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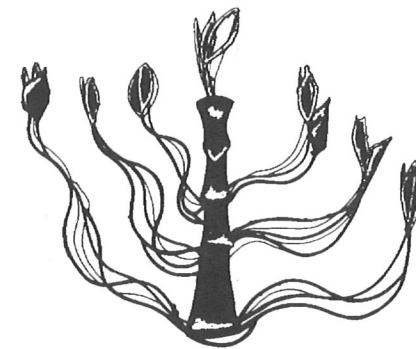
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Worship Services

Friday, January 4
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon
 Rabbi Debbie Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, January 5
 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Shemot
 Exodus 1:1-6:1

Friday, January 11
8 p.m.

Sermon
 Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, January 12
 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Jennifer Laudin
 daughter of
 Kathy Beauchaine and Jeff Laudin

Torah Portion: Va'era
 Exodus 6:2-9:35

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Lift Your Soul With Song Come Celebrate Shabbat Shira

YISM'CHU

Allegretto, joyously Freed
 CANTOR (or UNISON CHOIR)

Yis m' - chu v' - mal - chut-cha, yis - m' - chu v' - mal - chut - cha,

Shabbat Shira (Sabbath of Song) will be celebrated this year at Shabbat Services, 8 p.m. January 25 at Temple.

In the Torah portion for Shabbat Shira, from the Book of Exodus, Pharaoh pursues the newly liberated Israelites who are able to cross the Sea of Reeds safely while Pharaoh's men are destroyed.

Upon reaching the eastern shore of the sea, the Israelites sing to God in thanksgiving and praise. The name of this Torah portion is *Beshalach*. Within this portion are the verses called *Shirat HaYam* or *Az Yashir* (The Song at the Sea) in which is found the text to *Mi Chamocha*.

Shabbat Shira is "an excellent time to introduce new music to the congregation and to showcase the choir," Cantor Shermet said. The composer to be featured this year is

Isadore Freed, who was born in Russia in 1900. Freed grew up in Philadelphia and studied both in the United States and Paris. Freed became one of the first professors at the newly-opened School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College in 1950 where he was involved in preserving and continuing the musical liturgy of European Jewry. He died in 1960.

Cantor Shermet and the Kol Rina Choir will sing parts of two Freed services: the Hassidic Service for Sabbath Eve and the Sacred Service for Sabbath Eve. Jerry Brabec, who conducts the choir at Temple during the High Holy Days, will conduct the service, and is bringing members of his choir from St. Paul United Methodist Church. The choirs will repeat Freed's compositions January 27 at the church during its worship service.

(worship continued)

Friday, January 18
7:15 p.m.

OTYG Creative Family Service
"We Are the Dream"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
David and Brenda Firestone
and their children,
Merrick and Monica Firestone
and their children
and Gregory and Chalor Firestone
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah
of their niece

Saturday, January 19
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Taylor Beth Workman
daughter of
Keri and Tom Workman

Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16

Welcome New Members

Susan and Jeffrey Aizenberg

Temple Is Now On-Line!

Add these e-mail addresses to your directory:

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tisrael@qwest.net

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aazriel@qwest.net

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dstiel@qwest.net

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Joan Cooper
j_cooper@qwest.net

Elyce Azriel
eazriel@qwest.net

Rosie Zweiback
rzweiback@qwest.net

Friday, January 25
5:30 p.m.

Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

8 p.m.
Shabbat Shira
Cantor Wendy Shermet
Kol Rina Choir and
St. Paul Methodist Church Choir

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, January 26
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Allison Smoler
daughter of
Susie and Stewart Smoler

Torah Portion: Beshalach
Exodus: 13:17-17:16

Join the Omaha Temple Youth Group as they lead a Shabbat Worship Service

January 18 7:15 p.m.

This creative family service
will celebrate diversity
and teach tolerance.



Magnifying Glasses

available for use with
Prayer Books.
Please ask the usher
for a magnifier.
Hearing devices are
also available.

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, January 25
5:30 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.

Birthday Blessings Family Service

January 18 7:15 p.m.

