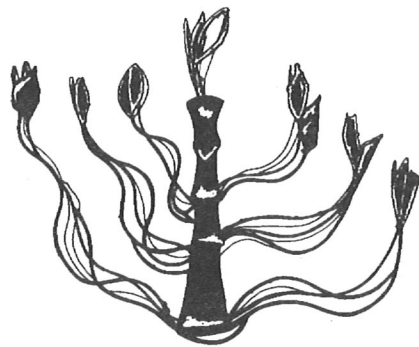


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		JUNE 1	2	3	4	5
				Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.		Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Alex Freeman
			WRJ-Omaha Meeting 7 p.m.	Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
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		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.	Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 3:45 p.m.	Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Moshman
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Congregational Dinner Meeting 6 p.m.		Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m.		Bagels and Bible 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Alex Bloom
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27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2	3
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Worship Services

Friday, June 4
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, June 5
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Alex Freeman
daughter of Teresa and John Freeman

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

Friday, June 11
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Annette and Jack Moshman in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter

Saturday, June 12
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Rebecca Gordon Moshman
daughter of Ann and Gordon Moshman

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

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As I See It...

Ever watch a breakfast cereal commercial on television? The cornflakes, Cocoa Puffs or Special K never seem to lose their crunch, no matter how much milk has been poured into the bowl.

You might think these cereals have been fortified against sogginess or that trick photography and special-effects lighting have been used.

According to a consumer watch-dog magazine, cereal does not turn to mush on TV because of Elmer's glue. Advertisers have discovered glue does not jeopardize crispiness. This also explains why cereal can appear moored to spoons during commercials.

Another television "sneaky sale" concerns the frothy, tempting bubbles floating on the top of mugs brimming with instant hot chocolate. They come courtesy of dishwashing detergent.

Why do we permit the routine sacrifice of truth before the altar of profit maximization and allow fraud to masquerade as salesmanship? Why do we accept and sometimes even laud disingenuous advertising practices? Because "caveat emptor", let the buyer beware, is a hallmark of a free market economy. It's considered part of the game.

What a contrast to the principles of mutual responsibility and absolute morality established by the Bible and Talmud for Jewish economic life! Sellers are held to the highest ethical standard. For example, Jewish commercial law explicitly forbids representing products to others in a false light.

This value is enshrined in the Torah: "Thou shalt not put a stumbling block before the blind" [Leviticus 19:13]. In reference to selling goods or a service, blindness was interpreted to mean taking

advantage of another's lack of information. According to the Shulkhan Arukh. "One is forbidden to beautify the article being sold in order to create a false impression. One is not allowed to paint old baskets to make them new nor to soak meat in water to make it white and look fat."

Jewish law roots commercial activity in economic empathy. Transactions between buyers and sellers are regarded as holy acts. The ultimate objective is to transform the marketplace into the Temple.

Obviously, the aggressive and often viciously exploitative nature of capitalist economies makes adherence to the strict code of business ethics envisioned by Jewish law very difficult. Yet these economies, including our own, have begun to sink deeper and deeper into a mire of widespread greed, commercial mistrust and grave disparities of wealth.

The restructuring of economic systems based on Jewish business ethics may constitute a saving hope for economic progress, integrity, justice and optimism. Certainly, capitalism is not practiced to the total *laissez faire* extent of the nineteenth century. An enlightened capitalism does have moral dimensions.

Indeed, many companies today are committed to equal opportunities, they care for the children of employees and provide programs to help workers with family, substance abuse or alcohol related problems. They also sponsor a wide range of public service initiatives. Industry does this because it has proven to be good business. Dealing honestly with a consumer can be good business, too!zx

Aryeh Azriel

(worship services continued)

Friday, June 18
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:30 p.m.
Family Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the families of Matthew Heyman, Bobby Newman and Julianna Scheet in honor of their Jewish scouting awards

Saturday, June 19
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Alex Bloom
son of Rebecca and Brent Bloom

Torah Portion: Korach
Numbers 16:1-18:32

Friday, June 25
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Esther and Bob Katleman and Debi and Jeff Smedlund in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Smedlund

Saturday, June 26
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Rebecca Ann Smedlund
daughter of Debi and Jeff Smedlund

Torah Portion: Chukat/Balak
Numbers 19:1-25:9

Please —

Remember to turn off your pagers and cellular phones before entering the sanctuary or chapel.

Cemetery's New Entrance

Through the generosity of a Temple member, land south of the Temple Israel cemetery has been acquired and work is beginning on a new entrance which will improve the accessibility and enhance the cemetery's grounds.

The congregation is grateful for this donation which provides much-needed improvements.

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, June 18
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.

Welcome New Members

Gilbert Cohen
Betty Goldstrom
Martha and Isaac Mafoda
Laura and Bryan Wine

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.

