

TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER	2	3	4	5	6	7
1			Midrashah 10 a.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. High School & Dinner Grades 9-12 6-8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:50-7:40 p.m. Beyond Midrash 7:50-8:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m.	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Cantor Blum Installation	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Janet Baack
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Morning Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Religious School Pre-Kindergarten II-Grade 6 10-Noon Men's Club Brunch 10 a.m. New Beginnings 10 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.		Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School Grades 9-10 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grades 11-12 @ Beth-El	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Drive 1-7 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:45-8:10 p.m. Beyond Midrash 8:15-9:10 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m.	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Kyle Zacharia
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Religious School Pre-Kindergarten I-Grade 6 10 - Noon Parent Open House 10 - Noon Sisterhood Cooking Class 10 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:45 p.m.		Food for Thought 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Midrashah - 10 a.m. TIGGS Noon Religious School Grades 7/8 4-6 p.m. JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. High School Grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parent/Toddler Class 10-11:15 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Beginning Beyond Midrash 6:45-8:10 p.m. Beyond Midrash 8:15-9:10 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Confirmation Class Trip to New York	Torah Tots 9:30-11:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Service 7:30 p.m. Grade 7 Shabbaton Confirmation Class Trip	Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Grade 7 Shabbaton Confirmation Class Trip
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, November 6
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Installation of
Cantor Jennifer G. Blum

Guest Speaker
Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein
"To Be a Cantor"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, November 7
10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of
Janet Baack
daughter of Debbie and Dennis Baack

Simcha B'Shabbat
(Text Study and Service in the Chapel)

Torah Portion: Vayera
Genesis 18:1-22:24

Friday, November 13
8 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Jerry Kaye
"Transformers Generate More Than Electricity:
A Look at Jewish Identity"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Terri and Dick Zacharia in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Saturday, November 14
10:30 a.m.

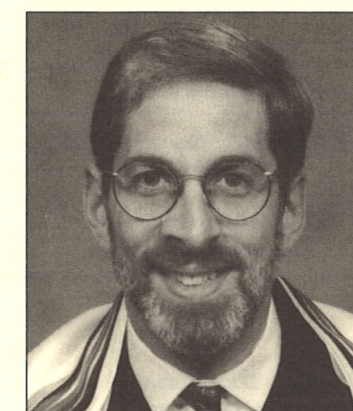
Bat Mitzvah of
Kyle Ashley Zacharia
daughter of Terri and Dick Zacharia

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Join in a Festive Congregational Welcome to Cantor Jennifer Blum



Cantor Jennifer Blum



Rabbi Morley Feinstein

How does one praise God? Psalm 150 tells us that we can praise God with instruments—lute, harp, timbrel and such.

We can also dance and sing. "Shiru L'adonai Shir Chadash: Sing a new song to God."

Come, lift your voices in song Friday evening, November 6, as we formally welcome Cantor Jennifer Blum to our Temple Israel community in a beautiful service of Installation.

Joining Rabbi Azriel, Rabbi Stiel and Cantor Blum on the bima will be Rabbi Morley Feinstein of South Bend, Indiana.

Rabbi Feinstein is currently the spiritual leader of South Bend's Temple Beth-El where Cantor Blum served as Student Cantor from 1995 to 1997.

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Rabbi Feinstein received his Bachelor's degree with highest honors and was named to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a recipient of both the Hebrew Letters and Hebrew Education Master of Arts degrees from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Feinstein served San Antonio's Temple Beth-El as Assistant and Associate Rabbi following his ordination from HUC-JIR in June, 1981.

The past treasurer of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, he founded the Ways and Means Committee and was the nationwide chairman of the Rabbinic CareNet. As a member of the National Rabbinic Cabinet Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, he has written liturgical supplements for all the Jewish holidays for congregations from coast to coast. His words were read by President Clinton during Chanukah to mark Israel's 50th anniversary year.

Rabbi Feinstein is a frequent contributor to Jewish publications and journals and has lectured at many universities including the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University-South Bend and has served on faculty of the Department of Theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

An Oneg Shabbat follows this very special Erev Shabbat worship service.

