to host their biggest fund raiser of the year. Thanks to donations such as tickets to the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials, a Royals baseball, Creighton basketball, and UNO hockey games as well as Omaha Steaks, a gourmet dinner for six, and a day at a Lake Waconda summer house, OTYG raised \$18,000! They'll donate part of the proceeds to Camp Rainbow and Camp CoHoLo, summer camps for children with life threatening illnesses.

OTYG wishes to thank the following for their help in making the Spaghetti Dinner a success: Allen's Furniture, Arlene and Anthony Adelson, Elyce and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Sandy and Joel Bleicher, The Bookworm, Marge Bresel, Shirley and Alfred Brody, Claude's Beatorium, Dennis DePorte, El Basha, Carol Farber, Toby Fellman, Finnicum Family, Rick Fox, Bob Freeman, Wendy and David Goldberg, Danielle Gordman, Stephanie Grossman, Hy-Vee, JCC, Sally and Gary Kaplan, Amy Katz, Kripke Library, Joanie and Marty Lehr, John Lehr, Rabbi Eric Linder, The Market Basket, Denise and Jon Meyers, Jerry Milder, Ducky and Mike Milder, Sandy Nogg, Pachman Family, Sandy Passer, Pucci's, Sharon Quittner, David Radler, Iris and Marty Ricks, Stacey Rockman, Silvia and Larry Roffman, Mimi Rogers-Farkas and Scott Farkas, Linda and Rodney Sadofsky, Sanctuary Day Spa, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Claudia and Marc Sherman, Susie and Jim Silverman, Stacy and Bruce Simon, Dorothy Spizman, String of Purls, Louri Sullivan, Bonnie Sullivan, Michele and John Terry, Sheila and Ray Tomps, PJ Wiesner and Jordan Feinstein, Amee and Ted Zetzman, and Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack.

Big thanks to the following volunteers that helped with the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction: Yaniv Azriel, Ashley Bernstein, LaShanna Bernstein, Sarah Bleicher, Haley Burns, Len Burrell, Sam Burrell, Justin Cooper, Steve Danon, Hannah Ferer, Susan Freeman, Robert Friedman, Chloe Ginsburg, Adam Goldberg, Molly Goldberg, Sophie Goldberg, Barry Grossman, Grace Hack, Jordan Jensen, Emily Katz, Ariel Kohll, Vince Long, Morissa Miller, Sophia Miller, Ben Noodell, Danny Pachman, Hannah Perry, Hannah Radler, Brenna Robinson, Cleo Rogers, Julie Sadofsky, Sarah Sadofsky, Rachel Saferstein, Clarissa Siegel-Causey, Rachel Sullivan, and Lindsey Thomas.



Pictured above: Clarissa Siegel-Causey from Lincoln drove in to volunteer. Lower right: JYGers, Ben Noodell, Hannah Perry, Cleo Rogers, Rachel Sullivan, Sophie Goldberg and Jordan Jensen, made the most of working in the coat room.

Pictured left: Spaghetti Chefs Extraordinaires Barry Grossman, Len Burrell and Justin Cooper. Below: Hannah Ferer, Rachel Saferstein, Grace Hack and Chloe Ginsburg clean up from the meatball rain!



Looking Back with Shirley Kulakofsky

Shirley is a lifelong member of Temple Israel. One of four children of Grace and Lou Bernstein, who were married in 1913 by Rabbi Frederick Cohn, the family lived in Council Bluffs.

"We all went to Sunday School and were confirmed at Temple," Shirley explained, but her brother, Harold Bernstein, became a Bar Mitzvah at B'nai Israel in Council Bluffs, because Temple "didn't do Bar Mitzvahs" at that time.

Shirley and her late husband, Arthur Kulakofsky, couldn't get married at Temple in 1948 either. "There was no central aisle!" she said. So their wedding was at the Fontenelle Hotel and was performed by Temple's rabbi, Lou Silverman. Arthur "mostly grew up at Temple, but he had his Bar Mitzvah at Beth El Synagogue," Shirley mentioned.

The newlyweds lived in California for a year and then returned here. Arthur owned two Central Market grocery stores which later became Aksarben Beef Company. The old Central Market store at 1608 Harney Street is now (what else?) a parking garage.

