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Get the family to volunteer! Blumkin Home Needs Help Dec. 24 and 25

The fifth annual Switch Day is a wonderfully rewarding program that brings volunteers from the community to the Blumkin Home, enabling its Christian staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families.

Volunteers are needed for two or three-hour shifts to assist in Dietary, Laundry, Housekeeping, Activities, and Nursing departments.

Hours are

2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 24

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 25

Our Religious School students have regular visits with Blumkin Home residents. Now it's your turn to spend part of your day and bring joy to many.

Call Lois Wine at 334-6530 to schedule your shift.



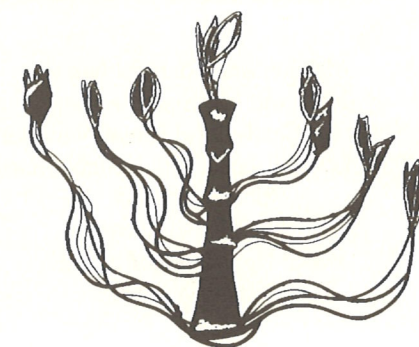
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Worship Services

Friday, December 1
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Marcia and Hugh Laudin in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Nicholas Laudin
son of Kathy Beauchaine
and Jeff Laudin

Torah Portion: Toledot
Genesis 25:19-28:9

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The Pre-eminent Jewish Theologian of Our Times Rabbi Eugene Borowitz Scholar-in-Residence

December 8 and 9

The "Dean" of American Jewish philosophers and a prolific author, Dr. Borowitz's special place among American Jewish thinkers was confirmed with his 1991 publication of *Renewing the Covenant, A Theology for the Postmodern Jew*, the first systematic Jewish theology since Abraham Joshua Heschel's publications during the 1950's.

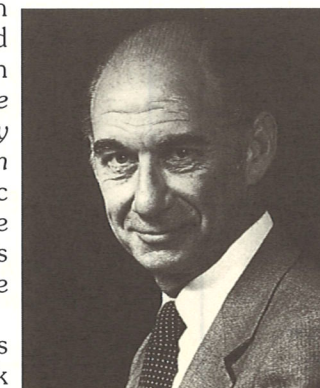
Dr. Borowitz serves as the Sigmund L. Falk Distinguished Professor of Education and Jewish Religious Thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York where he has taught since 1962. Rabbi Borowitz is widely known in the Jewish community as the former editor of *Sh'ma, a Journal of Jewish*

Responsibility, a magazine of social concern he founded in 1970. He wrote the featured, comprehensive article on Judaism in the 16 volume Encyclopedia of Religion.

The only Jew to serve as President of the American Theological Society, Dr. Borowitz was recently awarded a medal for Jewish Cultural Achievement by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Dr. Borowitz was ordained and received the first of

his doctorates from HUC-JIR. The second is from Teacher's College, Columbia University.

It is a special honor for our congregation to hear Rabbi Borowitz. Plan to come and invite family and friends to share this weekend.



Friday, December 8 8 p.m. Sanctuary

"The Last Hundred Years: What Has
Happened to Reform Judaism and American Jewry?"

Oneg Shabbat and continuing dialogue with Rabbi Borowitz following services

Saturday, December 9 9:30 a.m. Milder Center

Bagels and Bible
"Assimilation and Tradition:
Comparing and Contrasting Maccabean and Modern Times"

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
Shabbat Morning Service
"The Daily Texture of Living Our Reform Judaism"

Dr. Borowitz's visit is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback
Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning and is open to the community.

(worship services continued)

Friday, December 8
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz
"The Last Hundred Years: What
Has Happened to Reform
Judaism and American Jewry"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

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

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz
"Assimilation and Tradition:
Comparing and Contrasting
Maccabean and Modern Times"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz
"The Daily Texture of Living
Our Reform Judaism"

Torah Portion: Vayetze
Genesis 28:10-32:3

Friday, December 15
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Marc Saperstein
"Burdens and Blinders
from the Past"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Ruth and Marc Sherman in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter
and the Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Sarah Lynn Sherman
daughter of Ruth and Marc Sherman

Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43

Friday, December 22
7:30 p.m.