Jeff Smedlund Heads Search Committee for Director of Education

Jeff Smedlund, religious school committee chairman, and the search committee have begun meeting to identify Temple's needs and qualifications for the Director of Education for our religious school.

Committee members are: Rabbi Azriel, Steve Danon, Mitzi Delman, Jim Farber, Sandee Friedman, Donna Greenberg, Rosalie Meiches, Maria Neesman, Kimberly Robinson, Larry Roffman, Marcy Ruback, Rosalie Saltzman, Martha Slosburg and Mike Walts.

The congregation will be kept informed about the progress of this search committee.

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome the following people who have recently chosen Judaism:

Jeanette Goudreau
James L. Folsom
Stephanie Volkman Yudelson

May they go from strength to strength!

Aryeh Azriel Rabbi
Debbie S. Stiel Rabbi
Jennifer G. Blum Cantor
Ann Kibel Schwartz Dir. of Education
Dorothy Spizman Executive Director
Iris J. Ricks Program Director
Elyce Azriel High School Director
Stephanie and

Barry Grossman Youth Advisors
Dr. Larry Roffman President
Dr. Michael Walts Vice President
Dennis DePorte Vice President
Paul Epstein Vice President
Sally Kaplan Secretary
Spencer Brookstein Treasurer
Jane Rips Past President
Diane Graul Sisterhood President
Marc Delman Men's Club President
Jen Gates OTYG President

Ann Kibel Schwartz To Be Honored

Dr. Mike Walts

Ann Kibel Schwartz and her husband Don will leave Temple Israel after her 13 years of dedicated service as Director of Education. They will move to Baltimore, MD where she will be Director of Education at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Ann has provided energetic and enthusiastic leadership at our religious school. She has shown her knowledge of Jewish education, raised the standards of the curriculum and recruited the best teachers for our children. She developed and fostered innovative ways to stimulate our kids.

There are so many examples of how Ann has touched our lives and made a difference in our families' knowledge of and commitment to Judaism.

Ann received special acknowledgement at a program May 23, the last day of religious school. She and Don were honored at an Oneg Shabbat May 28 planned as a tribute by our Sisterhood and Men's Club.

In addition, Ann will be recognized at the annual congregational meeting and dinner, Sunday, June 13. Make plans to join us then.

OTOC Bridges Racial Divide

Gary Kaplan

Rabbi Azriel and members of Temple played key roles when Omaha Together One Community studied the proposed Omaha Public Schools' Bond Issue and Student Assignment plan.

With the help of the Black-Jewish Dialogue, they came to understand the deep racial divide between how blacks and whites perceived the plan. They helped communicate the fears of the African-American community in ways that people of all races could understand.

Acting from the OTOC teaching that citizens can do more than just vote "yes" or "no", they negotiated improvements and safeguards in the plan to allay the African-Americans' fears and **ensure a step forward for student achievement, not a step back to separate and unequal.**

Also in May, Temple member Vic Cutman led a very successful pilot program with First Methodist Church and other congregations to demonstrate a safe, supervised after-school program for Lewis & Clark students.

Don't Forget! Save the Date June 13

Congregational Dinner and 128th Annual Meeting

Honoring Dr. Larry E. Roffman, Outgoing President, and our Kol Rina Choir

Special Recognition of Ann Kibel Schwartz

Election of officers and trustees and Presentation of Awards

Reservation Deadline June 4



ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee, Auxiliary and budget reports will be distributed at the June 13 Annual Congregational meeting.

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

Food For Thought

Tuesday, June 15

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

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

Rabbi Stiel will lead a discussion on current issues and events.

Our most sacred prayers are recited when the congregation is standing.

Therefore, we ask that you not enter or leave the sanctuary or chapel until worshipers are seated.



PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

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

Don't Miss a Single Thing!

Exciting Singles Weekend of socializing, speakers and sailing on the Mississippi—for all Jewish Singles, ages 30-55, in the UAHC Midwest and Southwest Councils.

St. Louis, Missouri
Labor Day Weekend
September 3, 1999

For information, call the Temple office, 556-6536.

Stay In Touch With Temple This Summer!

OUTDOOR SUMMER SERVICES

July 9 and August 6
Zorinsky Lake
156th & F
Main Picnic Area
Shelter 2

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

Bring any sporting equipment you might like to use and meet at the picnic area, shelter 2. A sitter will be provided for young children.

An alternative indoor service will be held at Temple Israel at 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

From July 2, through August 27, Shabbat Evening Services will be held at **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat Morning Services will begin at the usual hour of **10:30 a.m.** Bagels and Bible will begin at **9:30 a.m.**

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

Bagels and Bible will continue through the summer

Sitter service will be available with a reservation. Call the Temple office, 556-6536. There are no facilities for infants.

