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Worship Services

Friday, February 1
 7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

A Celebration of Synagogue 2000

D'var Torah
Dr. Michael Walts

Special Guests
**Yachad, the
 Traveling Tefillah Band**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 the family of Amy Schweid and
 the members of Synagogue 2000

Saturday, February 2
 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Amy Schweid
 daughter of
 Bonnie Schweid and Stuart Wardell
 and Jeff Schweid and Sharon Sobel

Torah Portion: Yitro
 Exodus 18:1-20:23

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As I See It...

How ironic! After surviving the expulsion from Spain, and the Holocaust more recently, and witnessing the subsequent reestablishment of the Jewish State in the Land of Israel, some Jews are nevertheless overwrought with anxiety over the potential extinction of Judaism. This destructive self-doubt is compounded by the much-talked-about statistics regarding nonaffiliation and intermarriage. The survival of Judaism into the 21st Century is being painted ominously with shades of gloom and doom, and anyone viewing our future with optimism is being condemned as an ostrich with his head in the sand.

Well, I am not an ostrich! But I do believe there is a future for Jews. I refuse to just sit back and complacently perceive Judaism as a dying relic. What kind of Jewish life will remain to be nurtured in 20 or 30 years if I do not believe in the future?

Of course, belief alone is insufficient. The believers must also be the revitalizers. We must rethink the role of the Jewish family. Specifically, we must reinvigorate the role played by parents and grandparents in the religious education of their children. Judaism must once again be something passed from generation to generation. We have depended too much on "expert" teachers, expecting them to inject our children with quick fix doses of Judaic knowledge and sentiment. This will undoubtedly necessitate rethinking the boundaries between formal and informal

education, breathing new life into our conception of Jewish study, causing new models to be developed for educational programming. Family school, parallel education for parents, cradle roll and many more celebrations – already proven successful – must be further developed and promoted.

We need to reexamine the expectations we have of each other as congregants and the roles that each of us must play within the congregational framework. It must no longer be conscionable to be merely a name on a membership list. Instead, we must establish a clearly-defined mission statement for the congregation and then empower people with the responsibility of making their unique contribution toward its achievement. Temple Israel congregants must become even more involved in the Jewish community around us.

We have many past accomplishments to boast about, but for how many are we currently planning? Are we reaching out to participate in the types of awareness-raising campaigns in social welfare projects which will demonstrate our commitment to the Jewish ideals of justice and mercy?

We must act now so as to forge the emotional ties to our heritage and to our fellow Jews here, in Israel, and throughout the world. In this way, we will face the future courageously, knowing that there will always be a place and a need for Jews in the world.

Aryeh Azriel

(worship, continued)

Friday, February 8
8 p.m.

Special Guest
Rabbi Karyn Kedar
"Three Things That Sustain
Us Spiritually"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
The Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Monica Seldin Stoney
daughter of Denise Silverman
and Dan Stoney

Torah Portion: Mishpatim
Exodus 21:1-24:18

Friday, February 15
5:30 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

7:15 p.m.
Family Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Grade 4 Families and
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, February 16
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
David Alan Belmont
son of Betsy and Ben Belmont

Torah Portion: Terumah
Exodus 25:1-27:19

Welcome New Members

Edward (Ted) and Jamie Friedland

Friday, February 22
8 p.m.

Special Guest
Dr. Betty Jean Lifton
"Striving for Justice:
Korczak's Court of Peers
and Justice System"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Grade Six families and
Mary and Whitney Ferer
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah
of their son

Saturday, February 23
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Nicholas Ryan Ferer
son of Mary and Whitney Ferer

Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Exodus 27:20-30:10

Monday, February 25
7 p.m.

Megillah Reading

Special Oneg sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Birthday Blessings
Family Service
February 15 7:15 p.m.

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

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, February 15
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.

