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Worship Services

Friday, June 1
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon
 Rabbi Debbie Stiel
 Torah Chanter
 Sharon Brodkey-Yoel

Installation of Women of Reform Judaism Board

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, June 2
 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Bagels and Bible

10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Tim Fredricks
 son of Alan Fredricks
 and Sue Fredricks

Torah Portion: Naso
 Numbers: 4:21-7:89

Friday, June 8
 8 p.m.

Sermon
 Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 Heidi Barr, Sari Slater and
 Marci Rosenthal in honor of the 50th
 Anniversary of their parents
 Sally and Maynard Telpner

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Temple Israel Welcomes Cantor Wendy Shermet

Wendy Shermet is a May 2001 graduate of the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. She also holds a Master of Music Degree from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and a Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Music from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Wendy worked as a soloist at Seattle and Los Angeles area synagogues for many years. She served as a teacher at two Seattle area synagogues where she taught Hebrew and music to children and conducted the children's choir. Her responsibilities also included teaching songs for adults. Wendy served as a student cantor at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and New York. From 1998 until her investiture, she was the student cantor at Temple Sholom in Plainfield, New Jersey.

In addition to her work in the field of Jewish music, Wendy has extensive performance experience in the secular world where she worked as a singer, actress, composer, arranger, pianist and music director. She performed with the Los Angeles Opera Company, Opera Metropolitana de Caracas, Venezuela, Seattle Choral Company, Sante Fe Desert Chorale, The Washington Opera and Annapolis Opera, Maryland. She also performed at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., at the Handel Festival.

She is the recipient of numerous honors and prizes including the Rabbi Jack Stern and Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman Prize in Liturgy, the Cantor Andrew Edison Prize for Excellence in Reform Worship, and the Rocky Mountain Cantors' Association Prize for Excellence in Cantorial Programs.

Wendy and her husband Leonard Burell have a seven-year-old son, Samuel. Wendy is originally from Maryland and although she and her family have lived all over the country, this will be their first experience in the Midwest.

We look forward to welcoming Wendy, Leonard and Samuel to Omaha and Temple Israel in early July.



(worship services continued)

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Jon Andrew Lerner
son of Martha and Dick Lerner

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

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

7:15 p.m.
Family Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the aunts and uncles of
Alyson Friedman

Saturday, June 16
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Bible

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Alyson Rose Friedman
daughter of Suzanne and
Thomas Friedman

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

Friday, June 22
8 p.m.

Storyteller
Alec Gelcer

**"Jewish Stories from Creation
to the Present Day"**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, June 23
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Bible

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

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

Friday, June 29
8 p.m.

Klezmer Shabbat Service
Kol Rina Choir, Jon Bleicher,
Josh Bleicher, Tuffy Epstein
and Julie Sandene

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Helen and Jon Bleicher in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Joshua Michael Bleicher
son of Helen and Jon Bleicher

Torah Portion: Chukat
Numbers 19:1-22:1

Birthday Blessings Family Service

June 15 7:15 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate
their birthdays during the months of
June and **July** will be invited to the
Bima for a special blessing at the
Shabbat Family 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 **Jennifer Cohn** who
has recently chosen Judaism:

May she go from strength to
strength!

Bring Your Family-

Storyteller Alec Gelcer-

Shabbat Worship

June 22 at 8 p.m.

A professional storyteller, Mr. Gelcer
will be in Omaha as a guest teller at
The Storytelling Festival of Nebraska,
which will be held June 21-24 at the
College of St. Mary.

Mr. Gelcer was born in Cape Town,
South Africa and lived in England and
Israel before moving to Canada where
he has lived for the last 30 years. In
1990 he co-founded Jewish
Storytelling Arts and serves as its
artistic director.

He is a frequent teller on the CBC,
(the Canadian Broadcasting
Corporation). Tom Doyle, host of
CBC radio's "Fresh Air" says, "Alec
Gelcer, one of Toronto's finest
storytellers...always spellbinding".

He will take us on a tour of Jewish
stories from creation to the present
day, showing us the wisdom of
folktales, the passion of the Hasidic
rebbe, the humor of Chelm and the
pain of the Holocaust.