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Simcha B'Shabbat (Text Study and Service in the Chapel)	
Torah Portion: Chaye Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18	
Friday, November 20 5:30 p.m. Early Worship Service Union Prayer Book	
7:30 p.m. Family Service	
Mark B. Levy Ventriloquist	
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood	
Saturday, November 21 10:30 a.m.	
Torah Portion: Toledot Genesis 25:19-28:9	
Wednesday, November 25 7:30 p.m.	
Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	
Friday, November 27 5:30 p.m.	
D'var Torah Cantor Blum	
Saturday, November 28 10:30 a.m.	
Torah Portion: Vayetze Genesis 28:10-32:3	

Aryeh Azriel	Rabbi
Debbie S. Stiel	Rabbi
Sidney H. Brooks	...Rabbi Emeritus
Jennifer Blum	Cantor
Ann Kibel Schwartz	.Dir. of Education
Dorothy Spizman	.Executive Director
Elyce Azriel	High School Director
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Diane Graul	...Sisterhood President
Marc Delman	...Men's Club President
Jen Gates	OTYG President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joan and Michael Friedman
Susan and Gregory Bramhall
Suzanna and Kurt Glover-Ettrich
Lynda and Mark Saferstein
Linda and Warren Wilson
David Yudelson

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 **Lonnie Graul** who has recently chosen Judaism.

May he go from strength to strength!

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.

The Welcome Mat Is Always Out at Temple

We want you to feel comfortable and "at home" when you come to Temple Israel.

You will find friendly faces, spots to sit and visit, and a wonderful mix of programs and activities. There is no need to feel alone.

We hope you will feel part of our large, extended family and that you will come often.

A Note From The Cantor
Cantor Jennifer G. Blum

Psalm 150 is a vivid description of the orchestra of the Temple in Jerusalem. The psalms, in elaborate detail, describe the orchestra's music which rang forth with the glorious sounds of shofar, harp, lyre, timbrel, stringed instruments, pipes and cymbals in praises to God. Music, magnificent vocal and instrumental music, has been a part of Jewish worship since ancient times.

Here at Temple Israel, we no longer have the Levitical choir, but we do have a wonderful adult volunteer choir made up of talented and dedicated individuals willing to give of their gift of song. The High Holy Days have now come to a close, yet echoes of our choir's beauty and grandeur still ring forth. I would like to offer my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all of our talented Kol Rina singers: Doris Alloy, Jim Anderson, Tom Friedman, Hilde Gotlieb, Becky Hinks, Mark Jacobson, Jon Meyers, Maxine Noodell, Jeff Schweid, Nancy Wolf and Leslie Wolpa.

I would also like to thank Naomi Leis-erowitz and Mark Motycka who moved us with their stirring violin and cello renditions of Kol Nidre. Our memorial services on both Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah were once again enhanced by the beautiful flute playing of Tuffy Epstein.

Special thanks go to Will Wallace for his strength and skill as our conductor of Kol Rina and to Julie Sandene, our congregation's superb organ and piano accompanist. Their hard work enhances our services not only over the Holy Days but throughout the entire year. For all the work they do to shape our many voices into one beautiful and united whole, we thank them.

May this new year of 5759 be a year of glorious new song, Shir Chadash, and one of both beauty and unity.

Temple Israel congregants donated a total of 6,998 pounds of food to the Omaha Food Bank at our annual Yom Kippur drive.

We now have available a limited supply of cassettes from "The Three Cantors Concert featuring Cantors Bercovits, Contzius and Fetman." The price is \$12.00 for the double cassette. It is terrific - pick it up at the Temple Israel office. This is a great Chanukah gift!

Outreach

Save the Date:
December Dilemma Program
Sunday, December 6
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Christmas and Chanukah coming around the same time of year often cause challenges. For interfaith families or for those with both religions in the extended families, this season can be particularly difficult. Which holidays to recognize, how to cope with the loss of beloved holiday celebrations after one converts and how to help grandparents adapt to new family observances are just some of the issues that arise in this season.

