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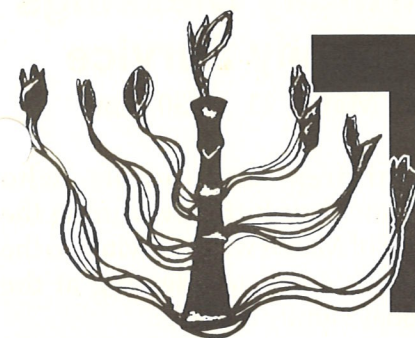
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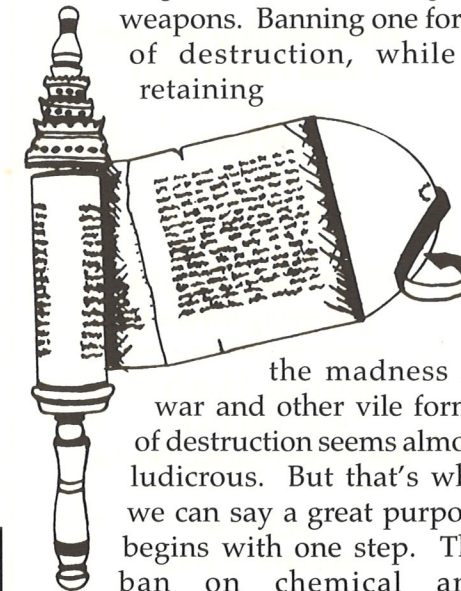
Haman and Hussein. I write while Hussein still rejects the world's demand for the release of his tyrannical grip on Iraq. But it's time to plan our Purim celebration. We rejoice in our People's triumph over the diabolical Haman.

We have mythologized the perpetrators, those who plotted our annihilation. We have made them into objects of laughter, even derision. The saving grace has been our ability to digest infamy and then to laugh our way back into history.

Perhaps Haman never existed. Perhaps he is all myth. Nevertheless, he surely is a paradigm for the demagogues and tyrants of history. They pander to human fear and capitalize on the thirst of the powerful for adulation and self-aggrandizement. Ahasuerus easily capitulated to Haman's temptation. Saddam Hussein thought the

Muslim world would also easily become craven soldiers in his cause for domination and appropriation. Some have. Other Arab leaders recognize that if Hussein triumphs, their own annihilation is inevitable.

Like everyone else, I suffer from inner conflict. Is Hussein worth the life of a single American? I think that maybe it's like the ban we thought would keep even the worst dictator from using chemical or biological weapons. Banning one form of destruction, while retaining



the madness of war and other vile forms of destruction seems almost ludicrous. But that's why we can say a great purpose begins with one step. The ban on chemical and biological warfare would place us one step backward from the precipice into hell. Soon, we might have the good sense to bring the world a step toward sanity and peace. That the world would undertake to stop Hussein now gives promise for a better tomorrow.

On Purim, many of us will say Hussein instead of Haman. He is undoubtedly an enemy of the Jewish people. He boasts of his intention to destroy us. He is an enemy as well of his own people. Their decimated corpses lay in the streets and on the sidewalks of the village whose population he ordered to be gassed. By this act, he blasphemed unspeakably against history because he pushed humanity over the brink into the precipice. He deserves the world's derision.

The saving grace is that out of our laughter (I pray to God that when you read this we will be able to laugh), we can laugh our way back into history. That was the Jewish response to Haman. The lesson of Purim is to teach the saving grace of laughter. It is a mitzvah to raise one's glass of wine, proclaim *l'chaim*, to the point of laughable confusion where we cannot tell the difference between Haman and Mordecai. Our minds, filled with life and laughter, repulse the tyrant's presence.

Come, make a special noise this Purim for the sake of our people, for the sake of humankind. God grant us cause for laughter and joy this Purim. May our minds, filled with life and laughter, repulse Hussein's threats.

Aryeh Azriel

Are Any Family Members or Close Friends Being Called to Active Military Duty?