Klezmer Shabbat is Upon Us!

June 29 8 p.m.

Cantor Jennifer G. Blum

Join us for that wailing clarinet and
pulsating percussion you have come to
know and love! Combine this
expressive music with a Friday evening
Shabbat worship service and you have
an emotive and memorable
experience.

The Kol Rina Choir and I will be
leading the musical liturgy along with
the talents of Tuffy Epstein on clarinet
and rhythm, Jon Bleicher on tuba and
upright bass, Josh Bleicher on
trombone and Julie Sandene on
keyboard.

The music for this service was
composed by renowned composer,
Jose Bowen. Formerly a teacher of
music and humanities at Stanford
University, Bowen currently lectures at
the University of Southampton in
England where he is also the director
of the Centre for the History and
Analysis of Recorded Music.

Bowen has won numerous awards in
composition including a nomination
for the Pulitzer Prize in Music, the
Hubbell Award from ASCAP, the
Koret Israel Prize, and awards from the
Jewish Music Commission and the
Guild of Temple Musicians.

He has performed with and
composed for Stan Getz, Dizzy
Gillespie, Liberace, Dave Brubeck,
Hubert Laws, Jerry Garcia, the
Stanford String Quartet and the Allegri
String Quartet, among many others.
Please join us for this festive worship
service.

Please –

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

A Note from the Cantor

Cantor Jennifer G. Blum

It's hard for me to believe that this is
my final Tidings article. I wanted to
take the opportunity to say good-bye
and thank you.

The past three years have been truly
wonderful for me. I cherish the
opportunities that you gave me to be a
part of your lives and the lives of your
families. Although I am looking
forward to going back home to
Minneapolis (I will be beginning a
position at Mt. Zion Congregation in
St. Paul), I know that I will always have
a home in Omaha, and I will miss it
deeply.

I would like to thank the
congregation for their encouragement
and support over the last three years.
I would be remiss if I did not thank our
accompanist, Julie Sandene, for her
hard work and dedication to the music
at Temple. I want to also thank our
volunteer choir, *Kol Rina*, for their
commitment, dedication and song.
You should be proud of all of your
accomplishments. To Will Wallace, for
your leadership and strength as their
conductor, I thank you.

Thank you to the Music Committee
Chairmen I have had the pleasure of

working with – Nancy Wolf, Harry
Alloy and Jeff Schweid. What a
pleasure it was to work with such
giving and encouraging individuals!
You have led a strong committee that I
know will only keep growing!

Many, many thanks go to the whole
Temple support staff, Bonnie Sullivan,
Gloria Ketter, Lori Bennett, Vicki
Ducharme, Maureen Kube, Lonnie
Williams III and Lou Williams. Your
patience and productivity have helped
me tremendously. I will miss you.

There could never be enough words
to express my gratitude for having the
pleasure to work with such fine
partners. Thank you to Joan Cooper,
Elyce Azriel, Stephanie Grossman, Iris
Ricks and Dorothy Spizman. And to
my true partners Rabbi Debbie Stiel
and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel thank you for
all the great times and for helping to
realize a vibrant, active Jewish vision
here. I'll expect frequent visits from
you!

For all of your kind wishes, I thank
you. Should you be in the Twin Cities
in the future, please give me a call!
You will always have a place for
Shabbat dinner!



Eighteen Temple congregant recently joined together in a beautiful B'nai Mitzvah service.

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, June 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.

Annual Reports

Committee, auxiliary and budget
reports will be distributed at the June
3rd Annual Congregational Meeting.

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

Summertime—And The Livin' is Jewish!



Laugh Your Way Through the Summer!

In July and August we will have short Friday night Shabbat services beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

This year the study topic will be Learning About Our Values and Ways Through Jewish Humor.

Each week we will concentrate on a different topic or value and look at half a dozen jokes or so that address it.

Come pray, laugh and learn with us. These services are certainly appropriate for children grade three and above.