Chanukah Family Service
Temple Tones

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayeshev
Genesis 37:1-40:23

Friday, December 29
6 p.m.

D'var Torah
Rabbi Debbie Stiel

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Miketz
Genesis 41:1-44:17

Temple's Website
templeisrael-ne.org

A couple notes
of interest

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will
be on Sabbatical during
the month of January.

From December 29,
through January 29,
Friday Erev Shabbat
Services will be at 6 p.m.

Welcome New Members

Marilyn and Richard Ivers
Judy and Herman Kaiman
Keely McCarthy and Steve Newman
Aviva Segall and Patrick McNamara
Ronald Simons
Erin and Joshua Stahl
Kathi Rangel-Wrono and
Ronald Wrono

Service of Healing and Renewal

Tuesday, December 5 7 p.m.

Are you or your family coping with
illness, loss or grief?

Are you looking for a special
opportunity for spiritual renewal
through prayer, song and reflection?

Then join us for this beautiful and
inspirational bimonthly Service of
Healing and Renewal.

Birthday Blessings Family Service

December 22 7:30 p.m.

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

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.

Important Tax Notice

In order to be included on the 2000
tax information letter you receive from
Temple, your payment must be
received in the Temple office by
Friday, January 5, 2001.

Keep in mind that appreciated
assets can make great gifts to Temple.
Take stock, for example. If you have
owned the stock for at least a year and
a day, you can receive full value for the
gift, including all the appreciation.
What's more, neither you nor Temple
will have to pay capital gains tax on
the gift. The more the stock has
appreciated, the greater the benefit.
Your tax advisor can spell out the
specifics for you. For information on
transferring stock to Temple, please
call Dorothy Spizman, Executive
Director, 556-6536.



Tree of Life

Leaves inscribed for our Tree of Life
are \$300 each.

The boulders supporting the tree's
foundation may be inscribed for
\$3000 each.

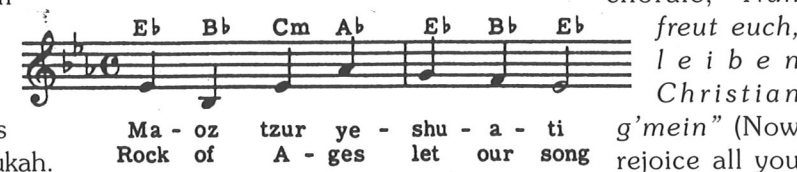
Please call Dorothy Spizman,
Executive Director, 556-6536, if you
are interested in learning more about
this new level of giving to honor
joyous times in a person's life.

A Note from the Cantor

Jennifer G. Blum

We zealously sing *Maoz Tzur*
(*Fortress Rock or Rock of Ages*) with
its sprightly, happy tune during the
eight days of Chanukah, but are you
aware that the melody actually has a
non-Jewish source?!

The poem itself is believed to have
been written in the 13th century by an
Ashkenazi poet, Mordechai ben Isaac
Ha-Levi. The poet wove his name,
Mordechai, in acrostic form as the
initial letters of the five stanzas that he
wrote. The poem expresses a hope for
the re-establishment of ancient Temple
worship as well as recalls redemption
of Israel from Egypt, the Babylonian
exile, Haman's fall and the Maccabean
rescue from the terror of
Antiochus Epiphanes.
Hence, its use at Chanukah.



It is not uncommon to see in some
prayer books an added sixth stanza,
believed to have been added in the
15th century, which expresses a plea
for a speedy redemption of Israel.

The poem was set to music and was
originally intended to be sung in the
home at Chanukah. Years later, it also
became included in the synagogue
service.

Most people, when they hear several
measures of *Maoz Tzur*, can quickly
identify the melody that they are
hearing. We associate the tune with
family memories and experiences and
are able to place it in correct context
of the Jewish calendar year. The
melody as we know it has roots that
go far back, and unlike many
"traditional" Jewish melodies, we
actually know its story (an extremely
rare occurrence).

The opening of *Maoz Tzur* is an
adaptation of a popular secular
German folk song that can be traced
to the year 1450. The song, "So

weiss ich eins, das mich efreut, das
pluemlein auff preiter heyde",
translates as follows: "So now know
one thing which gives me joy, a flower
on the heath".