We want to be a source of support and assistance. Please call Temple, 556-6536, and let us know how we can help.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, February 28
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, March 1
9:30 -10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayakhel
Exodus 35:1-38:20

Friday, March 7
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

7:30 p.m.

D'var Torah
Cantor Wendy Shermet

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, March 8
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Pekude
Exodus 38:21-40:38

Monday, March 17
7 p.m.

Megillah Reading

Special Oneg sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Friday, March 14
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Lindsey Wolpa
daughter of Vicki and Steven Wolpa

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

Friday, March 21
5:30 p.m.

Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

5:30 p.m.

Family Service

Shabbat family dinner
following services

Saturday, March 22
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Matthew Baker Heyman
son of Betsy Baker
and Richard Heyman

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

Birthday Blessings Family Service

March 21 5:30 p.m.

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

Make your birthday an excuse to do a mitzvah!



Once a month at
Friday night services,
the clergy invite
people celebrating
their birthdays to
come to the Bima for a special
birthday blessing.

Please consider making the
celebration of your birthday even
sweeter by bringing an unwrapped
toy, an item of clothing, food stuff
or a children's book to donate to one
of our social justice projects.

You may drop your donation into
the colorful collection box outside of
the sanctuary prior to the service.

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, March 21
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 jo'
**fellow congregants at the Family
Shabbat Dinner at Temple.** (See
reservation, pg. 3)

Taste and Remember!



Annual New York Temple Deli Nite

Sunday, April 13
5 or 6:30 p.m. Seatings

Close your eyes and imagine that
you're in a deli in New York. The
scent of matzo ball soup permeates
the entire room, making your mouth
water. But wait! That's not all! Just
imagine the chopped liver, knishes,
pastrami and corned beef piled high
on the plates carried past you on the
waiter's tray. The savory aroma
lingers at your table, tantalizing your
taste buds. And then the pièce de
résistance — a slice of cheesecake —
floats right across your field of
dreams.

Wake up! It's not a dream!
Temple's annual New York Deli Nite
is back, better than ever! To make
your reservations, call 556-6536.
Everyone who appreciates good food
is welcome to attend. Deli Nite is
sponsored by Temple's Men's Club
and the Women of Reform Judaism.
Until then, work up your appetite.

Three Cheers For Temple's Volunteers!

This Month's Stars Are:

- Dennis DePorte
- Jim Farber
- Shelly and Rick Fox
- Sharon Sobel and
Jeff Schweid

JCC Presents Live From 92nd Street Y

Joan Rivers
Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

President Bill Clinton
Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Alice Walker
Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Biased or Balanced?
Israel & the Media
Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

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

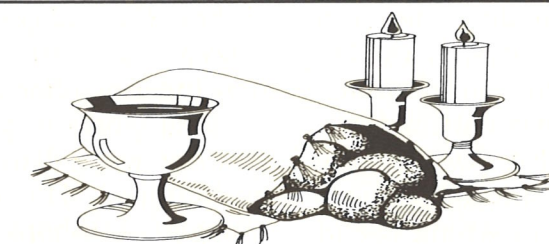
We heard glorious music this year at Temple Israel.

Now you can enjoy the singing
and performances of

Cantor Ramón Tasat
and

Divahn Musical Group
at home and in your car with
CDs available in our gift shop.

And, of course, you can still
buy CDs of the Four Cantors'
Concert featuring Wendy Shermet,
Jennifer Blum, Erik Contzius and
Karen Webber-Gilat.



Union Prayer Book Service or Early Family Service March 21 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy Shabbat Dinner immediately following

Join us for our monthly Family Shabbat service of Union Prayer Book
service and stay for a festive Shabbat dinner. Enjoy a relaxing, early
Shabbat evening and let us do the cooking and cleanup!

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

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 _____			

Here Are Three New Spring Classes From The Hermene Zweiback Center For Lifelong Jewish Learning

Comparing Biomedical Ethics

Jewish Journey Group led
by Dr. Howard Needelman

Wednesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
March 5, 12, 19
April 2, 9

There's more to health care than getting well. Just ask Dr. Howard Needelman, a physician at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He will lead a Jewish Journey Group at Temple Israel comparing Jewish biomedical ethics with other philosophies of religious and secular biomedical ethics.