Outdoor Summer Services

July 13, July 27, August 10

The outdoor summer services will begin at 6 p.m. with a bring-your-own picnic supper followed by a worship service. This year's services will take place at the new Frohm Pavilion at the Jewish Community Center. There will be a sitter for young children. The regular service will be held at Temple Israel at 5:30 p.m.

With the assistance of the clergy, the graduates of the 2001 Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will lead the July 27 outdoor service and the July 13 and August 10 indoor services.

WRJ-O

A Reminder – WRJ-O has fundraiser events for all ages, every taste and every budget.

Please call Martha Slosburg, 551-3667, for more information on these upcoming events.

Grandparents and Grandchildren Only!

One Pacific Place
Sunday, June 10
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Adults \$20; Children \$10
Hosted by Darlynn and
Tom Fellman

Garden Supper

431 South 89th Street
Wednesday, June 27
7:30 p.m.; \$40/person
Hosted by
Mary and Tom Bernstein
Connie and Bob Kully

Mexican Dinner

10039 Frederick Street
Saturday, August 4
7:30 p.m.; \$35/person
Hosted by
Mary Kay and Henry Davis
Laura and Rick Schrager
Martha and David Slosburg

Summer Schedule

From July 6, through August 31, Shabbat Evening Services will be held at **5:30 p.m.** Shabbat Morning Services will begin at the usual hour of **10:30 a.m.** Bagels and Bible will begin at **9:30 a.m.**

For Bagels and Bible we will study Amos in June, Lamentations in July, and the High Holy Day Prayerbook in August.

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

Summer Reading at the Temple Library

The Temple library is open during regular weekday hours all summer long. We have many, many new books including these:

Teen Literature:

Moe Berg - Berg, one of the few Jews to play baseball in the major leagues, was a top-secret United States spy during World War II.

The Cross by Day, the Mezuzah by Night - An order for the expulsion of all the Jewish people from Spain does not concern Isabel Caruso de Carvalho, a privileged Catholic girl, until she turns thirteen and learns the shocking truth: they are Marranos – secret Jews.

Juvenile Literature:

God Sent a Rainbow and Other Bible Stories

Partners - A rabbi tells the children they need to be partners with God. Two children discover what this means.

My Name is Rachamim - Beta Esrae (House of Israel), as Jews of Ethiopia call themselves, for centuries cut off from other Jewish communities, believed they were the only surviving Jewish community left on earth. Because of this, the Judaism they practice is probably the purest biblical Judaism there is.

Jewish/Christian Relations:

Constantine's Sword – the Church and the Jews - More than a chronicle of religion, this dark history is the central tragedy of Western civilization, its fault lines reaching deep into our culture. James Carroll has created a work of singular power and urgency. It is a brave and affecting reckoning with difficult truths that will touch every reader.

This was a gift to Temple Israel from Lord of Love Lutheran Church in Omaha.

Biography:

Climbing the Mountain - Kirk Douglas shares his quest for spirituality and Jewish identity – and his heroic fight to overcome crippling injuries and a devastating stroke.

I Am Spock - Leonard Nimoy in this long-awaited autobiography gives us his unique perspectives on the beginnings of the Star Trek phenomenon.

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_____ x \$25	\$ _____	
_____ x \$100	\$ _____	

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Regular	\$ _____
Certified	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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Temple Youth Group of the Year

OTYG

Fifteen OTYG members attended Spring Conclave in Denver, Colorado. It was a great event in many respects, starting with Friday night when we won the Bubby Award for the best translation of a Hebrew song.

But the highlight was General Assembly during which awards to youth groups were handed out.

OTYG board members received: Best Improved Membership Award; Best Camp Rainbow Fundraiser for the Spaghetti Dinner; Best Scrapbook for our video scrapbook; and the culminating award: TYG of the Year, selected by this year's Regional President.

Thank you to all of this year's board members who put in many hours of work.

Thank you especially to Shayna Denny and Ally Freeman, OTYG Co-presidents, for their untiring work that led to the TYG of the Year award.

Fifteen OTYGers attended Spring Conclave in Denver, Co. Even amid the snowy weekend in May, the teens showed their "spirit."