The second section of the song has
been traced back to 1504 and is based
on a German battle song entitled
"*Benzenauer*." Most likely, a Jewish
singer fused the two songs together
into one to accompany the poem that
Mordechai had written.

Historically, Christians have adopted
both the melody and the text of *Maoz*
Tzur as their own. Martin Luther
adapted the melody for his church
chorale, "Nun freut euch,
leiben Christian
g'mein" (Now rejoice all you
dear Christians

together). Continuing in this melodic
vein, Johann Sebastian Bach wrote a
four-part setting of Luther's chorale.
Early American Protestants adapted
the text of *Maoz Tzur*, and translated
it into "Rock of Ages." Today, the
hymn "Rock of Ages" remains one of
the most beloved and familiar hymns
in almost all denominations of
Protestant worship.

While we all know the "traditional"
melody for *Maoz Tzur*, other settings
do exist. If you'd like to hear these
different interpretations of the text, the
Temple gift shop has an exciting new
assortment of Chanukah tapes and
CD's as well as some fabulous music
for Shabbat, High Holy Days and
Festivals.

If you're looking for children's music,
music for life-cycle events, Israeli
melodies or Klezmer, fear not; we've
got it all! What a wonderful gift this
would make for *Chanukah-Chag*
Orim Sameach - A very happy
Festival of Lights!

Chanukah Begins December 21!

How Do We Light the Chanukah Candles?

In a celebrated talmudic dispute, two great Jewish teachers, Hillel and Shammai, argued whether we should begin by lighting eight candles and gradually decrease to one (Shammai), or begin with one candle and add an additional one each night, thus continuously increasing the light and joy of the holiday (Hillel). The majority ruled with Hillel.

Thus, on the first night of Chanukah, we recite or chant the blessings and light one candle with the *shamash*, two on the second night, and so on. Customarily, the candles are placed in the *menorah* from right to left but lit from left to right.

Any member or members of the family may chant or recite the blessings. One person lights and holds the *shamash*, the *berachot* are pronounced, and the candles are then lit. On Shabbat, the Chanukah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles.

During the eight days, the candles



are kindled every night, anytime after sunset, when family members and guests are assembled.

These two blessings are recited each night:

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm ah-sheh kid shah-nu b'mitz-voh-tav v-tsee-vah-nu l-had 'leek nayr shel-Chan-nu-kah.

Blessed is the lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who hallows us with His Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-ah-sah ni-seem lah-ah-vo-tay-nu bah-yah-meem ha-haym baz-man hah-zeh.

Blessed is the lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first night of Chanukah only:

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-heh-che-yahnu v'kee-y'mah-nu v'hi-gee-yah-nu lah-z'mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Join The Fun at Temple's Family Chanukah Dinner and Service

Our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner and Worship will be **Friday, December 22, 6 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

Everyone is invited - children, parents, grandparents, aunts, cousins and friends! Please bring your own *menorah*, along with the candles to be lit for your table, and a can of food for the Food Bank.

A Shabbat/Chanukah family service, appropriate for all ages, will be held at 7:30, followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Please send a check, along with the reservation blank, to the Temple office. **Deadline is Friday, December 15.** No telephone reservations will be accepted.

Adults - \$8.25 - Children Grade 6 and under - \$4.00

Children 2 years and younger - no charge

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____

	Brisket	Vegetarian
Adult	_____	_____
Children Grade 6 and under	_____	_____
Children 2 years and younger	_____	_____

We would like seating with _____

Potato Latkes

In American homes, it just would not be Chanukah without potato latkes. For a nice change, try substituting grated zucchini for the potatoes.

5 potatoes
1 large onion
2 eggs
1/4 c. flour
salt and pepper to taste
pinch of baking powder
oil for frying

Grate potatoes and onion and drain well. Add eggs, flour, salt and pepper. Heat 1" of oil in a large frying pan. Drop the mixture by tablespoons into the hot oil and fry until golden, turning once.

**Rabbi Saperstein Will Deliver
The Sidney H. Brooks
Memorial Lecture**

*"Jews and Christians:
Lessons from the Middle Ages"*

Thursday, December 14

7:30 p.m.