"I've had a longtime interest in the field of bioethics," said Dr. Needelman, the previous chairman of the Ethics Committee at Children's Hospital. He added that there are variations in how different religions teach the right and wrong use of medicine.

This Journey Group will provide enlightening preparation for Temple's next scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, who will be here in May. His topics will involve genetic bioethics and ethics on human intimacy.

To register for these classes, please e-mail Temple Israel Program Director, Rosie Zweiback at rzweiback@qwest.net or call her at Temple, 556-6536.

Taking Leave: The Jewish Roots of Christianity

Jewish Journey Group
led by John Dacey

Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
March 25
April 1, 8, 22, 29

Spring forth from Jewish roots, Christianity shares a common ethical system with Judaism. There are also terms commonly used in both religious denominations that convey entirely different meanings.

John Dacey, who is leading his fourth Jewish Journey Group at Temple Israel this spring, will focus on how Christianity adapts Jewish concepts to Christian tradition and how Judaism differs.

John works in private practice dealing with drug and alcohol addictions. He also conducts training workshops on spirituality and the treatment of addictions for professionals and for the state probation office.

The History Of Israel In The Biblical Period

Lunch and Learn with
Dr. Rami Arav

Tuesdays, Noon – 1 p.m.
April 1, 8, 22, 29

Join Dr. Rami Arav on a journey through biblical Israel that begins with the golden Age of David and Solomon and explores the history of the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah and their collapse.

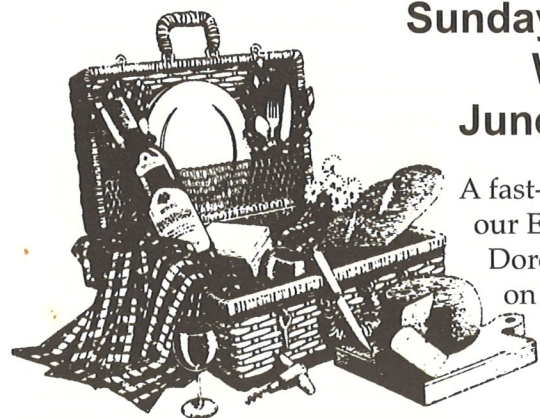
A biblical archaeologist who teaches at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dr. Arav is the chief archaeologist and director of the international consortium of 15 American and European universities and colleges overseeing the excavation of the Bethsaida Excavations Project which was identified in 1987. The project is bringing one of the "lost" cities of ancient Israel to light and is a key site to understanding biblical history.

This Lunch and Learn series is intended for a general audience.

Sunday Supper at Temple With Dorothy

June 1 5:30 p.m.

A fast-paced festive tribute to
our Executive Director
Dorothy Spizman
on her retirement.
Full details will come later.



Save the Date

Outreach
Sunday, March 16
10 a.m.

"Mazel Tov! Part I: Birth to
B'nai Mitzvah for Your Family"

Led by Rabbi Aryeh Azriel



Hamentashen Recipe

Hamentashen, a traditional Purim delight, is a three cornered pastry filled with mohn (poppy seed) or other sweet filling.

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 lb. mohn filling

Cream sugar, oil, and shortening. Add eggs and juice and mix well. Blend with dry ingredients and roll into a ball. Divide into four parts.

Roll out each piece very thin (approx. 1/8 inch) on a floured board. With the rim of a cup or glass (depending on desired size) cut into the dough to make circles. Place 1/2-2/3 tsp. of filling in the middle of each circle.

To shape into triangle, lift up right and left sides, leaving the bottom side down, and bring both sides to meet at center, above the filling. Lift bottom side up to center to meet other two sides.

Preheat oven to 350°. Brush dough with beaten egg before baking. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake for approx. 20 minutes. Yields 4 dozen hamentashen.