Middle/High School Students Form "Social Justice Club"

This club is the youth branch of Temple's new Social Justice committee. This club offers students numerous opportunities to educate themselves and act upon areas of concern including: the aged, caring community, inclusion, general mitzvot, study for the sake of action, legislative issues and tzedakah.

The students are under the direction of a father/son team, Vic Gutman and Daniel Gutman. Together they plan, execute and evaluate the ongoing programs. Bob Wolfson, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Patrick McNamara, Hate Crimes Project Co-Ordinator for the city of Omaha, have given much of their time in educating the students on the issues related to hate crimes.



Worlds of Fun
Thursday, June 7, 2001
8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

It's your last chance to sign up for our annual rush trip to Kansas City for a day at Worlds of Fun.

We will meet at Temple and go by van or bus, based on registration. You must RSVP to Stephanie Grossman (556-4596). Cost for the day is \$20 if you prepay next year's NFTY/OTYG dues of \$25. Non-member's fee is \$30.

Congratulations to the new
2001-2002 Board Members!!!

President Steve Sternberg
Program Vice-President
. Becky Sternberg
Social Action Vice-President
. Daniel Gutman
Religious and Cultural Vice-President .
. Margaret Terry
Membership Vice-Presidents . . . Becki
Smedlund and Allie Willensky
Secretary Lauren Freeman
Treasurer Janet Baack
Junior Youth Group Liaisons
. Jake Bleicher and Joel Passer
Member in Service Sara Rips

What's Happening in Religious School
Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator

Special Thanks to 2000/2001 Room Parents

Our Room Parents have made a big difference to our Religious School in so many ways: providing direction to volunteers who help with field trips, preparing for special events and activities in the classrooms, etc. The efforts of these parents helped to make Temple a home-away-from-home for all our children. Jordana Glazer, Ivy Kohll, Stacey Rockman, Jacquie Gribens, Michelle Bucher, Katherine Finnegan, Lisa Scheet, Stephanie Saferstein, Patricia Newman, Lesley Slutzky, Julie Martin, Lynn Salzinger, Robyn Freeman, Betsy Baker Heyman, Kathy Hirshman, Amy Katz, Jackie Cohn and Deb Finnicum.

Special Thanks to Teachers

One of our greatest assets is our Religious School faculty. Our teachers really care and guide our students to grow more each year. THANK YOU. Lynn Jensen, Vicki Chesen, Jackie Christensen, Wendy Goldberg, Kimberly Robinson, Dora Goldstrom, Melany Weinstine, Steve Danon, Karen Kazor, Doris Parker, Jen Gates, Dan Fried, Anne Joseph, Rini Gonsher, Patsy Wallace, Marvin Parilman, Elyce Azriel, Elinor Matalon, Maya Wertheimer, Fritzi Luefschuetz, Sharon Brodkey, David Goldberg, Nikki Flatowicz, Rita Paskowitz, Stephanie Grossman, Eileen Kader, and Jeff Taxman.

Also, **Madrichim**, our teen assistants, make a big difference. THANK YOU: Leora Azriel, Alex Bloom, Eli Bloom, Naomi Fox, Lauren Freeman, Aly Friedman, Samantha Friedman, Melissa Josephson, Alex Katz, David Martin, Molly Needelman, Aron Neesman, Joel Passer, Sarah Sherman, Becki Smedlund, Stephen Sternberg, Ben Taxman, Aaron Wolfson and Naomi Wolfson.

Special Thanks to the Religious School Committee

Behind the scenes and generally out of the spotlight, are the devoted members of the Religious School Committee. THANK YOU: Chairman Marge Bresel, Jeff Smedlund, Teresa Eirinberg, Katherine Finnegan, Diane Graul, Anne Joseph, Kathy Laudin Beauchaine, Mary Beth Muskin, Maria Neesman, Patricia Newman, Ann Noodell, Rita Paskowitz, Lesley Slutzky, Michelle Terry, and Melany Weinstine.



Grade Eight Holocaust Class display for Yom Ha Shoah



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, June 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 rabbi and Patty Nogg.**

This is the last Tot Shabbat until September 7, so don't miss it!