Alumni Center, UNO

The community is invited to attend.

Outreach

The Temple Israel Outreach committee has invited congregants to join Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Scholar-in-Residence, at a special Shabbat dinner Friday, December 8.

The guest of honor, Rabbi Borowitz, along with Rabbi Azriel and Cantor Blum, will lead a meaningful and educational Shabbat dinner.

Following dinner, members will attend Erev Shabbat worship services which include the teachings of Rabbi Borowitz.

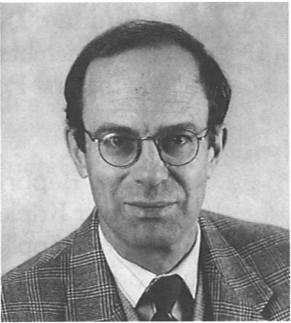
As always for Erev Shabbat worship, sitter service will be available. Please make arrangements through the Temple office, 556-6536. See page 5 for sitter service information.

"Moments of Crisis in Jewish-Christian Relations"

Dr. Marc Saperstein

Scholar-in-Residence

December 15, 16, 17



Dr. Marc Saperstein is the Charles E. Smith Professor of Jewish History and Director of the Program in Judaic Studies at the George Washington University. He is the award-winning author of *Jewish Preaching 1200-1800* and *Your Voice Like a Ram's Horn*, both recipients of National Jewish Book Awards, and the widely acclaimed *Moments of Crisis in Jewish-Christian Relations*.

Professor Saperstein received his B.A., summa cum laude, at Harvard, his M.A. from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, rabbinical ordination at the New York School of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and a Ph.D. at Harvard.

An expert in Jewish-Christian relations, Dr. Saperstein brings his valuable insight to Omaha for an enlightening weekend.

Friday, December 15

8 p.m.

Sanctuary

"Burdens and Blinders from the Past"

Oneg Shabbat Following

Saturday, December 16

4:30 p.m.

Milder Center

"The Church and the Holocaust: Is There a Need to Ask for Forgiveness?"

Havdalah Fruit and Cheese Reception

Sunday, December 17

10 a.m.

Friedman Social Hall

"Messianism as a Force in Jewish History"

Bagel Brunch

All events are open to the community at no charge.
This program is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

Great for Chanukah Shopping and Gifts!

Proceeds go to Temple's Camp Scholarship fund

Call the Temple office, 556-6536, to set up a standing order

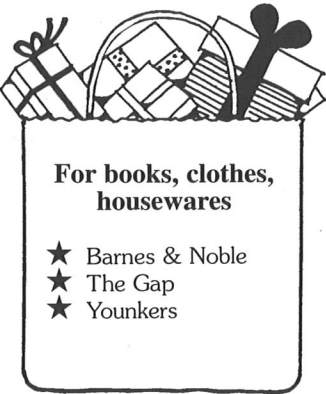
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- ★ Younkers

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Religious School Coordinator

Grades 3 & 4 visits Blumkin Home Sunday, December 10

The fourth grade will meet at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:15 a.m. Our students have been invited to celebrate Chanukah with their learning partners.

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, December 17 & January 7

Come celebrate the Festival of Lights at the December 17 assembly. On January 7 we will return from winter break and enjoy the first Prayer Assembly of 2001.

Jewish Book Report Contest Deadline January 7

The annual Elinor Whitman Jewish Book Report and Book Jacket Design Contest is sponsored by the Dorothy and Myer Kripke Jewish Federation Library. It is open to children in grades K through 8. Application and instruction forms are available in the Temple Religious School office. If you bring your book report/jacket to Temple by Friday, December 31 we will deliver it to the library. After that date, please deliver your entry directly to Harris Finkelstein by January 7