Yachad - The Traveling
Tefillah Band -
will join our Congregation
to Celebrate
Synagogue 2000
at 8 p.m. on
Friday, February 1

Yachad, an ensemble of vocalists
and musicians from Kansas City, will
add new dimension to our prayers
with its rhythms, harmonies, and
contemporary renditions. The band
will join in our celebration of
Synagogue 2000 and its accomplish-
ments over the past six years.

Mike Walts, chairman of Synagogue
2000 and president of Temple's
Board of Trustees, will give a D'var
Torah reflecting on Synagogue
2000's impact on our congregation
and on his own spiritual journey.
Members of the Synagogue 2000
Committee will participate in the
service.

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 **Todd Hutton** who has
recently chosen Judaism:

May he go from strength to strength!

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)

Two New Journey Groups!

Tackle Hibernation of Mind and Soul

**"The Still, Small Voice:
Wrestling with the Meaning
of the Divine
in Judaism"**

**A Five-week Journey
Group**

Tuesday evenings,
7-8:30 p.m.
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2.

Led by congregant John Dacey

Varied theological perspectives exist
within Judaism. This journey group is
intended to examine and explore what
the Bible, the rabbis, and theologians
have wrestled with - and presented to
us - in their search for grasping the
mystery of God.

Jewish Meditation

Wednesday mornings,
10-11:30 a.m.
February 13, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20

- Grow in spirituality
- Learn to connect deeply with
the Divine
- Grow in soul
- Experience an inner Kabbalah

Mimi Rogers, Temple congregant,
will lead this Journey Group as part of
her internship in the Jewish
Meditation Teacher Certification, a
three-year program through Chechmat
Halev, an Independent Jewish
Meditation Center in Berkeley,
California.

Great for Your Purim Purchases

Rolling Pins
Poppyseed and
Fruit Fillings
Megillot
Masks, Costumes

Buy Temple certificates
for groceries, gifts

You pay no more.
Temple receives 5-10% of
every certificate you buy.

Proceeds go to our
Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund.

Call 556-6536 for information.

*Rabbi Karyn Kedar,
Director of the Great Lakes
Region of UAHC,
First Woman to Serve as
a Rabbi in Jerusalem,
and Author of Two Books,
will speak on*

*"Three Things that
Sustain Us Spiritually"*

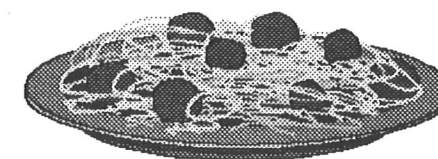
*at Shabbat Services, 8 p.m.,
Friday, February 8*

Regarded as one of the young stars of
the Union of American
Hebrew Congregations (UAHC),
Rabbi Kedar will be in
Omaha for the WRJ-O
Women's Retreat.

*The entire congregation is
invited to meet and
hear her at this
Friday evening service.*

**Bring The
Family!**
**Bring your
friends!**

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction



Sunday, February 10, 5 p.m.

Adults \$8 each
Children (3-12) \$4 each

**All proceeds to Camp Rainbow
and
Omaha Temple Youth Group**

Call the Temple, 556-6536,
by Monday, February 4
to make your reservation
or to donate an item or a service

**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.

Social Justice Committee Adopts Lothrop School

Temple's Social Justice Committee has announced the adoption of a new Mitzvah Project involving Lothrop Magnet Center, an Omaha Public School for pre-kindergartners through fourth graders.

Susie Cohn, a member of the Social Justice Committee, said one of the main goals of the Mitzvah Project "is to help the students raise their standardized test scores." Temple members, as well as others from the community, are needed as mentors and tutors for the students. In addition, Cohn said, children's furniture such as dressers, book shelves, desks, children's books, clothes (especially new underwear) are needed.

Larry Gendler, Vice-Chairman of the Social Justice Committee, established a scholarship 14 years ago for Lothrop students to attend college. Gendler asked Shari Hess, a member of Temple and the Social Justice Committee who is an instructional facilitator at Lothrop, about the possibility of Temple becoming involved in helping the school.