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

Tri-Faith Vigil for Peace

Christian-Muslim-Jewish

Thursday
January 24 7 p.m.
Creighton University
Student Center Ballroom

Red Cross Blood Drive

sponsored by the
Jewish Federation of Omaha
Tuesday, January 29
4-7 p.m.

To register all Kathy Hirshman
334-6445

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.

Help the environment while helping
Temple! Thank You.

Noted Rabbi Karyn Kedar Will Open New Windows of Prayer and Worship At Temple

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Tiding

Erev Shabbat Worship
Friday, February 8
8 p.m.

Rabbi Kedar, Jerusalem's first female
rabbi, is currently the director of the
Great Lakes Region of the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations.

Jane Rips, a UAHC board member
and Temple Israel congregant,
describes Rabbi Kedar as "a delight."
"She is passionate and smart and
funny and a pleasure to be around.
Her leadership for the UAHC is
exemplary and she's widely regarded
as one of the young stars of the
Union."

In her book *God Whispers*, Rabbi
Kedar shares heartfelt stories of
everyday people whose challenges and
joys serve as inspiration. These
vignettes help readers interpret the
peaks and pitfalls in their own lives as
opportunities to deepen their
spirituality.

Gretchen Radler, Temple
congregant, describes Rabbi Kedar's
book as a "good aid in finding the
right perspective for spiritual growth.
It is subtle yet meaningful and spoken
in a common language that should
speak to everyone. I think it speaks
about truth, which is what finding
spirituality is really all about."

Please Remember to Bring Non-Perishable Food Staples and Personal Hygiene Items

There are two collection bins located
right inside the Newman Gateway
Doors at the south entrance.

The bins are inside a beautiful
cabinet that was hand-crafted and
finished by the late Ajon Farber, whose
artistry is visible inside and outside
Temple Israel. Lift the tops on this
cabinet's bins---donate your items each
time you come to Temple.

WRJ-O

Women's Retreat

Rabbi Kedar Joins The Travelling Tefillah Band

Sat., Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
to
Sun., Feb. 10, Noon

Worship services at the retreat will
be enriched by the participation of
Devra Lerner and Linda Salvey,
vocalists and guitarist from Kansas
City's Yachad, The Travelling Tefillah
Band.

Several retreat participants will read
from the Torah and lead other parts of
the service.

Rabbi Kedar will use the Shema as a
central text to teach how to connect to
one's spiritual self and find blessing in
everyday life. She will also use other
biblical texts to explore how each
person's life is a journey of the spirit
that is to be embraced.

The retreat is designed to give
women an opportunity to learn more
about their own spiritual journey and
to connect with other women in
lasting ways.

To round out the program, Cynthia
Wakeman from Human Resources
Associates will lead a number of fun
team-building exercises. By the end of
the weekend, participants should be
reinvigorated in their Judaism,
delighted with their deeper knowledge
of Jewish texts, and energized by the
new relationships they have developed
with other women at Temple.

The \$100 fee for the retreat covers
room (double occupancy) and meals at
the newly-remodeled Park Inn
Regency Lodge at 107th and Pacific
Streets. WRJ-O is paying for all other
programming costs. Please send in
your registration and fee today. The
deadline to register is January 10.

Rabbi Kedar's book, *God Whispers*
is available for \$15 in the Temple
office. Her newest book, *Dance With
The Dolphins*, is also available.

Don't Look Now ---
But Pesach's Coming!



Do you ever feel as if you have been
eating the exact same Seder meal since
before you were young enough to recite
the Four Questions? Do you ever think
there must be a better way to fix gefilte
fish than taking it out of the
Manishevitz jar? Do you ever wonder
if a "delicious Passover dessert made
with matzoh meal" is merely an
oxymoron? Do you panic when
someone tells you it's your turn to make
the matzoh ball soup this year? If you
answer "yes" to any of these questions,
have we got a program for you!

Mark the Date Tuesday, February 19 Noon WRJ-O Passover Program

Come for Lunch, get a WRJ-O
Passover Cookbook, and hear some
wonderful Passover stories from some
of our members.

P.S. Do you have some dynamite
Passover recipes? We need them for
our cookbook.