Sally Kaplan, MSW, and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will co-facilitate this Outreach-sponsored discussion on how best to handle the dual holiday season and the issues it brings up.

Since we have heard in years past that this program should be extended, it will run an hour longer than most Outreach programs. People are welcome to leave at noon or stay till 1 p.m. If you would like the extended sitter service (including pizza for the kids), please let Bonnie at Temple know, 556-6536.

So You Want To Be A Jew?

A Journey from Suburb to Shtetl
Comedian Chris Campbell Comes to Town

November 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
at the Needelmans'

Chris Campbell, comedian and storyteller from Los Angeles, will share his humor and wit with our community. Plan to join us for this outrageously funny and entertaining performer. Mr. Campbell weaves stories and personal experience with rabbinic wisdom and hysterical insights. He will make you laugh and cry.

This adult program, sponsored by the Temple Israel Outreach group, will be at the home of Lee and Howard Needelman and will include havdalah and refreshments. This program is open to the entire community. Be sure to RSVP to Temple by November 20th to get directions and to give us an idea of how many people to prepare for.

When you give blood, you give another birthday, anniversary, another laugh, another hug, another chance.

Please give blood.



November 12, 1998
1 to 7 p.m.
Temple Israel

If you haven't been contacted, please call Matt Ferer, 342-2436, to set up your appointment.

Torah Study is Available For All

Saturday Mornings
10:30 a.m.

The Bill Moyers' **Genesis** series brought to the American television public a new appreciation of the power and depth of some of the oldest stories ever told. That series was only a part of the renaissance of interest in the Bible. Sometimes it takes a reminder from the general culture to draw our attention to the treasures that are our own.

The new interest in the old stories reveals something we have known all along—that Torah has the power to change the way we look at the world and that the study of Torah adds tremendous depth and meaning to our lives. It is no secret—just ask the people who come every Shabbat morning to pray together in the Chapel and to study Torah.

As we start the cycle of reading the Torah over again, now is a wonderful time to begin your journey into Torah study. Join us every Shabbat morning for Simcha B'Shabbat service, singing and Torah study at 10:30 in the Livingston Chapel.



Temple Israel To

Host Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Wednesday, November 25
7:30 p.m.

It is with great pleasure that Temple Israel hosts the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Please plan now to join us as we welcome our neighbors from the following congregations: Dundee Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Margaret Mary's Church, and Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church.

Rabbi Azriel and members of the clergy from the other congregations will deliver brief messages of Thanksgiving designed for both children and adults.

Cantor Blum and the music directors from the participating churches have prepared a magnificent musical program including vocal and hand-bell choirs. Temple Israel's Kol Rina choir and Shofar choirs will also participate.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving themes of abundance and sharing, each individual and/or family is asked to bring a can of food as a donation to the Omaha Food Bank. Monetary donations will also be collected at the conclusion of the service for the Omaha Food Bank. Baskets will be placed at the exit doors and in the reception areas.

A dessert reception hosted by all the congregations will follow the service. This will be a wonderful opportunity for mingling and fellowship. A separate gathering is planned for members of the Youth Groups.

Extra parking will be available at the First United Methodist Church. Sitter service is available during the program. Please call the Temple office, 556-6536, to make your reservation so we may plan accordingly. We do not have facilities for infants.

Baked goods are needed for the reception. If you wish to bake or have any questions regarding the Thanksgiving service, please call Sandy Passer at 330-4289.

Sisterhood

We've been busy collecting books for the **USED BOOK SALE** next summer. We need yours. Call Debby Josephson, 758-2772, for pick-up.

Thank you to: Stacie and Bob Bleicher and the Slutzky family for donating the pumpkins and gourds used to decorate the outdoor Sukkah.

Pancake Break-fast
Sunday, December 6
9-11 a.m.

Join Sisterhood immediately following the Pancake Breakfast to create wearable art for Chanukah. Bring clothing to decorate and we will provide the decorations. For more information, please contact Diane Graul, 391-5631

Serenity for Shabbat

Friday Mornings
Nov. 20 & Dec 11 9:30-11 a.m.