Marvelous Masquerade Mystery to be Unveiled!

The professional staff is nervously awaiting their costume selection, once again. What will it be? Last year, we were greeted by cowboys and cowgirls. Prior to that there were the Beatles and stars from Broadway musicals. And before that there were characters right out of the Book of Esther; a plethora of Elvis Presleys; characters from Star Trek, The Blues Brothers, bumblebees, pirates, and the Wizard of Oz folk. What Machiavellian machinations is the staff up to this time?

As The Grogger Turns, The Reader's Digest Scroll of Esther

King Ahasuerus dethrones Queen Vashti after she disobeys his order to dance at his banquet. Esther is crowned queen at a beauty contest. Mordecai (Esther's uncle) refuses to bow before Haman (the king's right hand man) who then seeks to destroy all the Jews. Mordecai appeals to Esther to save her people. (She has not yet revealed to the king that she is Jewish.) Esther, at great personal risk, approaches the king and invites him and Haman to a banquet where Mordecai is finally honored for having saved the king's life earlier. Esther pleads for her people. Aghast at Haman's plans, the king grants her request and condemns Haman to die on the very gallows he built for the Jews.

PURIM at TEMPLE!

Monday, March 17

6 p.m. - "Create your own Masks"
Bring your own "Box Dinner"
Drinks will be provided

7 p.m. - Purim Spiel, Costume
Parade, Reading of the Megillah,
WRJ-O Oneg

So we can plan seating and drinks, please call in your reservation, 556-6536, by **Tuesday, March 11.**

Children of all ages who wear costumes to the dinner or Megillah reading will receive prizes!

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 23

Featuring:
The Return of the
Giant Caterpillar
Face Painting
Cake Walk
Coke Toss
Clown
Balloon Animals

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
children are invited to a special
preview from 11:30 a.m. to Noon

Carnival open to the
community from
Noon until 2 p.m.

Great food for lunch!
Plus popcorn, cotton candy
and much more!

Bring your family and friends for a
fun-filled afternoon.

Brought to you by OTYG
(Omaha Temple Youth Group)

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Grade 1 at Jewish Federation Library Sunday, March 2
Our community is very fortunate to have such a beautiful facility! Harris Finklestein, Director of the Kripke Jewish Federation Library, and Rita Paskowitz, Master Jewish Storyteller, will lead us on a book treasure hunt as we explore the children's section from 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to stay and browse the shelves with their children.

No Religious School Thursday, March 6 or Thursday, March 20
Classes will be held on Sunday, March 9, Thursday March 13, Sunday March 16, and Sunday March 23. Please check your Religious School Calendar/ Handbook carefully!

No Family School Tuesday, March 4 or March 18
Classes will be held Tuesday, March 11 and on March 25.

Torah Tot Classes Friday, March 7
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, March 9
Parents are encouraged to join Religious School for the worship assembly from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. The Four B's topic for this morning (10-11:30 a.m.) will be *Parenting Lessons from the Patriarchs and Matriarchs* OR *An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism*. See page for more details.

Grade 6 at Jewish Federation Library Sunday, March 16 & 30
Sixth graders will begin working on Personal Research Projects with the assistance of Harris Finkelstein, the Federation Director of Library Services. We will meet at the Library in the JCC from 10:15 – 11: 45 a.m.

Religious School Partnership Meeting March 18
Our meeting has been moved to Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend and get involved with the Religious Education of their children. Please call the Religious School office and let us know you're coming!

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 23
Students in Grades 1 – 6 will be able to attend the Purim Carnival after our Noon dismissal with their parents. Students not attending the carnival will depart Sunday classes as per the regular dismissal routine. PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students with their parents, will have a preview of the carnival at 11:30 a.m.

Grade 2 Model Seder Sunday, March 30
Our Second graders will be leading a model Passover Seder at 10:30 a.m. with very important guests. Grand-PERSONS (or special senior friends) have been invited to participate and represent all our loving grandparents near and far.