Call Judy Zweiback, 397-1975, or
email to jzweiback@aol.com.

L'Hitraot....Farewell to
Barbara Gottlieb and
Carolyn on their move
to Pittsburgh

The Board of Jewish Senior
Services invites the community
to a farewell party
Sunday, January 13
2-4 p.m. JCC Auditorium

Ten Congregants Attend Record Setting UAHC Biennial

Nearly 6,000 Reform Jews, including ten from Omaha, attended the UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations) 66th Biennial Convention, December 5-9, in Boston, Massachusetts. "Despite concern that attendance would be down this year in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks," said Jane Rips, a vice chairman of the UAHC Executive Board and Temple Congregant, "more people attended than ever before."

In addition to Rips, others who attended from Omaha were Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Mike Walts, Sally and Gary Kaplan, Stacey Rockman, Dorothy Spizman, Stephanie Grossman, Rosie Zweiback, and Amy Willensky, who attends Cornell University.

Held once every two years, the UAHC Biennial is an opportunity for Reform Jews to totally immerse themselves in Judaism. Away from the everyday, there's time to explore synagogue life and gather new ideas, study with scholars and celebrate with friends, learn from professionals and each other, and sing and schmooze.

More than 200 workshops covered

every aspect of synagogue life. Some of the best known Jewish entertainers performed including Roberta Peters and Peter Yarrow in a memorial concert for past UAHC President Alexander M. Schindler, Debbie Friedman, and Rick Recht (who will perform in Omaha on January 12, see article on p.5). The Exhibit Hall featured the largest exhibit of Judaic art in North America.

Gary Kaplan, a vice president on Temple's Board of Trustees, said the music was the highlight for him. He enjoyed "bringing more of the traditional melodies into the service and combining them with new singable melodies that grew out of Jewish summer camp experiences." Kaplan also was struck by "the brilliance, compassion, and enthusiasm of the national leaders." He also enjoyed the "tribute to past leaders who extended the reach of Judaism to include more women, the intermarried, gays and lesbians, and Jews who have disabilities."

Amy Willensky attended the college program of the Biennial. "Just being with 6,000 Reform Jews in one place,

talking with them, praying with them, is an opportunity that doesn't come along too often," she pointed out.

Rips said the highlight for her was "the entire Shabbat experience. Every minute of Shabbat was the highlight, starting with the lovely, inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat services, dinner, an unbelievable song session, dancing, and glorious music. It was a joyous celebration of Shabbat," she marveled. The next morning, there was a 150-voice biennial choir, a beautiful service, and current UAHC President Rabbi Eric Yoffie's inspiring sermon.

In it, he called for a change in the way Reform children are educated. He called for the implementation of standards because "even the youngest children should know that Reform Judaism makes demands on us; it does not mean doing whatever you please."

Are you wishing for a glimpse of the proceedings at the UAHC Biennial held in Boston this month? CD-ROM disks with the highlights of the convention are available to borrow at the reception desk in the main office.

Temple Hosts "First Encounter" of Three Faiths

Three hundred people from three different faiths attended the December 1 showing of the documentary, "The Road to Morocco: American Jews, Christians and Muslims in Dialogue." The gathering at Temple was part of the Scholar-in-Residence weekend presented by Rabbi Dr. Richard A. Freund, director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies and the Greenberg Professor of Jewish History at the University of Hartford, Connecticut.

Dr. Freund, formerly with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, gave the Erev Shabbat sermon the previous night on "Jews, Christians and Muslims - Connected and Distinct." At the concluding program on Sunday morning, Dr. Freund talked about the "Return to the Cave of Letters: The Rest of the Story."

After a panel discussion among the Rev. Chad Anglemeyer, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church; Abdul Raheem Yaseer,

assistant director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at UNO and a member of the executive committee of the Islamic Center of Omaha; Rabbi Azriel; and Dr. Freund on Saturday afternoon, the crowd gathered in the Social Hall. Rabbi Azriel celebrated Havdalah and Rev. Anglemeyer recited a prayer while the Muslims recited their prayers in the Milder Center before returning to the Social Hall for dessert with the rest of the group.