When Cupid Strikes (A Parent Guide to Interfaith Dating)

Whether you're a mom or dad with children dating –
The grandparents of those thinking of mating –
A couple who are newly wed –
The children of the aforesaid:

This program is for all of you!

Please join Temple Outreach for a discussion on Interfaith Dating
Sunday, February 17 10 a.m.

There will be a broad panel including Rabbi Azriel, an interfaith couple, a single college student, and others.

Interfaith dating is an issue many of us wrestle with, so bring your questions or just your curiosity and join the conversation.

Also, right around the corner: "Don't Let Passover Plague You" – a mock Seder sponsored by the Temple Outreach, March 10 at 10:00 am. Hold the date on your calendar.

Kallah Weekend, Featuring Speaker on Children's Rights, Starts at Temple on Feb. 22

Betty Jean Lifton, Ph.D., a specialist in the psychology of the adopted child and an award winning author, will be the guest of the Omaha Jewish community for the Community Kallah weekend scheduled for February 22 and 23.

She will speak during Shabbat services at Temple Israel Friday night, February 22, at 8 p.m., on "Striving for Justice: Korczak's Court of Peers and Justice System," announced Omaha's Institute for Holocaust Education.

An authority on Janusz Korczak, who worked with children and directed an orphanage in war-torn Warsaw, Lifton wrote *The King of Children: The Life and Death of Janusz Korczak*, a biography which won three awards and was nominated for the Jewish National Book Award. Korczak, a physician, died with the children in his charge in the Treblinka death camp, but his theories on the rights of children have lived on and serve as the basis for the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

Dr. Lifton will speak at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 23 at Beth El Synagogue on "The Rights of the Child." Community Kallah events are free and open to the public.

This special presentation is made possible by a generous grant from the Herbert Goldstein Trust and funding from the Nebraska Humanities Council. Temple Israel is one of the sponsors of this program.

Please Note For Your Convenience

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

WRJ-O

Are you tired of eating mostly lotsa matzah during Passover?

There's help! You don't want to miss a special program that will introduce eight days' worth of unleavened ideas and flourless traditions - and in plenty of time for you to plan, shop, and cook for Pesach,*

This year
At Pesach –
Some new recipes
in the pot!



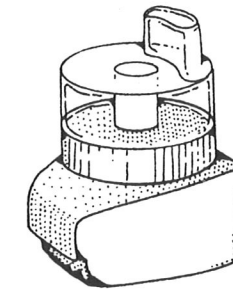
Tuesday, February 19
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come enjoy matzah ball soup and a variety of salads while listening to Passover stories from Elyce Azriel, Evie Zysman, Sandy Nogg and Stacey Rockman.

Everyone will also receive a book of Passover recipes used in the kitchens of many of the cooking mavens of WRJ-O.

Please send your \$10, payable to WRJ-O, by February 9 to Temple Israel, 7023 Cass, Omaha, NE 68132. Call the Temple Office, 556-6536, to reserve your spot. Child care is available, \$2 per child, with reservations.

* Remember: Buy all your Passover groceries and supplies with Temple Gift Certificates. You pay no more, and Temple's Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund gets help! Call or phone the Temple office for this easy way to shop.

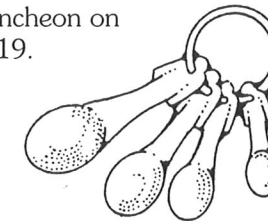


We Need Your Passover Recipes!

Got a great Passover recipe you're willing to share?

Be a part of the WRJ-O Passover recipe book! E-mail your recipe to Judy Zweiback at jzweiback@aol.com or mail it to 8914 Farnam Court, Omaha, NE, 68114 no later than February 8.

The cookbook will debut at the WRJ-O luncheon on February 19.