Come learn how relaxing and revitalizing Yoga can be. Suzy Rubin will lead this peaceful break from hectic schedules. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow and large towel.

Baklava

That Sweet, Nutty Dessert

Ever wonder how it is made? Come to the Temple Kitchen Sunday, November 15 at 10 a.m. to learn all of Jim Clark's secrets for this wonderful dessert.

Chanukah is December 13

Our gift shop will be stocked with toys, games, dreidles, candles, wrappings, gifts.

Start making your list and shop early.

Dr. Rami Arav Scheduled to Teach

Thursdays November 5 and December 10, Dr. Rami Arav will teach the Sisterhood Adult Education class from 10-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Arav is the Director of Excavations for the Bethsaida Project in Israel. He is a noted Israeli lecturer and archaeologist and is currently serving as a distinguished visiting professor of Religion, International Studies and Geography at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

He will discuss recent Israeli archeological discoveries and their impact on our understanding of Talmudic issues.

Men's Club

Guest Speaker

Dr. Richard Shugrue
Sunday, November 8 10 a.m.

Dr. Shugrue, Professor of Law at Creighton University, will speak on "Post-Election Results and Pending Impeachment."

Join us for the traditional lox and bagel breakfast. Free for Men's Club members; \$3 for non-members.

Food For Thought

Tuesday, November 17
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Temple Israel

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

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

Great for Chanukah Shopping And Gifts!
Proceeds go to Temple's Camp Scholarship Fund
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Left to right: Joanie Bernstein, Donna Greenberg, Anne Cohen, and David Goldberg take a break during a recent Adult Education Task Force meeting.

Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Israel A Dream? - No! A Goal

Here is a front-burner question a Temple task force is now working on: How can we create a broad-based, welcoming, stimulating program that will draw our adults into the riches and fulfillment of Jewish study?

Discussion and planning is being done with the guidance of Sara Lee, Director, and Isa Aron, Professor, of the HUC-JIR Rhea Hirsch School of Education. They have met twice since September with the Temple committee and will return four to six times during the coming year.

Israel!

Don't miss it....

Outreach Mission II

The sequel will be as good as the original!

March 8-18, 1999

This mission is specifically geared for couples with one spouse not born Jewish. The 10-day trip is only \$1199, from Omaha, for first-time mission participants.

There was a wonderful response to the recent informational meeting featuring Rabbi Azriel and guide Alex Fleischer—"the ultimate Israeli guide!"—who will join again to conduct a reprise of the hit Outreach Mission two years ago.

Questions? Call Rabbi Azriel, 556-6536, or Jan Perelman, Omaha Jewish Federation Executive Director, 334-8200.

Educational Perspectives

Ann Kibel Schwartz
"Sharing Our Children"

There are so many ways we share our children with each other. Some are obvious and others more subtle. One of my favorites is sitting in Shabbat services and watching parents with their children, sitting and communicating with each other in the body and soul language of love.

On a recent Friday evening at Temple, I enjoyed watching a six-year-old mold himself into the soft and comforting side of his mother as she relaxed into the gentle embrace of Shabbat, letting go of her worries to enjoy the Shalom.

On a Shabbat morning, I was entertained by the big, strong daddy who offered up his shoulders, arms, neck, ears and patience to the service of his little girls' comfort and entertainment. I also felt moved by the proud twelve-year-old, reading prayers in Hebrew along side an even prouder parent.

To these parents I say, thank you for being with your children in a place of community worship where others can feel some of the warmth that radiates from your relationships with your children. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

It is important to remember that when we share our children, it is not only the joys that need to be shared. We also need to share the struggles.

An important way to help parents in their efforts to raise another generation of knowledgeable and responsible Jews is to **remember the Education Fund at Temple Israel.** Over the past decade, a significantly large amount of money has been devoted to scholarships. Now these funds are running low. It is time to replenish this valuable resource. We must continue to help parents who need this extra boost to give their children the advantages of both formal and informal Jewish educational experiences. Please share your resources with the children whose future we share.

A special thank you-

to Kimberly Robinson for remembering a tradition in her synagogue and donating the delicious candy bars, a wonderful addition to our Simchat Torah observance.