Sitter Service
Summer Schedule

During the month of **June** Sitter Service will be available each Friday evening and Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. During the months of **July and August**, Sitter Service will be available for the **5:30 p.m. Shabbat Services**; however, there will be no Sitter Service for the Shabbat Morning Services.

Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

Coming Attractions at Temple Israel!

Watch for details In The Hermene Zweiback
Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning brochure

Jewish Journey Groups

Synagogue 2000 is busy planning next year's exciting schedule. Being considered for the fall are a medical topic, parenting, yoga, meditation and a book group.

Classes

Conversations with
Judaism I and II

History and Sources
with Guy Matalon

Lunch and Learn
Bible Study with
Leonard Greenspoon

Family Programs

November 14-15

Danny Siegel:
To the Performance of
Mitzvot, There is no End

Music

January 25
Shabbat Shira

March 29
Passover Service
featuring the
Kol Rina Choir

April 21
Cantors' Concert

May 12
Mother's Day Concert

May 18-19
Julie Silver

June 14
Klezmer Shabbat

Continuing Learning Opportunities

Bagels and Bible Shabbat mornings
Adult Study with the Rabbis
(including Hebrew) Thursday mornings

Scholars/Composers-in-Residence

Vicki Juditz **September 8**
Master storyteller Vicki Juditz will share her story, *Teshuvah, Return*, to usher in the High Holy days the evening of Slichot.

Danny Maseng **November 2-4**
Danny Maseng will lead the second annual Temple Israel Adult Retreat at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City. A Sunday morning program at Temple will follow.

Rabbi Judith Abrams **November 30-December 2**
Rabbi Judith Abrams, the founder of Maqom, a school for Adult Talmud Study, will share the beauty of Talmud with us.

Arnold Eisen **March 22-24**
Arnold Eisen, professor and chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University, will discuss Judaism's encounter with modernity.

Dr. David Ellenson **April 12-14**
Temple Israel favorite returns to Omaha to enlighten us with his wisdom on Jewish Religious Denominationalism.

Dr. Ronald Brauner **May 3-5**
Dr. Ronald Brauner, president of the Foundation for Jewish Studies, Inc., will present *Being Jewish in a Gentile World*.

Outreach

November 11
December Dilemma

November 30
Shabbat Dinner with
Rabbi Judith Abrams

February 10
When Cupid Strikes:
When Love and Religion Collide

March 10
Model Seder with a Commentator

April 7
Ask the Rabbi:
Jewish Ethics for the 21st Century

May 16
Shabuot

Social Justice

Larry Gendler and Magda Peck

5762: A Year of Social Justice

Temple Israel has a rich history of social activism which spans generations. Our members already contribute time and resources to tzedakah and Tikun Olam. *How best to build on this legacy to make an even greater difference in the 21st Century?* This was the question behind Rabbi Azriel's summoning of more than four dozen members to a Roundtable on the Future of Social Justice at Temple Israel last summer.

Since that time, a core group of congregants has worked together to forge a new social justice agenda for our synagogue. Their work was aided by Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi David Saperstein on March 31, when more than 30 congregants participated in a Saturday Retreat for Social Justice to strengthen our collective leadership and vision for social action. Drawing upon the experience of hundreds of Reform synagogues nationwide, Rabbi Saperstein challenged us to base our social action on Jewish laws, values, and traditions. He reminded us that Judaism is a *system* of Tzedakah, not individual charity alone; and that understanding policy issues is not enough - it must lead to actions that address social inequities. He also gave us great tips for getting more people to get involved in social justice work at Temple.

Based on many months of learning and planning, the Social Justice

Committee has agreed to launch a **Year of Social Justice 5762** come this fall. Watch for new education opportunities to study the roots of our justice heritage and to hear from provocative speakers about current issues of the day. Get ready to pledge just a little bit of your family's time to a wonderful assortment of Mitzvot opportunities that address homelessness, hunger and housing, culminating in Family Mitzvah Day 2002 next spring. And be prepared to take a stand against racism, discrimination, and economic injustice as the Social Justice committee gears up for more responsive advocacy. In the words of Rabbi Saperstein: "to be authentically Jewish, in the face of injustice, we **MUST** speak out...the only issue is HOW."