Calling All
20's and 30's

Save
This Date

Saturday,
March 9

An evening of
Israeli Dancing
and
Wine Tasting
at Temple

Details to follow

Support
WRJ-O

Shop at
the Gift Shop

Sundays 10 a.m. – Noon
Weekdays
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Becky Goldberg, Adam Rosen and Stephanie Wilson were among the college students who visited with Rabbi Azriel over coffee at Espresso Mary's during winter break.

Julie Silver Comes for Family Concerts May 18-19	Yom Hashoah Wednesday April 10	Shermet-Contzius Blum-Webber-Gilat 4 Cantors' Concert Saturday April 20
Scholars-in-Residence Arnold Eisen March 22-24 David Ellenson April 12-14 Ronald Brauner May 3-5		
Congregational Seder Wednesday March 28		Purim Megillah Reading Monday February 25

What's Happening in Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Parent/Teacher Conferences 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.

Grade 6 at Jewish Federation Library Sunday, February 10

Sixth graders will begin working on Personal Research Projects with the assistance of Harris Finkelstein, the Federation Director of Library Services. We will meet at the Library in the JCC from 10:15 - 11: 30 a.m.

Grade 4 Dinner and Service Friday, February 15

The congregation is invited to participate in the 7:15 p.m. family service that will be conducted by the 4th grade students. Sitter service is available during the worship services by advance reservation. Please call 556-6536.

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, February 17

Parents are encouraged to join Religious School for our fifth family worship assembly this year! (11:30 a.m. to Noon).

Grade 6 Shabbat Service and Parent Meeting February 22 and 24

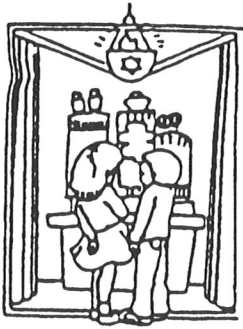
Sixth grade has a very important weekend coming up. They will lead the Shabbat evening service on February 22 at 8 p.m. On Sunday morning February 24, at 10 a.m. families will participate in a special pre-B'nai Mitzvah meeting "Putting God On Your Guest List." Both of the programs are designed to prepare families for the coming B'nai Mitzvah year.

Torah Tot Classes Friday, February 22

Torah Tot classes provide a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months. Lynn Jensen will lead the Friday morning class with guest appearances from Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Debbie Stiel and Cantor Wendy Shermet. Our next class begins Friday, February 22, 9:30 -11:15 a.m. Call 556-6536 for additional information.



Fourth Graders play Alef-bet Bingo with the residents at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home as part of their intergenerational learning sessions.



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday,February 1
and

Friday, March 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 Rabbi Azriel, Cantor Shermet and Patty Nogg.**



Front, left to right: Becki Smedlund, Janet Baack, Molly Needelman. Back, left to right: Rachel Katzman, Leora Azriel, Hannah Wolf, Aron Neesman, Sandy Intraub, Daniel Gutman.

On January 9th, Sandy Intraub, a graduate of the Genesis program at Brandeis University in Boston, shared this exciting program with interested students and their parents.

Genesis is an extraordinary and unique summer program that integrates the arts, humanities, Jewish studies and social action.

Central to all of Genesis is the exploration and development of Jewish identity. Participants come away with close friends, having had an opportunity to explore relevant issues in an open, friendly environment, where the teens and professors from Brandeis learn together and from each other.

Middle/High School
Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director

"January is Intermodules Month" enabled students in seventh and eighth grades to choose their own educational path for a four-week period. Mini sessions focused on aspects of Jewish culture, including music, Jewish newspapers, social justice and art.

Students worked with knowledgeable and experienced teachers, such as Joanie Jacobson, past editor of the Jewish Press Teen Age feature and Sharon Brodkey as her co-teacher.

Cantor Wendy Shermet led a class that explored various types of music identified with Jews in the past and today, and formed a choir to perform at the Blumkin Home.

Stephanie Grossman and Rita Paskowitz facilitated the social justice group that volunteered with the Youth Emergency Services. Y.E.S. shelters provide short-term emergency shelter and crisis services to troubled youth ages 13-18. Our students prepared dinners to share with the youth and organized two evening programs.