What's Happening In Religious School

Parent Open House Sunday, November 15
Jerry Kaye, Director of OSRUI, will be a featured guest at a Parent Open House. A family breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., students will go to class and parents will begin a special session on "Jewish Identity." Parents and children will gather together for a family worship experience followed by Open House visits to the classrooms. NOTE: Jerry Kaye's many other activities for the entire weekend are described in this issue on page 7.

Grade 7 Hosting Shabbaton November 20-21
Seventh grade students from Temple B'nai Yahudah in Kansas City are being hosted by our seventh grade students for this Shabbaton. Activities include Friday Shabbat dinner and worship services. Mitzvah projects at shelters for the homeless and a variety of Shabbat and social experiences will be held Saturday.

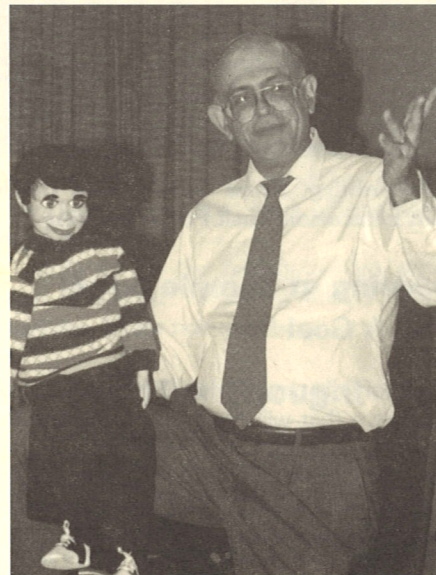
Jewish Book Report Contest November/December
November reading will lead to December entries in the annual Elinor Whitman Jewish Book Report and Book Jacket Design Contest, sponsored by the Jewish Federation Library and Omaha's Jewish schools. It is open to children in grades K through 8. Application and instruction forms will be distributed to all students.

No Religious School November 25 - 29
There will be no Religious School classes Wednesday through Sunday. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving vacation. Religious school classes and Keep-Up lessons resume Tuesday, December 1.

New Parent Toddler Classes begin December 3
Parent/Toddler classes provide a variety of age-appropriate activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers ages 12-36 months. Beginning December 3, a Thursday morning class will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Ann Kibel Schwartz, Director of Education, and Joan Cooper, Religious School Staff Coordinator, will lead the class, with guest appearances from Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Debbie Stiel and Cantor Jennifer Blum. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Winter Session of Torah Tot Class begins December 1, 3 & 5
A wonderful opportunity for preschoolers to build independence is available in 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Friday classes for 2 1/2 - to 4 year olds. These classes will feature a variety of fun educational activities led by Stephanie Grossman. The needs of each child are considered in the decision whether parents will drop off their children or stay and participate in the class until the child is comfortable in the classroom environment. The rabbis, cantor and special guest educators will also be a part of the Torah Tots experience. For further information, call 556-6536.

Mark Levy And "Friends" To Join Monthly Family Services



Mark Levy and "Nasher" were introduced to our congregation at the October Family Service.

Mark B. Levy is an educator and ventriloquist who uses hand puppets to convey and teach relevant issues, primarily to children.

He and his many "special friends" will come to each Family Service this year and present a variety of moral issues and family situations we all deal with.

Take-home worksheets with pertinent questions and suggestions for family discussions will be available following each service.

This unique program coordinated by our clergy and religious school faculty with Mr. Levy appeals to all ages, as was evident at the first service held in October.

Join us November 20 at 7:30 p.m. for another special worship service.



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, November 6
and
Friday, December 4

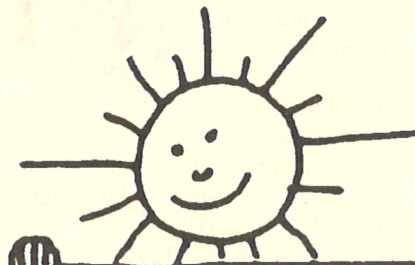
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Livingston Chapel

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.