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 23

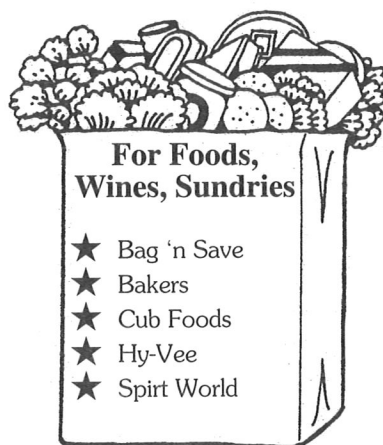
Temple Israel's annual golf outing will be held at Highland Country Club. Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled afternoon of golf, followed by a terrific dinner and awards ceremony.

Even if you don't golf, plan to attend the cocktail and dinner portion of the day. Set your twosomes and foursomes now. We will pair up singles so everyone will have a great time and an opportunity to play.

We will send information on registration and sponsorships soon.

Picnic Food, Sun Blocks, Swim Suits, Books and Tapes — Use These Convenient Certificates For All Your Summer Needs

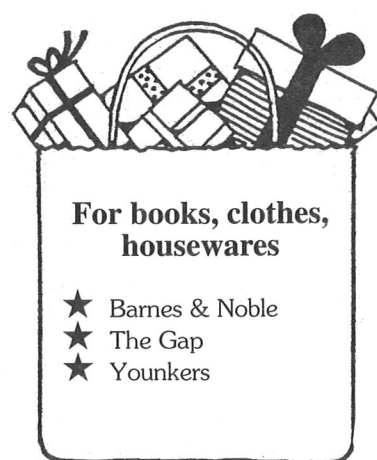
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- ★ The Gap
- ★ Youngers

Proceeds go to our Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund.

A Note From The Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

The synagogue of my youth was a grandiose structure complete with marble columns, stained glass windows, and Ark doors that opened at the push of a button. As a child, I believed that there were angels helping the cantor lead the service, for the choir was hidden, along with the organ, in a loft far above the congregation. I remember feeling somewhat disillusioned when I found out that there were actually humans producing the beautiful music that wafted through the sanctuary. In fact, the choir was present to enhance the majestic style of worship characteristic of the congregation and the Reform movement in general since its inception.

While one of the movement's greatest contributions to Jewish music was the addition of a four-part, mixed (male and female) choir, the use of a choir itself was certainly not a Reform innovation. The Mishnah tells us that the Temple in Jerusalem used a choir of Levites to accompany sacrifices. Their music was also expected to beautify the people's worship of God. A tenth-century text speaks of a liturgical choir whose function was to maintain a dialogue with the cantor, responding at the appropriate points in the service. Jewish choral music of the 17th and 18th centuries often took the form of hazzan-bass zingeral. In this musical arrangement, the cantor was accompanied by one voice singing lower than his and one singing a descant above the cantor's part. These choirs, or community singers, were utilized not only to enhance the music of worship, but also to introduce new melodies and musical styles to Jewish communities. Even later, 19th century Reform composers broadened the roles of choirs, refining the music of synagogue worship and adopting a four-part (soprano/alto/tenor/bass) style of singing.

Yet, as we approach the end of the 20th century, our worship has let go of much of the highly decorous style of our predecessors. Certainly our sanctuary speaks a different aesthetic than the one of my youth.

How can a choir help to shape worship?

So, how can synagogue choirs help to shape our worship today? By joining a choir or singing with them at services, we expose ourselves to one important genre of our ancestors' liturgical music. Whether they sing in unison or in two or four parts, choirs enhance our current worship with the beauty of choral singing. They add diversity to our liturgical musical expression by providing a distinct angle on how we might approach God.

Choirs help facilitate the dialogue between the cantor and the congregation. They are intended to enrich, not to prohibit, congregational prayer. Moreover, participating in a synagogue choir is a study of Jewish liturgy and an in-depth examination of how composers understand our texts.

The Temple Israel Kol Rina choir has had a wonderful year. We are always looking for new voices, so please join us...Let us usher in the upcoming year with beautiful sound.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS!

The High Holy Days are right around the corner and we need YOU to sing with us!

NO KNOWLEDGE OF HEBREW IS REQUIRED!

Just a desire to make beautiful sounds to enhance our services.

Rehearsals will begin June 17 and continue through Rosh Hashanah.

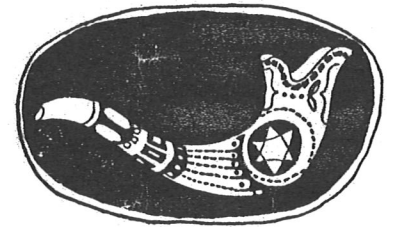
Don't be shy! Give it a try!

Summer rehearsal dates:

June 17, 24
 July 8, 15
 August 5, 12, 19, 26
 September 2, 9

All rehearsals will be from 7-9 p.m.