Shakil Ahmed, vice president of the Islamic Center, described the occasion as "a worthwhile event" and said he looks "forward to our next collaboration."

Rabbi Azriel said he is planning to call for a meeting of the three major faith participants to evaluate the event and put their ideas "into action to bring the communities closer." He suggested that a women's dialogue group, possibly as a book club, as well as a dialogue group between men might evolve from the meeting, adding that he feels "very optimistic as a result of our first encounter."

S O S

**Sermons on Sundays
continue with Rabbi Debbie Stiel
and UNO Professor Guy Matalon**

SOS takes place Sunday mornings when there is not another adult education opportunity scheduled. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel has completed his portion of the series which now continues with different topics.

Rabbi Stiel's topic, "Judaism and the Messiah," will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. January 6, 13, 20; February 17, 24; and March 3.

Rabbi Stiel commented that she thinks "a lot of people are interested in this subject:" and added that "most Jews don't know very much about the concept of a Messiah because we don't talk a lot about it. Yet the concept of a Messiah comes from Judaism."

In her Sunday Seminar class, she plans "to look at the origins and development of the idea of the Messiah in Judaism and how it differs from the Messiah in Christianity."

Guy Matalon will speak on "I'm Dead, Now What?" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. January 21; April 21 and 28; and May 12.

An assistant professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Professor Matalon is a Ph.D. candidate in Medieval Jewish Thought from New York University. He chose his topic because he is researching immortality for his doctorate. "The sources give us many different answers and possibilities of what happens to us when we die," he said.

Save the Date!

**Outreach Program
Sunday, February 17
10-11:30 a.m.**

"When Cupid Strikes"

Cantor Shermet to Teach Music of the Jewish Year

Cantor Wendy Shermet will begin her portion of Adult Study with the Clergy at 10 a.m. Thursday morning, February 7.

Cantor's focus will be on "The Jewish Year Through Music" which will include Shabbat and holiday songs.

"Each calendar event of the Jewish year has its own sound," she explained. She will sing those sounds, play recordings, and teach participants some of the songs in the 90-minute class.

Cantor Shermet and Rabbi Azriel teach on alternating Thursdays.

Adult Study with the Clergy is part of the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning, which also sponsors SOS. (see article this page)

Rick Recht's Jewish Rock Band to Perform Jan. 12 at JCC

Sponsored by Omaha Temple Israel Youth Group and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the Rick Recht Band, from St. Louis, will perform live at 7:30 p.m. in the JCC theatre.

The three-member Jewish rock band features Rick Recht, lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist; Darin 'Daddy D' Pierce on piano, keyboards, and B3 organ; and Dennis Stringfield, drums, congas, bongos, djembe, doumbek, bells, shakers, tambourine, and log drum.

Local instrumental and vocal talent will perform with the band which will begin with Havdalah and conclude with a reception.

Mike Walts, president of Temple's Board of Trustees, saw Rick Recht perform at the recent UAHC Biennial in Boston. "They were great," he said and described the group as "engaging, energetic, and enthusiastic."

Tickets are \$3 per person (in advance); \$5 per person (at the door). Please call Stephanie Grossman at Temple, 556-6536, or Rachel Blum at the JCC, 334-6404, for more information.

Thanks to the Mort A. Richards Youth Fund and the Jewish Educational and Library Services, for making this program possible.

Experience the Joy of Music and Prayer

**Erev Shabbat Worship
Friday, February 1
8 p.m.**

**with Yachad, the
Traveling Tefillah Band**

You'll be tapping your toes and feeling the music hearing this ensemble of vocalists, and musicians from Kansas City whose rhythms, harmonies, and contemporary renditions add new dimensions to prayer.

Yachad's participation in the service is designed to make traditional prayers accessible and inviting as well as to encourage active participation and spiritual connection among all who share the worship experience.

"Part of Yachad's goal is to access the meaning of the prayers, to speak to people where they are for people who are not familiar with what the prayers mean," said Devra Lerner, a founding member of the band. "People come and they laugh and they cry and they pray," she added, "and nobody holds back."