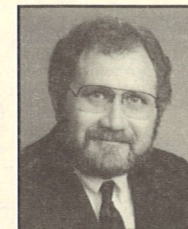
OSRUI had a record breaking 1998 season with 1100 campers.

Temple Israel was recognized for having an "Outstanding Number of Campers from a Large Congregation."



CAMP WEEKEND 1998

He's Back! Join OSRUI Director Jerry Kaye for the 1998 Camp Weekend November 13-15



November 13
6:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

November 14
4 p.m.

November 15
10:35 a.m.

Guest of honor at
Camp Reunion Dinner

Mr. Kaye will give a
sermon to delight all.

Special Havdalah for
Grades Three and Four
families at the home of
Rabbi Azriel.

Jerry will meet with parents
during Religious School
Open House.

Jerry Kaye has a myriad credentials, post-graduate degrees and wide honor and recognition among his colleagues.

A gifted speaker who loves to tell stories, Jerry is the enormously popular director of the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute.

We welcome Jerry Kaye back for another successful weekend.

Birthday Blessings

Family Service
November 20 7:30 p.m.

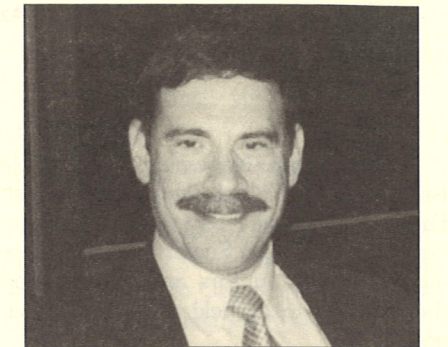
Children who celebrate their birthdays during the month of November will be invited to the Bima for a special blessing at the Shabbat Evening Service.

Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening, Saturday mornings when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. Sitter Service is also available Sunday mornings during Religious School hours. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family if reservations are made prior to Friday. Drop-ins will be \$3 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

Please note there will be no sitter service for the November 27, 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service.

Board Cameos



Dr. Michael Walts is a Vice-President of Temple who lists his special interests as Temple (!) and playing the guitar and singing Jewish music. He and Beth have two children, A.J. and Holly. The Walts' hometown is St. Louis. They have lived in Omaha and been Temple members for 10 years.



Marc Delman is President of Temple's Men's Club. An attorney, he is a native Omahan. Marc and Mitzi, along with their son Benjamin, are active in a wide variety of Temple programs. Sports cars and antique toys are two of Marc's particular interests.



Barbara Rips was born in Kansas City but has lived in Omaha since she was a child. A long-time Temple member whose daughter-in-law, Jane Rips, is a past Temple president, Barbara lists her special interests as Tuesday Musical series, photography and tennis. She has four sons and five grandchildren.

High School Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director

Wednesday, November 18, Temple Israel and Beth El high schools and Jewish Family Service will co-sponsor a "College-Bound Juniors and Seniors Program" for all community Juniors and Seniors and their parents to be held at Beth El Synagogue.

A review of college guidebooks and the computer programs many high schools subscribe to offer no information about religious programming of any kind. When looking at colleges, students look at what subjects are being taught at each school, the location of the school, its size and whether it is situated in a city or suburb. These are only some of the prime factors in selecting which schools to apply to.

When students think of extra curriculums, what comes to mind are the campus athletics, the clubs, the fraternities and sororities. For most kids who are deciding on a college, the presence of Judaism on campus is far from their minds. So, what happens to Jewish college freshmen's religious identity, affiliation and observances once they begin life on campus? Various opportunities for involvement in the Jewish communities of college campuses exist and the "College-Bound Juniors and Seniors Program" will explore and discuss what these opportunities are.

Fortunately, there are programs offered on campus which can help students, often far from home, maintain their religious identities. One such place is the Hillel House on campus. Hillel Houses organize activities to get Jewish students acquainted with each other.

Gary Shyken, currently the Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at the Cleveland Hillel Foundation, will join the program to discuss topics such as

- How do Jewish kids connect on campus?
- What Jewish experiences have kids had on campus?
- Can I meet Jewish kids if I'm not in the Greek system?
- What is Hillel all about?