Elinor Matalon, JELS community teacher, led our newest intermodule with students exploring Jewish art and creating ritual objects of their own. The students who signed up for this intermodule all had previous art experience and saw this opportunity to refine their special gifts.

In The Mail

Dear Elyce,
Temple's Social Justice Youth Club,
Middle and High School Students,

We at Jewish Family Services sincerely thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to contribute to our Project Dreidel 2001. With your help, we were able to provide 35 Jewish children and their families with Hanukkah gifts and food this year.

Jennifer Meyerson
Jewish Family Service
Project Dreidel Coordinator

First Seder is March 27

Do You Need
Passover Haggadot?

The Temple office has several Haggadot available.

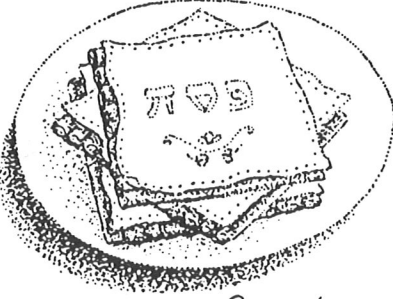
Haggadot, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, may be purchased \$12 each.

These beautiful Haggadot will be exquisite additions to your Seder. The Haggadot are illustrated by Leonard Baskin and are works of art you will be proud to own.

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

Also available is the "Family Haggadah: A Seder for All Generations." This Haggadah contains readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion and traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest. These Haggadot may be purchased for \$7 each.

Other Haggadot are available in the Temple Gift Shop.



Matzo

Do You Want To
Share the Seder?

The first Seder will be celebrated Wednesday, March 27.

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

Temple Israel Congregational Seder

Thursday, March 28 6 p.m. Second Night of Passover

Our Congregational Seder is always a beautiful and festive occasion. Pesach is the time when we want to be with family and friends.

Bring guests and - certainly, grandchildren! But please help us plan properly for food and seating by making your reservations early.

Here's my reservation for the Congregational Seder:

NAME _____

_____ Adults @ \$15.00 each \$_____	#_____Chicken	#_____Vegetarian
_____ Children @ \$6.50 each \$_____	#_____Chicken	#_____Vegetarian
(Grade 6 and under)		
_____ Age two and under (no charge)	#_____Chicken	#_____Vegetarian
Total \$_____		

We would like to sit with:

Name of Family

Reservation Deadline: **Tuesday, March 19.** The Seder will be open to non-Temple members after **Tuesday, March 12.** Reservations received after March 19, accepted on stand-by basis only.

No reservations will be made unless accompanied by payment!

Return your reservation blank and check to: Temple Israel, 7023 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska 68132.



Purim at Temple Israel

Marvelous Masquerade Mystery to be Unveiled!

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

The Reader's Digest Scroll of Esther

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

Box Dinner and Megillah Reading

Monday, February 25

6 p.m. "Create your own Masks"

Bring your own "Box Dinner"
Drinks will be provided

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

So we can plan seating and drinks, please call in your reservation, 556-6536, by Tuesday, February 19.

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

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 3

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

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

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

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

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

Brought to you by OTYG (Omaha Temple Youth Group) and WRJ-O (Women of Reform Judaism - Omaha).

Here's A Proven Hamentashen Recipe



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

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

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

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

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

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

Yields 4 dozen hamentashen.

Temple's Wish List

Often, one of our congregants wishes to give a gift to our Temple and asks the question, "What does the congregation need?"

In response, the following column will appear in the Tidings on a regular basis and will be titled, "WISH LIST."

A birthday, an anniversary, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and/or any life cycle event may inspire your generosity and, thereby, make our wishes come true.