"I think we're in for a special treat," said Temple Program Director Rosie Zweiback. "Mark your calendars for February 1!"



Rabbi Azriel, assisted by Ari Yoel, lead the Havdalah ceremony.



What's Happening in Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

New Data to Compute

The idea of a computer lab for our children has been a dream of the Religious School Committee for quite some time. Through a generous gift from the **Brad Sperling Fund for Education**, our Religious School students can now take a "byte" out of their Hebrew and Judaic education. Stop by Room 6 and watch as our 3rd through 6th graders reinforce their curriculum with the help of our *Madrich* (Teaching Assistant), Jon Gates. The next phase of our computer lab is to expand our software for the early primary grades pre-kindergarten through second!

Winners One and All

The list of Hebrew Riddle Contestants just keeps growing! Students are challenged to answer Alef-bet riddles in each Religious School Newsletter. Congratulations to the following students for submitting the correct answers to last month's riddles: BEN OZEROFF, GRACE HACK, HANNAH FERER, BRENNAN ROBINSON, and JACOB COHN.

A "Novel" Invitation

All Religious School students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in the Elinor Whitman Jewish Book Report and Book Jacket Design Contest. Entry forms will be sent home this month and are also available in the Religious School Office.

Classes Resume Sunday, January 6

Religious School resumes Sunday, January 6 for grades PK through 6. Family School resumes Tuesday, January 8, Keep-Up on Wednesday, January 9 and the first Thursday of the year will be January 10.

Grade 4 Visits Blumkin Home Sunday, January 13

Fourth Graders will again be meeting at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:15 a.m. This intergenerational learning is a remarkable experience for everyone who participates.

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, January 20

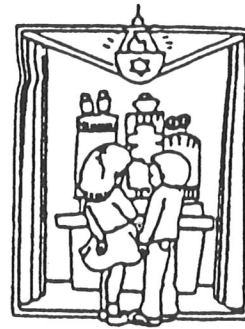
Parents are encouraged to join Religious School for the first family worship assembly of 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to Noon.

Grade 2 visits Blumkin Home Sunday, January 27

Students will meet at the Rose Blumkin Jewish home to celebrate *Tu B'Shevat* with the residents, at 10:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to join.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades 1-6 Sunday, February 3

1st through 6th grade parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress on a Sunday morning! Families with last names beginning with M-Z come from 10-11 a.m. Families with last names beginning with A-L come from 11 a.m. - Noon. This is a "free" make-up day for students IF a parent attends the brief conference.



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, January 4
and
Friday, February 1

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 the clergy and Patty Nogg.**

Did you know that sitter service is available

- Every Friday evening at the 8 p.m. or 7:15 p.m. service
- Every Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah
- Every Sunday morning during Religious School

(Reservations and a \$2 donation are appreciated)

Imagine these happy faces on your kids!

Summer's coming...and so is CAMPING!

Jerry Kaye, director of Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union Institute (OSRUI), generated a lot of enthusiasm for these Temple students who want to go to camp.

Parents, if you want more information or to get an application for 2002 OSRUI camp sessions, call the Temple office, 556-6536. Scholarships are available.

Will You Host Some Maccabi Athletes?

200 more homes needed
for August Games

The Jewish Community Center is looking for Jewish homes to house over 800 athletes for the JCC Maccabi games in Omaha August 4-9, 2002. The JCC Maccabi Games are a weeklong athletic competition in a wide variety of sports for teenagers age 13-16. As a host family you will get a chance to show teen athletes a little Omaha hospitality by opening your home for five nights and six days.

Responsibilities include: provide transportation to the JCC in the morning and pick-up each evening; provide reasonable sleeping accommodations (bed, cot, couch or blow-up mattress); must be able to host a minimum of two athletes and provide dinners and breakfasts every day. If you are interested and want to be part of a once-in-a-lifetime event, please contact Corey Kirshenbaum at 334-6415.

A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?
Explore Jewish Spirituality,
Ethics and Community.
For the Beginner - Jewish or Not
A Reform rabbi will be teaching

3 FREE

classes on Thursday evenings.