Every time you use a certificate from these stores, Temple's Jewish camping scholarship fund grows. It's easy and painless! Call Temple, 556-6536 for details.

- Albertson's
- Bag 'n Save
- Bakers
- Barnes & Noble
- The Bookworm
- The Gap
- Spirit World
- Younkers



Tot Shabbat Services Friday, March 7 and

Friday, April 4
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 Azriel or Rabbi Marantz.**

*We would like to interrupt
our regularly scheduled
Religious School... for*

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

Sunday School classes
will meet from
1-3 p.m.
Sunday, April 6

so our students can LEAD the opening ceremony and PARTICIPATE in the extraordinary MITZVAH of "Taking Hold of Torah" — the restoration of Temple's Torah scrolls.

WRJ-O

The Time for Taking Hold of Torah is Almost Here

The entire congregation is invited to launch the Torah restoration project on **Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

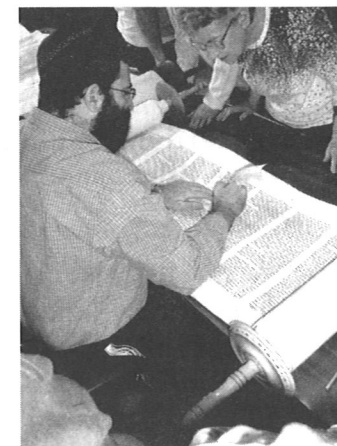
Let us come together to welcome our sofer-in-residence, Rabbi Moshe Druin, a Torah scribe from Miami, Florida. We will take the scrolls from the ark and celebrate the commitment we have made to restoring them to their original beauty.

After the ceremony, the Women of Reform Judaism invite you to a joyous reception featuring Tuffy Epstein and his Klezmer band and Israeli dance instructor, Cheryl Lerner.

Families and individuals will be able to sign up for a time to meet with the sofer and help him fill in a letter in the Torah throughout the afternoon.

To date 79 Families have sponsored:

- 23 letters
- 15 words
- 21 names
- 11 verses
- 2 columns
- and
- 9 Torah portions



Please join us Sunday, March 9
10 – 11:30 a.m.

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



This month we offer two choices:

An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism

In the Zohar it is written "There is not a word or even so much as a letter of what the Holy One has given that does not contain precious mysteries." Jewish mysticism, or Kabbalah, transcends the logic of the known to connect us to each other and to God in unforeseeable and unimaginable ways. Using excerpts from Rabbi Lawrence Kushner's book *Honey From the Rock*, Rabbi Craig Marantz offers an introduction to this celebrated facet of Jewish spirituality.

Parenting Lessons from the Patriarchs and Matriarchs

There are many modern approaches to parenting and an equal number of "experts" to promote them. But often wisdom comes from the ancients; Judaism gives us 4,000 years of sage insights into how to raise well-adjusted and responsible children. Join Steve Stiel, the Executive Director of Jewish Family Services, to discover new insights into how to be an effective parent and improve the harmony in your house.

As always:

- The MICHA MOCHA gourmet coffee cart will be in the Temple lobby.
- Childcare is available for ages 1-preK (reservations, 556-5636; 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!

Special Guest Lecture

As part of our year-long study of Sephardic Spain, noted historian **Dr. Paul Hauben**, formerly of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, will be speaking at Temple Israel on the Spanish Inquisition and the history of Spain.

Wednesday, March 19
6:45 p.m.

Dr. Hauben will present a lecture entitled
**"The Spanish Inquisition
& The Jews:
Origins, History, and Myth"**

Thursday, March 20
10 to 11:30 a.m.

During Adult Study with the Clergy Dr. Hauben will lead a broad discussion on
**"The Rise and Decline
of Imperial Spain"**

Both lectures are open to the community.
Dr. Hauben is the father of congregant Rachel Combs.