Come lend your voice to our song!



- TEKIAH
- SH'FARIM
- T'RUAH
- TEKIAH G'DOLAH!!!!!!!

It's time once again to begin thinking about participation in the High Holy Day shofar choir.

Mark your calendars now for our two rehearsals:

August 25 6:30-7:30 p.m.
September 8 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Bring your shofar and a good set of lungs!

To Ensure A Future As Great As Its Past Remember Temple Israel In Your Estate Plans



Add these e-mail addresses to your directory:

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Rabbi Stiel	dstiel@uswest.net
Cantor Blum	jblum@uswest.net
Iris Ricks	iricks@uswest.net
Dorothy Spizman	dspizman@uswest.net

A Few Exciting Highlights of the Coming Year!

Richard Freund
Returns to Temple

Although Professor Freund will leave UNO for a new position in Connecticut, he has scheduled five dates to speak at Temple on a wide gamut from history to liturgy.

1999 Dates
October 8
October 10
November 14

2000 Dates
February 6
April 9

Renewal/Healing
Services

November 9, 1999
January 11, March 7
and May 9, 2000

There's Music
In The Air!

In addition to a Mother's Day concert and the Three Cantors Concert, four special Shabbat musical programs are being planned:

- Jazz • Klezmer
- Instrumental • Sermon in Song

Outreach

Plans for this year's programs include:

October 17, 1999

Life Cycle Events

November 21, 1999

December Dilemma

April 2, 2000

"Misconceptions Regarding
Judaism/Christianity"

Multi-generational
Workshop Nov. 10, 1999

Dr. Mary Pipher, a clinical psychologist and best-selling author of four books, will present a workshop, "Ophelia's Family: Across the Generations" to parents and children in grades 7-12

Scholars-in-Residence

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

April 28-30, 2000

Well-known scholar and author, Rabbi Telushkin has written about Jewish history, ethics, literacy and humor.

Dr. David Ellenson

March 3-5, 2000

A professor of Jewish Religious Thought at HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, Dr. Ellenson will discuss "Jewish History: The Crucial Moments That Have Shaped Our People."

Ruth Langer

December 10-12, 1999

Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies in the Theology Department at Boston, Ms. Langer's topic will be "To Worship God Properly."

Would you like to take a Jewish Journey?

Watch for information about the exciting Jewish Journey Groups that will begin in Fall, 1999.

There's a lot going on in Adult Learning!

Jewish history and Prayer will be the two tracks of study for our expanding Adult Jewish Learning Program.

The 12th Grade Class

will have the opportunity to spend four days in Washington, D.C., by participating in Panim el Panim, Washington Institute for Jewish Learning and Values.

The Confirmation Class

will visit the Jewish "Big Apple" for a New York Shabbaton, October 28-31, 1999.

Family School will
begin with
a Shabbaton,
August 28, 1999.

WRJ-O

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha is Alive!

Wendy Goldberg

The following slate will be presented for election June 2:

President Wendy Goldberg
Membership & Leadership Elyce Azriel
Dues Secretaries/Temple Directory
A-M Patricia Newman
N-Z Beth Walts
Treasurer Nancy Wolf
Recording/Corresponding Secretary Julie Martin
Nominating Chairman Stacey Rockman
Immediate Past President Diane Graul
Advisors Jane Rips, Dora Goldstrom, Phyllis Glazer and Sally Kaplan

Vice-President, Religious Living Kari Workman
Project Chairmen are: Sandy Passer, New Member Brunch and Congregational Seder; Sharee Newman and Mary Kay Davis, Chanukah Dinner; Patricia Newman, Betsy Belmont, Deb Finnicum and Bonnie Levinger, Purim Box Dinner; Patricia Newman and Betsy Baker, Sukkot Box Dinner; Allison Latenser and Ann Noddell, Sukkot Dinner Crafts; Vicki Chesen, Special Onegs; Kim Noddle, Onegs; Julie Kushner and Debbie Brown, College Youth; Ellen Platt, Cradle Roll; Toby Fellman, Kiddush/Candle Blessings; Sandy Epstein, Debbie Brookstein and Margo Parsow, Community Building; Leslie Vann, Women's Seder; Magda Peck, Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat.

Vice-Presidents, Education Cindy Goldberg and Lori Miller
Project Chairmen are: Ann Noddell, Religious School Teacher Appreciation; Allyson Bradin-Wilczewski, Adult Education; Sandee Friedman, Speakers; Katherine Finnegan-Gilinsky, Jewish Cooking Classes; Wendy Goldberg and Melany Weinstine, Junior Congregation; Lesley Slutzky and Andi Gordman, Holiday Treats/Baking.