No Religious School during Winter Vacation . . December 24-January 4

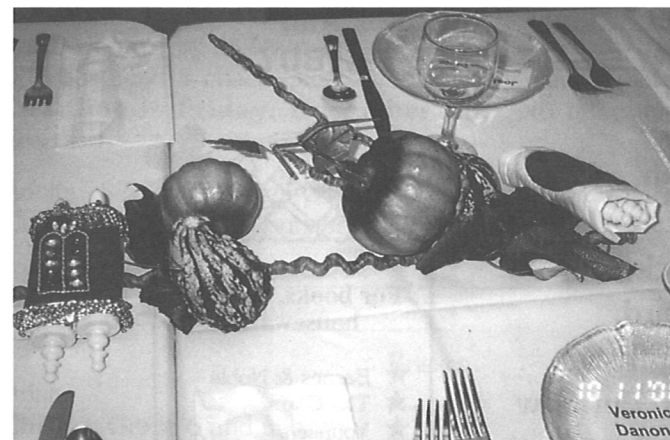
Classes resume Sunday, January 7. Family School and Keep-up will resume on January 9 and 10. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Thank you for bringing the joy of Shabbat to everyone attending the Public School Teachers' Shabbat:

Kathy Beauchaine, Marge Bresel, Teresa Eirinberg, Katherine Finnegan, Diane Gaul, Maria Neesman, Patricia Newman, Ann Noodell, Rita Paskowitz, Leslie Slutzky, and Jeff Smedlund (our Religious School Committee members);

Michelle Bucher, Deb Finnicum, Robyn Freeman, Jacquie Gribens, Stephanie Grossman, Betsy Baker Heyman, Kathy Hirshman, Amy Katz, Ivy Lynn Kohll, Julie Martin, Stacey Rockman, Stephanie Saferstein, Lynn Salzinger and Lisa Scheet (our most treasured room parents);

Elyce Azriel, Sharon Brodkey, Vicki Chesen, Jackie Christensen, Steve Danon, Nikki Flatowicz, Dan Fried, Jen Gates, David Goldberg, Wendy Goldberg, Dora Goldstrom, Rini Gonsher, Anne Joseph, Eileen Kader, Karen Kazor, Fritz Luefschuetz, Elinor Matalon, Marvin Parilman, Doris Parker, Kimberly Robinson, Jeff Taxman, Patsy Wallace, Melany Weinstine, and Maya Wertheimer (our most talented and dedicated teaching staff).



Students created Jewish holiday table decorations for the Public School Teachers Shabbat.



Noah Grossman greets teachers.



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, December 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.**



- Every Friday evening at the 7:15 p.m. or 8:00 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)



Public School Teachers toured Temple's classrooms, hosted by our students.

Middle/High School Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director

Teens—Become Part of Bikkur Cholim

The Bikkur Cholim group at Temple is composed of people who visit members of our congregation who cannot easily get to the synagogue, people who may be homebound, or who reside at the Blumkin Home, Remington and Livingston Apartments.

It is possible for students in the 7th to 12th grades to contribute in this way, as well.

Students can earn community service hours as they make new friends and make a real difference in a person's life.

Commitments include one visit a month to a person who would enjoy a visit! A member of Bikkur Cholim would assist students in connecting with a person matched by availability and personality.

OR—get together with a small group of friends and work together on an activity such as game night, Havdalah services, or musical activity to share.

If you have questions, call Elyce Azriel or Rabbi Debbie Stiel at Temple, 556-6536, or Patricia Newman, 393-8787.

10th Graders Taste The Big Apple

Temple Israel's annual New York Trip for 10th grade students was October 26-29.

Accompanying the class were Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Tippi Denenberg, Dan Fried, Beth Spizman and Amy Willensky.

Following are excerpts from the students' comments:

"...I was especially impressed with the amount of Jewish culture that was present everywhere. I saw more Hasidic Jews and kosher restaurants than I've seen up to this point. Besides the independent cultural experiences, I also enjoyed the collective culture of New York—such as the street vendors and the cab rides, and the subway. The best part of the trip, however, was the time that I got to spend with my classmates."

"The different styles of Jewish Shabbat services were very interesting and I enjoyed the Friday night service consisting mainly of singing and dancing. The planetarium was very interesting and the pickle stand was great..."

"...I think we all bonded and learned more about Jewish history. I learned a lot about Ellis Island and I especially liked that because that's what my grandpa saw first..."