In the meanwhile, we will be launching a new page for Social Justice on the Temple website, and the Social Justice Minute will continue to punctuate Friday Night services with fresh opportunities for collective action. If you want to be put on the Social Justice E-mail list to receive notices of hot issues for action, send an e-mail message to tisrael@uswest.net with your contact information. For more information, contact the Social Justice Committee Co-chairmen Dr. Magda Peck or Judge Larry Gendler.

Rebuilding Together: Christmas in April

Temple Israel and the Social Justice committee's first foray with Rebuilding Together: Christmas in April was a very rewarding experience, according to team captain Larry Gendler. The rest of the Temple team included Jeff Schweid, Jon Meyers, Shari Hess and Mark and Kim Schwartz.

On Sunday, April 30th the team (with the assistance of several non-Temple members) spent approximately six hours performing light repairs and maintenance on a home owned by an elderly woman who resides alone. Thank you again to those who assisted in this worthwhile endeavor.

The committee hopes to make this an annual event and will solicit volunteers early next year. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Temple office.



Mark Your Calendars! Annual Golf Outing Monday, August 27

Temple Israel's Annual Golf Outing will be held at Ironwood. Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled afternoon of golf, followed by a terrific dinner and awards ceremony.

Even if you don't golf, plan to attend the cocktail and dinner portion of the day.

Set your twosomes and foursomes now. We will pair up singles so everyone will have a great time and an opportunity to play.

We will send information on registration and sponsorships soon.



Left to right: Mark Schwartz, Kim Schwartz, Nancy Jacobson, Juanita Davidson, John Dacey and Beth Spizman after preparing and serving Easter dinner at the Stephens Center.

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IN HONOR OF UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: **Kate Ferer:** Annie Fleishman.

IN HONOR OF NCCJ AWARD: **Nancy and Harlan Noddle:** Andrew and Kimberly Robinson.

IN HONOR OF SPECIAL THANKS: **Ardeen and Larry Meyerson, Sharon and Howard Kooper, Linda and Harold Mann, Darlynn and Tom Fellman:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer.

IN APPRECIATION OF PRESIDENCY OF PAUL EPSTEIN: Lisa, Gary, Rob, Ben and Alex Epstein, Connie and Bob Kully, Anne and Bruce Shackman.

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

Cantor Jennifer Blum, Elyce Axriel, Joan Cooper, Iris Ricks, Dorothy Spizman.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Celia Cooper, mother of Jeffrey Cooper and Mindy Cooper;

Joseph Stern, husband of Helen Stern, father of Elisse Stern;

Sol Kass, father of Sharon Quittner;

James H. Friedman, brother of Peggy Krasne, uncle of Penny Endelman and Jim Krasne;

Elaine Brodkey Wiesman, mother of Richard, John and Ronald Wiesman;

William Walter, father of Linda Gates

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Congratulations

On the Engagement of:

Andrea Susan Neff and Todd Bernstein. Parents are Jeanie and Sherman Neff and Kenneth Bernstein and the late Susan Bernstein.

Gretchen S. Long and Jay Slusky. Parents are Susan and Joseph Hopper, North Whales, PA and Harriet Fishel, Boca Raton, FL and Jerry Slusky.

Michelle Stacey Birenbaum and J. Jason Hoberman. Parents are

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Birenbaum, St. Louis MO, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoberman and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Leeds, Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

On the Marriage of:

Lillian Hurwitz and Jack Schrager.

On the Birth of:

Elizabeth Ann Wine, daughter of Laura and Bryan Wine. Grandparents are Lois and Norman Wine and Irene Hendricks. Great-grandmother is Millie Wine.

Joseph Jordan Harris, son of Barbara and Tom Harris, Northbrook, IL. Grandparents are Janice and Sheldon Harris and Beverly and Bernard Donnenberg, Northbrook, IL.