Vice-President, Religious Action Pam Monsky
Project Chairmen are: Martha Lerner, Friendship Tea; Sherry Taxman, Ministers' Institute.

Vice-President, Development and WRJ Projects Stacie Brodkey
Project Chairmen are: Kimberly Robinson, NFTY Carnival; Stacy Rockman, Fun(d) Raisers; Elyce Azriel, Deli Night; Lois Epstein, Tribute Fund; Cheri Ginsburg, Uniongrams; Debbi Josephson, Used Book Sale; Elyce Azriel, New Book Sale; Sandy Nogg and Debra Sherman, Gift Shop; Linda Zimmerman and Jennifer Glazer, Pancake Man; Debbi Josephson and Jane Rips, Budget Committee.

Many chairmen serve on additional committees. Other members working on various committees include Suzy Crabb, Stacy Simon, Patsy Wallace, Elizabeth Cohen, Deirdre Evans, Gayle Spooner, Andi Willensky, Sandy Lehr, Kim Schwartz, Stephanie Grossman and Lisa Montemarano.

We are looking for additional committee members.

This is an opportunity for women of all ages to take a fresh look at our Sisterhood organization. We can do whatever our members feel is valuable—for you, your family, our congregation, and our community.

Our May 5 meeting had a terrific turnout. As a result, we have endless possibilities in our future. The women of our congregation are banding together to benefit Temple and the community, for social activities, for study, and, above all, for the growth of the individual and family.

It is my hope that many more women will be willing to participate. Look over our list of committees—find a project—please consider offering your time and energy to help us fulfill our potential.

WRJ needs the voice and support of the congregation.

Our next meeting is
Wednesday, June 2

7 p.m. Temple

We will vote on the proposed slate, hold installations, and get started.

Call me at 393-6391 or email me at handson@home.com with any questions.

Dr. Elliot Dorff to Speak
to Adult Education Class

Thursday, June 10
10-11:30 a.m.

(Men are invited, too!)

Dr. Dorff, a Conservative rabbi, is a professor at the Ziegler Rabbinical School, University of Judaism, Los Angeles, and served as a member of Hillary Rodham Clinton's 1993 task force on health care.

He will speak to our members about "Life and Death—A Jewish Approach to Modern Medical Ethics."

Dr. Dorff will speak at a community meeting at the J.C.C. Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. on "The Impact of Religion and Religious Values on Modern Medial Ethical Dilemmas."

Temple Israel is a co-sponsor of Dr. Dorff's visit to Omaha.

What's Happening In Religious School

Ann Kibel Schwartz, Director of Education

Special Thanks To 1998/99 Room Parents

Our Room Parents have made a big difference to our Religious School in so many ways: providing direction to volunteers who help with field trips, preparing for special events, and activities in the classrooms, etc. The efforts of these parents helped to make Temple a home-away-from-home for all our children. PRE-KINDERGARTEN: Stacy Simon, Debbie Hale and Lisa Ephraim. KINDERGARTEN: Stephanie Saferstein and Lisa Scheet. GRADE 1: Ilka Oberst-Marshall and Rochelle Kohn. GRADE 2: Kim Noddle and Margo Parsow. GRADE 3: Patricia Newman and Betsy Heyman. GRADE 4: Cinda Tully and Kathy Laudin Beauchaine. GRADE 5: Lynn Salzinger and Kathy Hirshman. GRADE 6: Karen Lepp and Suzan Kenik. GRADE 7: Mimi Rogers and Teresa Freeman. GRADE 8: Beth Walts and Amy Katz. FAMILY SCHOOL: Kathy Hirshman and Lesley Slutzky. Partnership between parents and teachers has been a key factor in our success as a Religious School.

Special Thanks to Teachers and Staff

One of our greatest assets is our Religious School faculty. Our teachers really care and guide our students to grow more each year. THANK YOU. PRE-KINDERGARTEN: Vicki Chesen. KINDERGARTEN: Melany Weinstine and Wendy Goldberg. GRADE 1: Mary-Beth Muskin and Dora Goldstrom. GRADE 2: Steve Danon, Steve Chasen, Dan Fried, and Jen Gates. GRADE 3: Doris Parker and Anne Joseph. GRADE 4: Fritz Luefschuetz and Rini Gonsler. GRADE 5: Gilda Pieck, Patsy Wallace and Marvin Parilman. GRADE 6: Elyce Azriel, Nadine Kutner and Lesli Shrago. GRADE 7: John Dacey, James Meyers, Joe Ginsburg and Marc Delman. GRADE 8: Ben Nachman and Max Sparber. FAMILY SCHOOL: Scott Bresler and Don Schwartz. SPECIALISTS: Eileen Kader, Jeff Taxman, Chantal Samuel, Sheila Kenny, and Cheryl Lerner. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STAFF COORDINATOR: Joan Cooper.