Also joining the group will be Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity Director, Sidney Dunn. He will be addressing the Jewish fraternities and sororities on campus. Todd Ephraim, Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, will be the moderator and will begin the evening with "Why should I connect Jewishly in college?"

On November 4th, the 9-12 grades at Temple will meet the Scary Guy. Yes, that's his legal name. But Scary is more than just about attracting attention to himself. He wants us to look at ourselves. What you look like doesn't matter. It's what's inside that counts.

With a commanding presence, flattop haircut, silver piercings through the bridge of his nose and tattoos crawling around his face, Scary knows he's instantly judged simply because of the way he looks. He also knows others are judged the same way simply because of their manner of dress, weight, color, gender, income, age, education, sexuality. The list goes on and on.

"Prejudice creeps in every nook and cranny of everybody's life - and I mean everybody's," he said. His message is one of tolerance. "Discrimination is like an apple," he explains, "with everybody biting it to the core." Unlike many of us, he chose much of his appearance. But the fact is, tattoos are a part of who he is - but only a part. And like everybody else, he is a human being with ideas, dreams and something to offer, something more than first impressions and preconceptions.

"Kids love me," said Scary. "All of us have, like, a special radar in our heart, only kids' auras are not all polluted yet, so they see the kid in me first. They don't see the adult authority figure who's going to point out everything that they're doing wrong." Unlike many in this world, he wears his true colors on his face for all to see, but his smile is anything but painted on.



OTYG Board at Leadership Conclave

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Fall Review

Thank you to the Youth Group Board for all their hard work this fall! They coordinated nine successful activities in September and six in October. They are putting to use the skills they worked on at Leadership Training in September. Attendance at events is steadily increasing thanks to their hard work on flyers and phone calls, and because the programs are FUN!

Conclave Update

Departure time for Fall Conclave has been changed to Thursday, November 19, at 11:30 p.m. Activities are planned at Temple starting at 10 p.m. We will arrive in Denver around 9 a.m. Friday and will have the day to relax, swim and visit with the Kansas City group and other early arrivals.

Winter Conclave will be December 25-28 in St. Louis. The cost will be around \$150. If you are planning to apply for a scholarship, please consider the JELS program through the Jewish Federation. Applications are due one month before the grant is needed, so this would be a good time to apply. Call us for more information.

OTYG Movie Marathon

Nikki Flatowicz

The over-night at the Grossmans' house September 26 was a great success.

Eighteen members showed up and all of them had a great time. The night started with a cookout. We watched movies, went to Village Inn and listened to music. I cooked pancakes in the morning. All in all, it was a fun night.

JYG

Steve Sternberg

Junior Youth Group and some OTYG board members went to Nebraska City October 4.

We saw an apple-processing facility as well as Arbor Lodge, Civil War re-enactors and an apple juice press. Ben Taxman and Samantha Friedman volunteered as crank turners.

The weather kept some people in, but those of us who went had a great time.

OTYG

Stephanie and Barry Grossman, Advisor

Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, November 8, 12:15 p.m.
OTYG Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 6 p.m.
OTYG Dinner Youth Lounge

Sunday, November 15
JYG Oakview Mall Scavenger Hunt
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 6 p.m.
JYG Dinner Youth Lounge

November 20-22
Fall Conclave in Denver, CO

Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.
Community Thanksgiving Service with Youth Gathering in Youth Lounge following

Thursday, December 3, 6 p.m.
OTYG Board Meeting

Sunday, January 10, 1999

Spaghetti Dinner

(To our congregants: Please think about what you would like to donate to benefit your Youth Group and Camp Rainbow. We'll be calling you soon!)

April 15-18, 1999

Senior Function and Spring Conclave in Omaha (Wouldn't it be fun to house a few teenagers for a night?)

Youth Lounge Social Time

The Youth Lounge is open every Wednesday from 4-6:30 p.m. Come join us for schmoozing, doing your homework, or maybe even helping with flyers, mailings, and assisting with programs. We hope to see you soon.