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

IN MEMORY OF: **Alan Baer:** Lisa and Denny Lewis, Phil Sokolof; **Bonnie Briece:** Marla and Bob Cohen; **Alan Bruner:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **William Z. Cherniss:** LetaRae Cherniss; **Ruth Cohen:** Janey and Jerry Dann, Frances Ferer, Bettie Fisk, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Nancy Hornstein, Mr. and Mrs. Yo Katayama, Connie and Bob Kully, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Sally and Ed Malashock, Nancy and Harlan Noddle, Debi and Jeff Smedlund, Claudia and Richard Sophir; **Irving Davis:** Joan and Maury Udes; **Jack Dutich:** Debbie (Schwartz) and Dennis Baack, Anne and Alan Cohen, June Goodbinder; **Sam Eveloff,** **Barbara Holmes,** **Mary Tatle Kubby,** **Chuck Monasee,** **Gertrude Tatle Newman,** **Paul Sperling:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Helen Friedman:** Shelly and Arnie Ban, Janey and Jerry Dann, Sandy and John Lehr, Nancy and Harlan Noddle, Helga and Phil Patterson; **Art Grossman:** Ann Kaiman; **Ruth Kaplan:** Doris and Milton Parker; **Elisabeth Kennealy:** Lisa and Denny Lewis, Lee and Howard Needelman and family, Sharon and George Quittner, Suzy Rubin; **Nate Kraft:** Phil Sokolof; **Otmar Liebenstein:** Sharon and George Quittner; **Adele Mandell:** Lisa and Denny Lewis; **Miriam Martin:** Marina and Mike Sadofsky, Jeri and Roger Smith; **Stanley Mayper:** Sandy and Paul Epstein, Jill and Joe Goldstein, Anne Kaiman, Morris Lipp; **Miriam Meiches:** Lisa and Denny Lewis, Suzy Rubin; **John Mulhall:** Connie and Bob Kully; **Ilan Ramon and the Columbia Shuttle crew:** Marlen Frost; **Jane Brodkey Richwine:** Jean Epstein; **Thomas Ryan:** Sandy and John Lehr, Judy and Buddy Roffman, Silvia and Larry Roffman, The Zimmerman Family; **Sylvia Schwartz:** Esther and Bernie Bogdanoff, Silvia and Larry Roffman; **Genevieve Shwidelson:** Betty Greco;

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IN HONOR OF MARRIAGE OF: **PAM AND ARTHUR ROSEN:** Suzy Rubin, Litzie and Yale Trustin

IN HONOR OF NEW HOME OF: **Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Telpner:** Audrey Morrie and David Shapiro

IN APPRECIATION OF: **Rabbi Aryeh Azriel,** **Rabbi Craig Marantz,** **Cantor Wendy Shermet,** **Dorothy Spizman,** **Elyce Azriel,** **Joan Cooper,** **Stephanie Grossman,** **Claudia Sherman,** **Rosie Zweiback**

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM TRIBUTE FUND

IN MEMORY OF: **Ruth Cohen:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Irv Davis:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Mark Epstein:** Lois and Mel Epstein; **Al Oruch:** Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Herbie Rimerman:** Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: **Stacey Rockman:** Louri Sullivan

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: **Zachary Bahar:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Marilyn and Marty Warren

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Leo Truman Ray, son of Shayna and Matthew Ray. Grandparents are Jennine and Marvin Goldberg, Carol and Harlan Rimmerman, Kansas City, MO, Linda Ray, and Michael Ray, Reno, NV. Great-grandparents are Reva Oruch and the late Albert Oruch, and Charlotte Kraft.

Kallie Marie Baker, daughter of Debbie Malashock Baker and Gary Baker. Grandparents are Norma and Bob Malashock, and Cindy Baker. Great-grandparents are Nina Svendsen and Pat Walters.

Maya Isabel Budwig, daughter of Avvy Mar and Michael Budwig, San Rafael, CA. Grandparents are Susan and Phil Rothholz, and Susan Silver and Ron Budwig.