Travel Money for Youth
High Holy Days Octet
Musicians for Holidays/Shabbat
Musical Artist-in-Residence
Jewish Enrichment Trips
Fund for Resource/Special Needs Teacher
Jewish Software for Computers
Books for Sitter Service
Air Conditioning in School Rooms
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Worship Services Telephone System for Shut-ins
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Four-tape Duplicator
Portable CD/Cassette Player
High Quality Tape Recorder
Religious School Listening Center Head Sets

Temple Is Now On-Line!

Add these e-mail addresses to your directory:

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Rabbi Stiel	dstiel@qwest.net
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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 65th Birthday
Toby Fellman
With Love From
Your Friends

In Honor of 65th Birthday
Toby Fellman
With Love,
Jane & Dan

In Honor of Special Birthday
Esther Canar
With Love From
Her Family

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Fannie Karsh, grandmother of Kathy Siref;

Joseph A. Ginsberg, husband of Beth Gaynes Ginsberg;

Helen Kirke, mother of Marvin Kirke, Larry Kirke and Raymond Kirke;

Albert Krechel, brother of Beatrice Katz;

Leah Bratter, mother of Mrs. Milton (Yvette) Roffman and grandmother of Jackie Christensen;

Dave Wine, uncle of Norman Wine;

Harold Farber, father of James Farber and Nancy Noddle, and grandfather of Jay Noddle, Susan Noddle Levine, and Jennifer and Elizabeth Farber,

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Julia Eden Brodkey, daughter of Stacie and Marc Brodkey. Grandparents are Vicki and Jerry Chesen, and Sandy and Sherman Brodkey. Great-grandmother is Edith Chesen.

On the Engagement of:

Cynthia J. Kohll and Joshua S. Persky. Parents are Gail and Jerry Kohll, Maram and Larry Schuster, Sarasota, FL, and Lila and Robert Persky, New York City and Rhinebeck, NY.

Sarah Needelman and Tim Lake. Parents are Lee and Howard Needelman and Marilyn and Tom Lake.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Temple Israel's
Mitzvah Day
Sunday, April 21

There will be possibilities of participation for the entire congregation!

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

IN MEMORY OF: Eudice Canar: Genevieve Bornstein; **Florence Eisenberg:** Arlene and David Fredricks, Ruth and Sidney Nearenberg; **Viola Eisenberg:** Margaret and C. W. Kafka; **Ida Fellman:** Marie and Lou Marcuzzo, Jane Zeleny; **Samuel Gelenter:** Jerry Slusky; **Stewart Gilinsky:** Chickie Gilinsky; **Libby Kaplan:** Arlene and Milt Moskowitz; **Audrey Kirshenbaum:** Phil Sokolof; **Mary Tattle Kubby, Gertrude Tattle Newman, Brad Sperling, Paul Woskoff:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Bertha Lashinsky:** Barbara Lashinsky; **Ruth Loskove:** Silvia and Larry Roffman; **Joe Ginsberg:** Arelene and Milt Moskowitz, Suzy Rubin; **Jay Parsow:** Margo, Aaron and Charles Parsow; **Monroe Rosenberg:** Rosaline and Sam Epstein, Susie and Jim Silverman; **Frances Singer:** Doris and Milton Parker

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: Ruth Altsuler: Pearl and Jerry Gross, Lillian and Jack Schrager; **Mickey Coren:** Pam and Dennis DePorte, Claudia, Marc and Jill Sherman; **Frances Fried:** Ducky and Mike Milder, Sissy and Howard Silber; **Chickie Gilinsky:** Beatrice Schimmel; **Harold Goldberg:** Ruth Oruch; **Ann Goldstein:** Barbara and Howard Krantz, Joie Simon; **Judy Gotsdiner:** Eileen and Leonard Jacobson; **Paul Nathan:** Betty Fisher; **Bus Rubin:** Etta and Harold Epstein, Barbara and Howard Krantz, Harriet and Sonny Marko, Lillian and Jack Schrager, Helen and Mort Soiref; **Eve Simon:** Barbara and Dean Frankel