Hi-Tech Surf Sites

Pages on the Reform Web

www.shamash.org/reform/ - Home page for the Reform movement
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/ - UAHC home page
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/tour.htm - Self-guided tour of Reform sites
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/conglist.html - Use this to search for any UAHC congregation
www.huc.edu - HUC-JIR home page
www.shamash.org/reform/ccar/ - CCAR home page

Education

www.compassnet.com/~maqom/ - Rabbi Judith Abrams' Maqom Talmud class
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/dc/dc001/torahnet.html - Torahnet page links to hundreds of divrei torah
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/growth/ - UAHC Department of Adult Jewish Growth

Discussion Groups

To subscribe to any of these groups, send the following message to listproc@shamash.org:

- for the Liberal Jewish Mailing List, or mail.liberal-judaism, send: subscribe mlj <your name>
- for the Liberal Torah Discussion List, or 1-torah, send: subscribe 1-torah <your name>
- for the Reform Judaism magazine discussion group, send: subscribe rjmag <your name>

The two biggest servers of Jewish-related mailing lists are Shamash and Virtual Jerusalem. Together they have close to 400 lists. To receive a complete listing, please send a message containing the single word, list, to listproc@shamash.org and listproc@jerl.co.il.

Best Places for Searches and Other Resources

www.altavist.digital.com/ - for searching web sites or news groups
www.dejanews.com/ - the best place to search news groups
www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/dc/dc001/calendar.html - Jewish holidays
tycho.usno.navy.mil/srss.html - Sunrise/sunset

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These donations that honor and remember families and friends are an important source of support for our congregation's activities and programs.

The Board of Trustees has now established three categories above our \$6 donation for those who wish to contribute at a different level to any of the Temple funds.

A special card will be sent for donations of \$25 and above.

We now have an adequate number of prayer books, so the Inscribed Prayer Book fund has been discontinued.

Thank you for your continued support of our funds.



Tree of Life

Commemorating the joyous moments in families' and friends' lives.

The following leaves have been added to our Tree of Life:

In honor of Sylvia and Maynard Katzman's special birthdays and their 50th wedding anniversary
With love, your family

In celebration of the marriage of Keri Saltzman to Phillip Bahar
Love, Mom and Alan

Additional Worship Times

Sunday Morning Chapel Prayer Service
November 8

9:15 a.m.

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

Friday, Erev Shabbat
November 20
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.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Alexander Matthew and Camero Blake Chesen, sons of Andrea and Mark Chesen, Philadelphia, PA. Grandparents are Vicki and Jerry Chesen and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krinsky, Philadelphia, PA and Dr. and Mrs. Jules Levin, Philadelphia, PA. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louie Chesen.

On the Marriage of:

Colleen Kennealy and Will Wallace. Parents are Elisabeth and Joseph Kennealy, Eagan, MN and Paity Wallace and the late Will Wallace, Sr., Montgomery, AL.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz is the former Kimberley Weaver. Parents are Jan Weaver and the late James Weaver and Debra and Richard Hauk and the late David Schwartz, Fort Pierce, FL.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bahar. Mrs. Bahar is the former Keri Saltzman. Parents are Rosalie and Ernest Saltzman and Sandy and Alan Nogg and Dr. Hadi Bahar, Potomac, MD.

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Howard Milder, husband of Freda Milder, father of Dr. Joel Milder and Judy Vann, and brother of Edward E. Milder;

Marshall I. Lewis, husband of Rochelle (Rocky) Lewis, father of Brian and Jay Lewis, brother of Denny and Gary Lewis;

Edith Feldman, mother of Ellie Penner;

Henry Stern, uncle of Barbara Gorelick;

Harriet Cherniack, mother of Lynne Bridgman and Mark Cherniack, sister of Roz Siegel, Dory Rose and Arthur Rivkin;

Robert Bernstein, father of Jeff Bernstein and Julie Metcalf, brother of Eleanor Alexander and Sylvia Wagner and uncle of Phyllis Glazer;

Rochelle Drolson, mother of Blake and Derek Drolson, daughter of Lorraine Reiss, sister of Joe and Robert Reiss and Elaine Nacron.

And extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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