"The thing that affected me most as a Jew was seeing how so many cultures, including Jews, mingled and intermixed. Seeing Jews on the street, yarmulkes on their heads, talking to the vendors and the street things. That was cool..."



"...Learning about my Jewish heritage through sight and not just reading about it will be an experience I will remember forever. Friendships were formed and others were made stronger...I also enjoyed the service at B'nai Jushuran on Friday night. With all the singing and dancing, I actually enjoyed the service..."

"Wow! From the night we arrived in New York (without baggage!) I knew I would have a great time. I wasn't disappointed...The most memorable experiences were Jewish...My favorite experience (well, if you ask my stomach, the deli was the best) was Saturday morning services at Temple Rodeph Shalom..."



"...I feel that I'm a lot closer to my classmates than before...The Statue of Liberty was very beautiful. It was a very special moment for me...I will remember this trip for a long time to come..."

"...My favorite time that had to do with Judaism was the Friday night service. I thought the dancing was a lot of fun and the music was cool, too...The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island were fun and interesting too. The things the immigrants had to go through were amazing..."

"...One of my first impressions of New York will probably be the memory that I remember the longest. That is that New York is a very loud city..."

"...One of my favorite things that I saw were the large number of Jews that lived there. I liked their openness of their religion that they showed by wearing their yarmulkes out on the street...Also, for my Jewish points of interests was the difference in the services that we attended....It shows how people may be the same religion but like to express themselves and teach others differently..."

UAHC Mourns Rabbi Schindler

President of the UAHC from 1973 to 1996, Rabbi Alexander Schindler died November 15, 2000.

UAHC President Eric Yoffie remembered him as a visionary leader and a prophetic voice for social justice.

Rabbi Schindler spoke in Omaha at the community-wide retirement dinner honoring Rabbi Sidney Brooks in 1985.

January 9

Executive Board Meeting

6:30-7 p.m.

Book Club

7 p.m.

Both events will be held at the home of **Stacey Rockman, 612 South 93 Street, 397-7930**. The book is "The Ghost of Hannah Mendes: A Novel" by Naomi Ragen. Although the book is out of print, there are copies available for purchase in the Temple Gift Shop.

December 10

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Cradle Roll

This group for infants through children age five and their parents will meet in the Milder Center.



It's Time For The Pancake Man!

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 3

9 to 10:30 a.m.

The Women of Reform Judaism, Omaha is again sponsoring a pancake breakfast, featuring Jim the Pancake Man. Bring the whole family for breakfast before the children go to Religious School.

Cost is \$4.25 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under for an all you can eat breakfast including pancakes, beef sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

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Great As its Past
Remember Temple Israel
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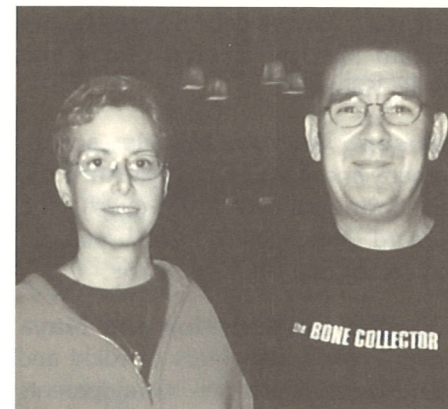
Do You Have a Student In New York?

Rabbi Azriel will be in New York City December 5 and would like to meet with our college students living there.

Please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, with your child's name and phone number so Rabbi Azriel can be in touch with your student.

"In my opinion, the first Temple Israel Retreat was a great success..."

"...The Shabbat-long retreat just might have been the most meaningful and joyous thing I've done in years. I hated to see it end, and wished we could come back every weekend. Come to think of it, that is the point of Shabbat, isn't it?"



Sue and Dave Millward

"It was a wonderful experience! Getting away to a quiet place, surrounded by the beauty of nature – our first annual Temple Retreat weekend – at the Lied Center in Nebraska City....We learned to be still and slow the pace—and listen to our inner soul's message...We had the opportunity for wonderful interactions with people whom we had not known before. It was very inspiring and enriching...."



Suzy Rubin, Susie Norton and Debbi Josephson

Months of planning proved the key to success for the retreat led by Rabbi Alan Lew of San Francisco.