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Esther Canar, Chickie Gilinsky: Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Toby Fellman:** Silvia and Larry Roffman, Suzy Rubin; **Rose Frankel:** Soralee and Jerry Cohn; **Debbi Josephson:** Doris and Harry Alloy, Beth and Ron Brodkey, Susie Kaplan, Wendy and Todd Manvitz and family, Joan and Milton Marcus, Judi Moore, Phyllis and Bob Newman, Lynn Salzinger, Susie

Silverman, Ellen and Richard Slosburg; **Lazar Kaplan:** Genevieve Bornstein; **Pete Milder:** Marjorie and Norm Lincoln; **Harold Rosenthal:** Sally and Maynard Telpner; **Suzanne Singer:** Joan and Milton Marcus, Judy and Buddy Roffman; **Gloria Vann:** Roie and Bernie Meyers, Harriett and Sherm Sperling

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: Ruth and Harold Fox: Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin; **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg:** Genevieve Bornstein; **Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Susman:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Sarah and Ted Seldin:** Soralee and Jerry Cohn, Muriel Gilman, Rita Grady

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Julia Eden Brodkey: Fritzi Luefschuetz and family, Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman; **Jacob Ari Cohn:** Lisa and Denny Lewis; **Michael David Edheimer:** Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman; **Granddaughter of Wendy Hahn:** Jerry Slusky; **Grandson of Rita and Harold Novak:** Barbara and Howard Krantz; **Ari Jack Saltzman:** Andi and David Willensky

IN HONOR OF ENGAGEMENT OF: Robyn Epstein and Will Wolper: Jean Epstein

IN HONOR OF BAR MITZVAH OF: Grandson of Gloria and Donald Vann: Harriett and Sherm Sperling

NEW YEAR GREETINGS: Jane and Harlan Rips: Phyllis Weinberg

IN APPRECIATION OF FRIENDSHIP: Larry Roffman: Barbara and Dean Frankel

IN APPRECIATION OF LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUAL DEVOTION: Michael Walts: Sally Kaplan, Ducky Milder, Andi Willensky

IN APPRECIATION OF: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Debbie Stiel,

Cantor Wendy Shermet, Dorothy Spizman, Elyce Azriel, Joan Cooper, Stephanie Grossman, Claudia Sherman, Rosie Zweiback

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IN MEMORY OF: Uncle of Jerry Ferenstein: Dora and Mark Goldstrom; **Ron Glick:** Marilyn and Marty Warren

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: Al Benenson: Marilyn and Marty Warren

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Debbi Josephson: Lois and Mel Epstein, Lisa Lewis, Andi Willensky

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Julia Eden Brodkey, Michael David Edheimer: Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin, Lois and Mel Epstein

IN HONOR OF SYMPHONY DEBUTANTES: Ally Freeman, Melissa Josephson: Debbie and Scott Friedman

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.

February 2002 – Shevat / Adar 5762

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			JANUARY 30	31 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.	FEBRUARY 1 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	2 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Amy Schweid
3 Grades 1-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 10-Noon Cantor Wendy Shermet Reception @ Ironwood 2:30-4:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Religious School & Dinner Social Justice Club 5-6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	7 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.	8 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Rabbi Karyn Kedar	9 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Monica Stoney
10 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 5 10-Noon Grade 6 @ Federation Library 10:15-11:45 a.m. OTYG Family Spaghetti Dinner & Auction 5 p.m.	11	12	13 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	14 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.	15 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Blumkin Home 2 p.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	16 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of David Belmont
17 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Outreach Program 10 a.m. Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. WRJ-O Friendship Tea 2-4 p.m.	18	19 Conversations with Rabbi Azriel 12-1 p.m. WRJ-O Passover Program 11:45-1 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.	20 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. 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.	21 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 p.m.	22 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Betty Jean Lifton	23 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Ferer
24 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Grade 6 Parent Meeting 10 a.m. Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m.	25 Purim Box Dinner 6 p.m. Megillah Reading 7 p.m.	26 AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	27 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. 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.	28 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.	MARCH 1 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	2 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Justin Slutzky