Lillian Ruth Wagner, daughter of Susan and Adam Wagner, Leawood, KS. Grandparents are Marilyn and Kenneth Williams, Pinkneyville, IL, and Bennett Wagner and the late Gloria Wagner.

Jack Harrison Simons, son of Tonya and Rob Simons, Houston, TX. Grandparents are Linda Simons, Ron Simons, Charles Flute, Bartlesville, OK and the late Kay Flute. Great-grandparents are Sylvia and Irving Davis and L. A. Haymaker, Bartlesville, OK.

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.



Save the Date for the
Second Spirituality
Retreat!

November 2-3, 2001

Danny Maseng will be our
Musician-in-Residence

Mark your calendars for the Second Spirituality Retreat for adults. It will take place Friday-Saturday, November 2-3, at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City. Our spiritual leader will be Danny Maseng, the talented composer and musician who entertained and inspired us before last year's Slichot service.

If you attended last year's retreat (or even if you didn't) and would like to help plan this year's event, please call Sharon Brodkey at 333-1376 or Ducky Milder at 397-3093

Men's Club

Join Together as We Discover
Fellowship, Friendship,
Spirituality, and Just Plain Talk
For Jewish Guys.

Where:
Spirit World 7571 Pacific

When:
Noon each Friday

Temple Israel Brotherhood
Welcomes YOU!!!
Can't stay for lunch?
Just drop in and say hi!

TIYPO

Linda and Kevin Saltzman

This Year in Review and Looking Toward Next Year

TIYPO made great strides this year toward attracting new participants, refining our committee and clarifying our target audience. Through several successful events including a well-attended Havdalah and Game Night, the committee concluded that the age group TIYPO targets should increase to 25-45, but not be so cut-and-dried as to exclude willing participants.

We also concluded that the group would best fill a need in the community by focusing on Jews who are either new to Omaha or not part of longstanding, networked Omaha families who have no need/interest in additional committees/responsibilities.

We believe many young Jews in Omaha are seeking a way to meet new people and to be a part of the Jewish community, which can be a challenge to people who relocate to Omaha.

Some exciting changes have recently taken place at TIYPO. We have a new committee with many new members with fresh ideas and genuine enthusiasm.

Given the success of our last Havdalah event, the committee decided to sponsor six Havdalah nights a year – one every other month – which will be hosted by committee members.

We will also have about three more specialized events, ranging from social to Social Justice throughout the year. At least one of these events will be for families, not just adults, given that the vast majority of couples at Temple are also parents.

Finally, TIYPO will no longer be named TIYPO. The committee decided to change the name to something more interesting/inventive/descriptive to match the new focus of the group.

We are proud of the efforts and diligence of the TIYPO committee this year and recognize Rabbi Debbie Stiel for her extra efforts on the group's behalf. We appreciate Temple Israel's commitment to and support of TIYPO for 2001.

"I Wish I Knew What All These Funds Do"

This issue continues a monthly explanation of some of the Temple Israel funds so that you will be aware of the many ways you can help assure a healthy future for our synagogue.

We hope you will take a few minutes to become acquainted with our funds – and please continue donating to them when remembering the special events of your and your loved ones' lives. Thank you.

Brad Sperling Endowment Fund

This fund was established by his family to honor his memory. Monies are used for Jewish education for young children.

Outreach Fund

This helps support programs and activities designed to provide a welcoming atmosphere at Temple Israel for Jews, non-Jews, those considering conversion and Jews-by-Choice.

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IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN MOVFTY IN
ANY YEAR FROM ITS BEGINNING IN
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*Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth

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Register your current information
to receive more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					JUNE 1	2 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Tim Fredricks
					Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
3	4	5	6	7 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m.	8 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m.	9 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jon Lerner
Congregational Dinner Meeting 6 p.m.		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
10	11	12	13 Midrashah 10-Noon	14 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m.	15	16 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Alyson Friedman
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Early Warship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:15 p.m.	
17	18	19	20	21 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m.	22	23 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m.	Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	
24	25	26	27 Midrashah 10-Noon	28	29	30 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Bleicher
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.		Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	