Also, MADRICHIM, our teen assistants, make a big difference. Thank you: Leora Azriel, Allyson Freeman, Samantha Friedman, Melissa Josephson, Diana Manvitz, Tamara Meyers, Anne Muskin, Jamie Skog, Steve Sternberg, Ben Taxman, Whitney Taxman and Aaron Wolfson.

Special Thanks to the Religious School Committee

Behind the scenes, and generally out of the spotlight, are the devoted members of the Religious School Committee. They set policies and support me in developing some of the finest Jewish curriculum and programs available in the world. THANK YOU: Chairman Jeff Smedlund, Mitzi Delman, Thomas Baker, Marge Bresel, Sue Finkle, Jen Gates, Dora Goldstrom, Donna Greenberg, Kathy Laudin Beauchaine, Sandy Lehr, Patricia Newman, Ann Noodell, Stacey Rockman, Ricki Skog, Leslie Slutzky, and Doug Wolfson.

Religious School Newsletter

Volunteers gave their time and talents. Thank you **Evy Katz** for art work on our paper doll twins, Adam and Joy. Thank you **Claudia Sherman** for articles and photos featuring each grade-level.



Each class performed during the closing ceremonies of Religious School Sunday, May 23. Pictured is the second grade class singing "David Melech."



Ann Kibel Schwartz, who was honored during the program, bids farewell to the religious school teachers while the Madrichim (teen assistants) sing the Shenecheyanu.



Tot Shabbat Service

Friday June 4

7 p.m. Livingston Chapel

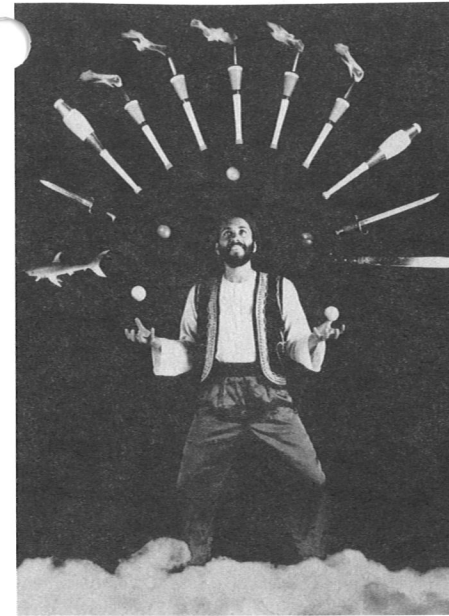
A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families.

Sitter Service

Sitter Service continues through the summer months and is available each Friday evening and Saturday morning. 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.

Here comes Izzi!



Izzi Tooinsky Leads Family Service June 18

7:30 p.m.

Izzi is a joy-maker, a "kuntzenmacher" in the best tradition that has been part of Jewish life for centuries.

He is a master story-telling juggler who specializes in tall tales, Hebrew myths and legends. Izzi's stories are wild and amusing, serious and surprising, and he has told them on T.V. shows including "Good Morning America".

A Californian, he has traveled the world for 25 years, collecting stories and juggling tricks and mingling with people from Africa, Europe, Central America, the South Pacific and Australia.

"Izzi is the real deal. He is the unmatched combination of humor, imagination and originality."

Bring the family of all ages to a very special Erev Shabbat worship service.

Birthday Blessings Family Service

June 18 7:30 p.m.

Children who celebrate their birthdays during the months of **June & July** will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service.

Special Blessing for Israel-bound Teens

Participants in "ARTZA '99: Take the Etgar Challenge" will be invited to the bima for a special blessing Shabbat morning, June 19. The community trip is June 21 to July 19.

Recycle Cans Benefit Temple

Save your Aluminum beverage cans. They are worth \$\$\$ to Temple Israel.

Can-Pak, 85th and Blondo, pays non-profit organizations more than the individual rate for aluminum cans.

Take your empties to Can-Pak, 85th and Blondo, and ask them to credit Temple Israel.

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Temple Israel and Planned Parenthood of Omaha/Council Bluffs recently presented a parent/child program "Time to Talk." Ten families attended.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Whitney Lindsey Sobel, daughter of Dr. Bruce and Debbie (Cohn) Sobel, Scottsdale, AZ. Grandparents are Soralee and Jerry Cohn and Rose and Norman Sobel, Scottsdale, AZ

David Akira Rochman, son of Daniel and Sayaka Rochman, Falls Church, VA. Grandparents are Marcia and Jack Cohen, Dick Rochman, Akiko Aoki and the late Toshio Aoki, Tokyo, Japan.

Connor Jerome O'Keefe, son of Karen and Pat O'Keefe, Washington, D.C. Grandparents are Connie and Bob Kully and Judy and John Warne, Evergreen, CO, and the late Jerome O'Keefe.