For more information

please call

556-6536

Registration is required
and space is limited.

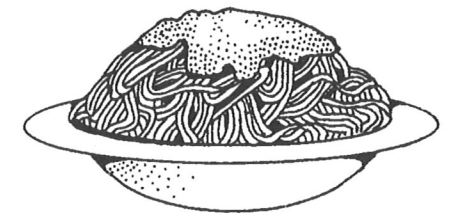
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IT'S
JUST
AROUND
THE
CORNER!



OTYG
SPAGHETTI
DINNER
and
AUCTION



Sunday, February 10

5:00 p.m.

Adults - \$8.00
Children - \$4.00

An exciting auction of
goods and services

Proceeds will benefit Camp Rainbow
(for terminally ill children)
and the Omaha Temple
Youth Group

Call the Temple office, 556-6536,
by **Monday, February 4**
to make your reservation

If you can donate an item or a
service to be auctioned, please
contact the Temple office, 556-
6536; Stephanie Grossman,
Youth Group Director, 556-4596

500 Attend Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at Temple



Temple member Hilde Gottlieb joined visitors at the community service.



Tree of Life

Commemorating the joyous moments in families' and friends' lives

The following leaf has been added to our Tree of Life:

In Celebration of
45th Anniversary
Sarah and Ted Seldin
With love from
Your Friends

Bequest

The Board of Trustees was notified that the late Esther and David Rice directed a bequest to our congregation.

We are very grateful for their including Temple Israel in their estate planning.

If you wish information about Temple's endowment program, please call Dorothy Spizman, Executive Director, 556-6536.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Evan Simon Myers, son of Leslie and Curt Myers, New York, NY. Grandparents are Kathy and Steve Simon, and Martha and Gerry Myers, New London, CT. Great-grandmother is Jean Weil, Cleveland, OH.

William Conrad Kully, son of Kris and David Kully, Washington, D.C. Grandparents are Wanda Stootsberry, Gray, GA, and Connie and Bob Kully.

Eitan Daniel Rosenquist, son of Julie and Thor Rosenquist. Grandparents are Silvia and Larry Roffman, and Pat and Jim Rosenquist. Great-grandparents are Debby and Arthur Greene, Evelyn Ahlstrand, and the late Ruth Roffman Shapiro.

Thanks from.....

Sarah Spooner to everyone who donated books to the Child Saving Institute for her Bat Mitzvah Tzedakah Project.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Florence Eisenberg, wife of George Eisenberg, mother of CeCe Belrose, Joseph Eisenberg and Steven Eisenberg, and sister of Cheryl Lerner and William Nerenberg;

Dave Bernstein, father of Terrance Bernstein and Marshall Bernstein, and brother of Lillian Sager and Sam Bernstein;

Monroe Rosenberg, husband of Helen Rosenberg, father of Maynard Rosenberg, Howard Rosenberg and Marilyn Tipp, and step-father of Lawrence Brown and Bill Barron;

Viola Eisenberg, mother of Sandra Somr and Barbara Smith, sister of Gene Somr and sister-in-law of George Eisenberg