Maxwell Bennett Goldstein, son of Patricia and Stephen Goldstein. Grandparents are Esther and Hesch Skloff, Lancaster, PA, Shirley and John Purcell, Kankakee, IL, and Irwin and Marcy Goldstein, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Zachary Cohen Bahar, son of Keri and Phillip Bahar, Chicago, IL. Grandparents are Rosalie and Ernest Saltzman, and Sandy and Alan Nogg.

Parker James Jazayeri, son of Julie and Peter Jazayeri. Grandparents are Jill Gross, Los Angeles, CA, Marjie and Dr. Robert Gross, Los Angeles, CA, and Farrah and Jay Jazayeri, Palos Verdes Estates, CA. Great-grandparents are Pearl and Gerald Gross.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Rosen, Scottsdale, AZ. Mrs. Rosen is the former Phyllis (Pam) Monasee. Parents are Lyra Ann Monasee and the late Charles A. Monasee, and Shirley G. Cohen, Atlanta, GA, and the late Ira J. Rosen.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Thomas Ryan, grandfather of Michael Norton;

Justin R. Stern, brother of Donald Stern and uncle of Susan Stern Kohll;

Helen Friedman, mother of Barbara Goldstein and grandmother of Todd Simon;

Stanley Mayper, brother of Adele Hornstein and uncle of Nancy Hornstein;

Ruth Riseman Cohen, mother of Susan Somberg and Steve Sherman, stepmother of Dr. Gilbert Cohen and Dr. Harry Cohen, sister of Bernice Kaplan, and aunt of Toni Rosen and Robert Kaplan;

Doris Katelman Geffen, mother of John L. Katelman and Dr. Howard R. Katelman, and grandmother of Josh Katelman;

Otmar Liebenstein, father of Iris Ricks

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Rabbi Azriel received dozens of thank-you notes from Bellevue West High School students. Excerpts include these three:

"Thank you Mr. Azriel. Your religion is very interesting to me and I am glad you took your time in sharing it with us. You are a good guy and have a great sense of humor. Some people just go because we get to go to lunch afterward, but I really enjoyed it. Thanks again."

"Dear Rabbi Azriel. Thank you for taking the time to teach our class about the innerworkings of the Jewish tradition. I found the experience insightful and a refreshing look on Jewish tradition. A blessing on your house! Shalom!"

Tri-Faith Group Coordinator Hired

Traci Kutler Kugler has been hired as the coordinator to implement the Tri-Faith Working Group's programming. In addition to Temple Israel, the group includes First United Methodist Church and the Islamic Center of Omaha.

"I think this work is so important in the aftermath of September 11," Traci said. She hopes to help bring the three faith groups together and increase their understanding of one another. She would also like to see the group widen its scope in the community.

Awarded a grant for \$10,000 per year for three years by root2fruit, an Omaha granting organization, the Tri-Faith Working Group has already held dialogue and community building programs. The group plans to continue building relationships among the three faiths, provide programs, and foster positive human relations.

Traci grew up attending religious school at Temple Israel. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1997. She also received a Master's Degree in social work in 2000 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

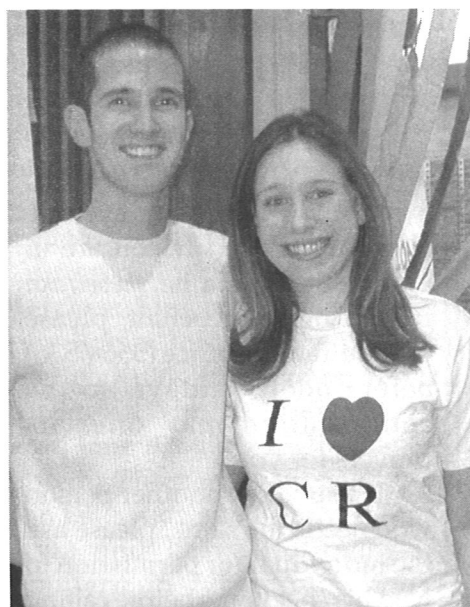
Social Justice

Come Join the Temple Team For "Rebuilding Together"