On the Engagement of:

Nikki Circo and Adam Kirshenbaum. Parents are Vicki and Roger Sorenson and Tom Circo and Kate and Tom Kirshenbaum.

Traci Lyn Kutler and Lance Kugler, Cleveland, OH. Parents are Sandy and Stuart Kutler and Dr. John and Cyndi Kugler.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. James Folsom. Mrs. Folsom is the former Jill Schrier. Parents are Felicia and Stan Schrier and W.J. Folsom and the late Betty Folsom, Lincoln, NE.

Mr. and Mrs. David Yudelson. Mrs. Yudelson is the former Stephanie Volkman. Parents are Eloise Herr, and Theron Volkman, Lincoln, NE and Sandra and Michael Yudelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kushner. Mrs. Kushner is the former Julie Corbin. Parents are Jolene and John Corbin, Lincoln, NE and Barbara and Marshall Kushner.

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Beverly Pesses, aunt of Phyllis Glazer;

Max Paykel, father of Marsha Kleinberg;

Marilyn Mellen, mother of Doug and Jeff Mellen;

Harry Spiegel, husband of Merrian Spiegel, father of Susie Weinstein and Jeff Spiegel;

Earl Katz, husband of Nan Katz, Father of Bill Katz

Rosagene Baron, mother of Susan Baron, Sari Biller and Marcy Baron

And extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

We Want To Serve You

From time to time, we are sure that you have seen the following "Tidings" copy. "The rabbis and cantor visit the sick when notified and are available for any service which they may be in a position to render."

One of the responsibilities of a synagogue is to console those who are mourning and to visit those who are ill, either at home or in the hospital. There are times, however, that the families involved assume that the congregation is aware of their situation, when in fact, it is not.

Please do not hesitate to let us know when there has been a loss in your family or someone is ill. It is only through this knowledge that we, in turn, can perform the services that our membership should be accorded.

Remember Our Funds

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

\$6.00 fund contributions:

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Ann Kibel Schwartz' Discretionary
Dorothy Spizman's Discretionary
Outreach Fund
Charles and Jae Rosenstock Memorial
Milton and Rosalie Saylan Jewish Education Fund
Social Justice
Jennifer Soshnik Scholarship Fund
Brad Sperling Memorial Fund for education of young children
Temple Youth Group
Elinor Whitman Religious Education

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

Used Book Sale

WRJ-Omaha will again sponsor their popular used book sale Sunday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 14. The sale will begin with a "Preview Brunch" 10 a.m. to Noon, Sunday, July 11.

The cost for the preview is \$10 per person; there is no charge for the regular sale which will continue with the following hours:

Sunday, July 11	Noon - 6 p.m.
Monday, July 12	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

IN MEMORY OF: Shirley Altsuler: Marilyn Blatt, Lisa and Gary Epstein and boys, Florence Eisenberg, Roie and Bernie Meyers, Shirley and Herman Weinstein, Babe Cohn, Roz Friedman, Gigi and Syd Osten; **Bess Becker:** Roz Friedman; **Augusta Burkhardt:** Judy Zweiback; **Celia Cohen:** Rosaline and Sam Epstein, Joie Simon, Ann Cohen, Shirley and Herman Weinstein; **Eileen Cohn:** Shirley and Herman Weinstein; **Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks:** Shirley and Herman Weinstein, Gail and Steve Machov; **Ike Danon:** The Jeff Schweid family, The Employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance, Toby Fellman, Debi, Jeff and Rebecca Smedlund, Gayle, Jim, Sarah and Zach Spooner, Sandy, Jeff, Joel and Aaron Passer, Stanley Passer, The Ed Joseph family; **Mollie Delman:** John Spitzer, Sandy and John Lehr, Roz Friedman, Leah Siegel, Tibe Stoler; **Warner Frohman:** Barbara Frohman, Margo and Jay Parsow, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Edith Hurwick:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Jerry Katz:** Beatrice Katz; **Eva Koirth:** Keri and Phillip Bahar, Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman; **Robert Kramer:** Beatrice Katz; **Stuart Lefkowitz:** Noni and Hal Selner; **Mother of Marilyn Mellen:** Noni and Hal Selner; **Dr. Daniel Miller:** Gigi and Syd Osten, Miriam and Joe Soshnik, Mickey Sturm, Linda and Kevin Saltzman, Gayle, Jim, Sarah and Zach Spooner, Barbara Frohman, Rosalie and Milton Saylan, Father Val Peter, Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Babe Cohn, Gail and Steve Machov, Soralee and Jerry Cohn, Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Passer, Phil Sokolof; **David Parker:** Mr. and Mrs. Milton Parker; **Shirley Passer:** Sandy, Jeff, Joel and Aaron Passer, Stanley Passer, Shirley and Herman Weinstein, Gayle and Tom Kenkel; **Beverly Pesses:** Judi and David Goldstein, Joie Simon, Silvia and Larry Roffman; **Ruben Ratner:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Evelyn Simon:** Rosalie and Milton Saylan, Judi and David Goldstein; **Aaron Singer:** Doris and Milton Parker; **Harry Spiegel:** Shirley and Herman Weinstein, Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Arnold Stern:** Soralee and Jerry Cohn, Roz Friedman, Penny and Randy Endelman, Pauline Cowdery, Shirley and Herman Weinstein; **Jules Witten:** Miriam and George Shafer; **Rebecca Wolf:** Pauline Cowdery, Suzy Rubin; **David Zale:** Libby and Mickey Kaplan