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

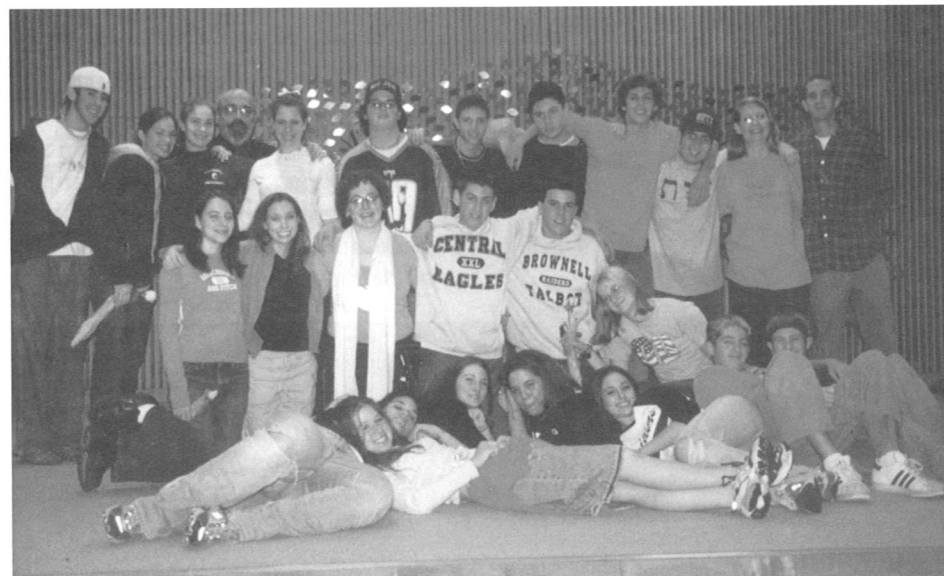


Congregational Chanukah Dinner Glowed With Addition Of Acco Youth Ensemble

Forty musicians from Acco, Israel joined an overflow crowd for Chanukah dinner and services December 14.



150 Attend "Amazing" Western Fall Conclave in Omaha

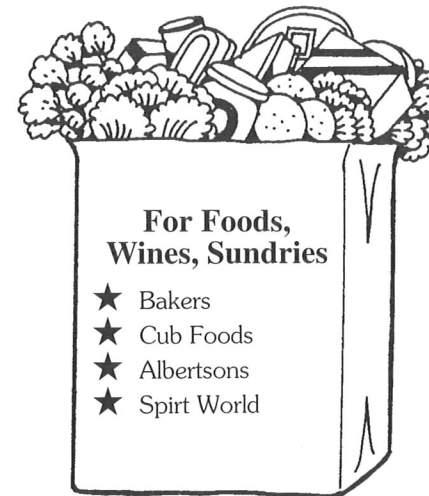


From the opening mixers; Shabbat services; programs on Israel, Jewish values, and friendship; song sessions; socializing; and Havdalah to the final friendship circle, the Western Fall Conclave hosted by Omaha Temple Youth Group (OTYG) in November was

deemed "a huge success."

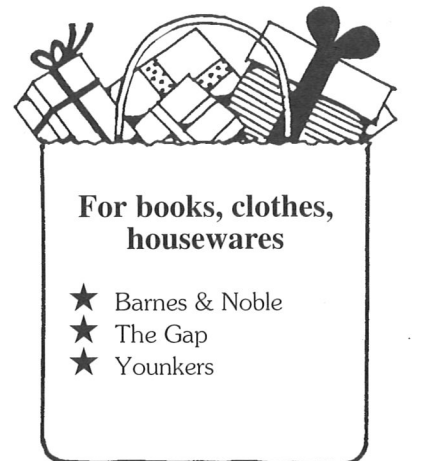
Rabbi Azriel commended Stephanie Grossman, Youth Director, and Josh Katelman, Assistant Youth Director, for their "handiwork resulting in an amazing conclave" along with the congregation's support of the youth group.

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If you know another person who needs the same, please ask the individual for permission to read his/her name before calling the office.

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The gates are open
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January 2002 – Tevet/Shevat 5762

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				JANUARY 3 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School	4 Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	5 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
6 Religious School Pre- Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m.	7	8 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12 Step 7:30 p.m.	9 Religious School & Dinner Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45- 8:15 p.m.	10 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. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	11 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	12 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Laudin
13 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 3 & Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 4 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:45 a.m. Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m.	14	15 Conversation with Rabbi Azriel 12-1 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.	16 Religious School Social Justice Club 5:30-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	17 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. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	18 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	19 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Workman
20 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grades 6 10-Noon Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Retreat 12:30-5 p.m.	21	22 Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Family School 6:15- 8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	23 Religious School Youth Group Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	24 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. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Taste of Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	25 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	26 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Allison Smoler
27 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 1 & Grades 3-6 10-Noon Grade 2 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:45 a.m. Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m.	28	29 Family School 6:15- 8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	30 Religious School Grades 7/8 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 @ JCC 7-9 p.m.	31 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. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Taste of Judaism 7-9 p.m.	FEBRUARY 1 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Yachad the Traveling T 'Fillah Band	2 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Amy Schweid