Two sons, Marty and Robert, became Shirley's focus. She was active in Temple Sisterhood, and Arthur sang in the choir under Ida Gitlin's direction. "She was an incredible woman," according to Shirley.

Temple, then located at 29th and Jackson which is now the Greek Orthodox Church, was much smaller than it is now, Shirley recalled. She also fondly remembers that "after Rosh Hashanah services, many people stood on the steps outside and conversed."

"Rabbi Sidney Brooks was hired by Temple in 1952, and he and his wife Jane became very, very good personal friends with the Kulakofskys, "Shirley said. "I still talk to Jane (who now lives in Braintree, MA) three times a week."

Shirley maintains that being a Reform Jew is "inbred" in her, emphasizing that she's "a firm believer in Reform Judaism."

Our Apologies!!

• In last month's *Temple Tidings*, the "Looking Back" article about Barbara Frohman incorrectly stated that she was confirmed at Temple Israel in St. Joseph. The correct name of the synagogue is Adath Joseph. In addition, contrary to the article, Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies were conducted at Temple Israel in Omaha by 1950.

• In last month's *Temple Tidings*, we listed everyone who helped donate and/or serve food at the Stephens Center on Christmas. We are so sorry that we left out a couple of names! Stacie Brodkey, Danielle Gordman, Mimi Silverman and Stacie Spies-Matz also helped make marvelous (and sweet!) desserts that were immensely enjoyed.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Sanford Brophy, father of David Brophy, Debra Andrews and Lawrence Brophy;

Arnold Citron, uncle of Marlon Frost;

James Earp, husband of Shirley Earp, father of Janet Gregory and Judy Simons, and brother of JoJuan Rogers;

Adeline Gendler, aunt of Larry Gendler, and sister-in-law of Hymie Gendler;

Edythe Kavich, mother of Larry Kavich and Richard Kavich, and sister-in-law of Beverlee Krasne;

Henriette Kiss, grandmother of Tereza Wigodsky;

Jean Priesman Selo, sister-in-law of Sally and Maynard Telpner;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Paulina Madeline Lewis, daughter of Andrea and Brian Lewis, Chicago, Grandparents are Rocky Lewis, Barbara and Michael Apter, Plantation, FL, and Anita Sigel, Del Rey, FL, and the late Marshall Lewis. Great-grandparents are the late Helen and Morrie Lipp and the late Elizabeth and Harry Lewis.

Jonas David Pfrenger, son of Bonnie and Jochen Pfrenger. Grandparents are Jack Lerman, Tel Aviv, Israel, Sonia Lerman, Ventura, CA, and Gisela and Hans Pfrenger, Germany.

Shane Matthew Schroeder, son of Sarah and Shawn Schroeder. Grandparents are Clara and Charles Shub, Colorado Springs, CO, Veronica and Jared Wilson, Little River, KS, and Nancy and Duane Schroeder, Dodge City, KS. Great-grandparents are Gwen and Fred Brooks, Dodge City, KS, Wanda Hale, Haven, KS, and Evelyn Schroeder, Lyons, KS.

Henry Jacob Yale, son of Sarah and Adam Yale. Grandparents are Donald Yale and the late Janis Yale, and Cynthia and Mogens Bay. Great-grandparents are Roz Friedman and the late Isidor Friedman, and Marie Belsky, Dodge, NE.

Healing

Mi Shebeirach, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *mi shebeirach* recited on your behalf, please call the Temple office (556-6536) before Noon on 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.

Temple Funds

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

If you wish to contribute to any of these funds at a different level, please advise the Temple staff.

Tree of Life leaves are \$300. Tree of Life Boulders are \$3,000. If you would like information on these donations, please call Dennis DePorte, Executive Director, 556-6536.

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and Speedy Zweiback; **Harriet Singer:** Barbara and Marshall Kushner

IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF: Shelly Cohen, Henry Davis: George Eisenberg; **Mel Epstein:** Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Gloria Friedman:** Doris Parker; **Howard Garfinkel:** Anna and Ed Cohn; **Richard Glazer:** Debbi and Speedy Zweiback; **Dick Lerner:** Lourdes Secola; **Sandy Passer:** Toby Fellman; **Stanley Slosburg:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling

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