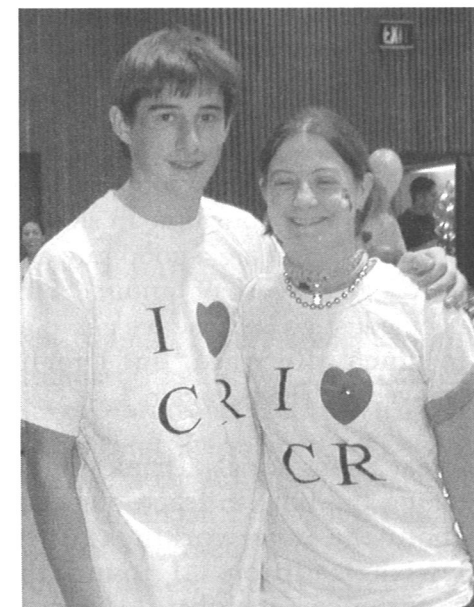
For the third consecutive year Temple Israel will sponsor a team for "Rebuilding Together" (previously known as Christmas in April). The project involves minor renovation, painting, and cleaning of homes owned by disadvantaged elderly residents. If you are interested in working on a house on **Sunday, April 20**, contact Larry Gendler (LGendler@aol.com) or the Temple office, 556-6536. For additional information access the project's website at: www.christmasinaprilomaha.org

Easter at the Stephen's Center Sunday, April 20

Once again, we will serve Easter dinner at the Stephen's Center. We need cooks and servers. To volunteer email John Dacey at (jtd0213 @ cox.net) or phone the Temple office, 556-6536.



Josh Katelman, OTYG advisor, and Janet Baack, dinner chairman.



Josh Bleicher and Becky Sternberg helped serve over 200 dinners.



Naomi Fox and Chelsea Taxman against a Balloon Rainbow.

The First Seder is April 16

Do You Need Passover Haggadot?

The Temple office has several Haggadot available.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis has published a beautiful new Haggadah with traditional and innovative blessings available for \$19.95. We continue to carry the Haggadah illustrated by Leonard Baskin which may be purchased for \$12 each.

These beautiful Haggadot will be exquisite additions to your Seder. They are both works of art you will be proud to own.

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

Also available is the "Family Haggadah: A Seder for All

Generations." This Haggadah contains readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion and traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest. These Haggadot may be purchased for \$7 each.

Do You Want To Share the Seder?

The first Seder will be celebrated Wednesday, April 16.

If you are new to the community or do not have extended family in the Omaha area with whom to share this joyous holiday, please call Caring Committee Chairman Shelly Fox, 397-1578, or the Temple office, 556-6536, and we will find a host family for you.

OTYG Worked Hard to Make the Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction a Success.

They thank the Congregation for its generosity. Proceeds support Camp Rainbow, Camp Co-Ho-Lo and OTYG and Youth Group projects.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			FEBRUARY 26	27	28	MARCH 1
			Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. "The Jews of Spain" 6:45-8:45 p.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.	Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Religious School Kindergarten & Grades 2-6 10-Noon Grade 1 10:15-11:45 a.m. @ Federation Library		No Family School AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	No Religious School "Biomedical Ethics" 7-8:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon "The Four B's" 10 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m.		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School & Dinner Social Justice Club 5-6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m. "The Jews of Spain" 6:45-8:45 p.m. "Biomedical Ethics" 7-8:30 p.m.	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.	Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Wolpa
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 5 10-Noon Grade 6 10:15-11:45 a.m. @ Federation Library Outreach Program 10 a.m.	Purim Box Dinner 6 p.m. Megillah Reading 7 p.m.	Conversation with Rabbi Marantz 12-1 p.m. No Family School Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	No Religious School "Jews of Spain" 6:45-8:45 p.m. "Biomedical Ethics" 7-8:30 p.m.	Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School	Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Ministers' Institute 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Dinner Following Services	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Heyman
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Purim Carnival 12-2 p.m.		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. "The Jewish Roots of Christianity" 7-8:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. "Jews of Spain" 6:45-8:45 p.m.	Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.