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: Shirley Brody: Toby Fellman, **Edith Epstein:** Judi and David Goldstein; **Rose Frankel:** Gigi and Syd Osten, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, **Irv Gendler:** Gigi and Syd Osten; **Mrs. Joseph Guss:** Rose Rosen; **Marshall Kushner:** Fran and Jerry Milder, Nancy and Don Greenberg; **Marge Lincoln:** Helen and Morrie Lipp **Roie Meyers:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Ilene Klein:** Penny and Randy Endelman; **Jerry Rosinsky:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Soralee and Jerry Cohn; **Audrey Shapiro:** Sally and Maynard Telpner, Marian Nogg; Sally Venger: Joie Simon, Judi and David Goldstein; **Hermene Zweiback:** Donna Givner

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Ruth Breslow: Fran and Norman Plotkin; **Aileen Eisenstatt:** Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Marcia Cohen:** Linda and Nelson Gordman; **Jerry Freeman:** Joie Simon, Ellie and Al Feldman; **Herman Goldstein:** Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Arthur Jacobson:** Eileen and Leonard Jacobson; **Peggy Krasne:** Rose Rosen; **Sue Meyers:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer; **Charles Monasee:** Barbara Frohman, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Alan Nogg:** Mrs. Jarvis Freiden, Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman; **Barbara Rips:** Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Beatrice Schimmel:** Barbara and Dean Frankel, Bettie Fisk, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Linda and Nelson Gordman; **Mary Lou Walker:** Shirley and Herman Weinstein; **Steve Simon:** Joanie and Marty Lehr; **Hazel Turchen:** Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Doris and Richard Rosinsky

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Freed: Helen and Tuffy Epstein; **Mr. and Mrs. Morris Handleman:** Lois and Rod Shkolnick, Shirley and Al Sorkin, **Mr. and Mrs. Kevee Kirshenbaum:** Doris and Al Abramson, Barbara and Stan Malashock, Many and Alvin Nogg, David Rice, Sheila Rosen, Jeanne and Hub Rosenblum, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spiegel:** Florence and George Eisenberg

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoberman: Donna Givner; **Josie Kathryn Platt:** Jerry Slusky; **Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Platt:** Marcia and Jack Cohen,

Margie and Marlon Somberg; **Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shapiro:** Elly and Bob Gordman;

IN HONOR OF MARRIAGE OF: Julie Corbin and Tim Kushner: Andi and David Willensky; **Gail Handelman and Peter Lobin:** Linda Siref Simons

IN HONOR OF ENGAGEMENT OF: Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kooper: Jerry Slusky

IN HONOR OF B'NAI MITZVAH OF: Talia Eisenberg: Florence and George Eisenberg, Rose Pitlor, Diane Loughran, Seth Bornstein, Lisa Fishman, and Stuart Roderfer, Fran and Lou Blumkin; **J.J. Friedman:** Mr. and Mrs. David Goodman; **Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Friedman:** Fran and Lou Blumkin; **Stephanie Millward:** Mr. and Mrs. David Goodman; **Samantha Shrier:** Barbara and Dean Frankel

IN HONOR OF CONFIRMATION OF: Nichole and Shane Cohn: Toby Fellman

IN HONOR OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUTATION OF: Amy Willensky: Toby Fellman

IN HONOR OF MILITARY GRADUATION OF: Melissa and Matthew Plotkin: Joie Simon

IN HONOR OF HADASSAH AWARD: Helen Brodkey: Terri, Dick, Jamie, Brent and Kyle Zacharia

IN HONOR OF AMIT WOMEN'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD: Jeanette Nadoff: Audrey and Morrie Shapiro

IN HONOR OF : Maynard Telpner's Abraham Lincoln and Heritage Awards: Harold Rosenthal, Gail and Tom Kenkel and family

IN HONOR OF: Marc Delman: Joel Passer

IN HONOR OF Dr. Roffman being President: Suzanne Singer

IN HONOR OF Iris Rick's Being Named Program Director: Ruth and Otmar Liebenstein

IN APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Cantor Jennifer Blum, Ann Kibel Schwartz, Dorothy Spizman



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