Special thanks to the committee: Doris Alloy, Harry Alloy, Barbara Ault, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Gloria Bassik, Paul Epstein, Matt Ferer, Shelly Fox, Sandee Friedman, Debbi Josephson, Sally Kaplan, Angela Krieger, Roie Meyers, Ducky Milder, Lee Needelman, Vicki Perlmet, Iris Ricks, Linda Saltzman, Dorothy Spizman, Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Michael Walts and Andi Willensky.



George and Sharon Quittner



Ken and Gloria Bassik

"...The setting, programming, Rabbi Lew and even the food were all excellent. I liked learning about how Eastern thought complements the Torah. We were blessed with a beautiful day on Saturday, which allowed us to go outside and appreciate the spirituality found in nature. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with fellow congregants and getting to know them on a deeper level. Hopefully, the retreat will become an annual tradition."



Hollis Glaser, Sharon Brodkey-Yoel, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Ducky Milder

"...Two things I especially appreciated about Rabbi Lew's presentation were his ability to bring other spiritual traditions to bear on Judaism, and his ability to integrate them into the spiritual wisdom of Judaism...."

"...Several times during the presentation, Rabbi Lew used the word 'luminous' to describe the world one sees while meditating. The sunshine through the autumn leaves, the peaceful atmosphere, and the combined spirits of about eighty worshipers made our Shabbat retreat truly luminous."



Vicki Perlmet



Temple Israel Young and Progressive Organization

Join TIYPO, Temple's group for young Jewish adults (20s and 30s), at the December 8 service with special Scholar in Residence and expert on Reform Judaism, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz. After services, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and continue a dialogue with our scholar.

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IN HONOR OF ENGAGEMENT OF: Andrea Neff and Todd Bodenstein: Marilyn and Marty Warren

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On the Birth of:

Caleb Robert Horner, son of Angela and Paul Horner. Grandparents are Sandra Martin and Howard Martin, and Gail and Bill Horner. Great-grandparents are Miriam Martin, Evelyn Gross and Lucille Katelman.

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

Yarden Epstein Mor and Maya Epstein Mor, daughters of Rikki and Alon Mor, Haifa, Israel. Grandparents are Devorah and Menachem Mor, Haifa, Israel, and Lois and Mel Epstein.

On the Engagement of:

Andrea Susan Neff and Todd Bodenstein. Parents are Jeanie and Sherm Neff and Kenneth Bodenstein and the late Susan Bodenstein, Malibu, CA.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Harry Altsuler, husband of Ruth Altsuler, father of Arnie Altsuler and Carol Cohen, brother of Bernie Altsuler, brother-in-law of Willard and Tham Friedman.

Esther Gilles, sister of Dorothy Parilman;

James Kahn, brother of Ruth Oruch and brother-in-law of Phil Handleman;

Dorothy Levine Schrier, mother of Stan Schrier, grandmother of Jeffrey Schrier, Jill Folsom and Julie Ginsberg;

Joye Harris, sister of Audrey Cohen

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NOVEMBER	30	DECEMBER	2
			29 Midrashah 10-Noon Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grades 7/8 Parents Workshop 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bible Quiz Preparation 7:30 p.m.	Adult Study with the Rabbis 10:15-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-9 p.m.	1 Torah Tots 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Nick Laudin
3 "Pancake Man" 9-10:30 a.m. Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Spirituality in Judaism 10-11:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:30 p.m.	4	5 Torah Tots 9:30-11 a.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Healing and Renewal Service 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	6 Religious School & Dinner Hebrew Club 5-6 p.m. Grades 7-12 6-8:30 p.m.	7 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m.	8 Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	9 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Scholar-in-Residence
10 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 3 and Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 3 & 4 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:45 a.m. Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m. Temple Tones 12-12:30 p.m.	11	12 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	13 Midrashah 10-Noon Religious School and Bible Quiz Grades 7-12 @ J.C.C. 6-8:30 p.m.	14 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10:15-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m. Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Lecture @ UNO 7:30 p.m.	15 Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	16 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Sherman Scholar-in-Residence 4:30 p.m.
17 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m.	18	19 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.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 Religious School Hebrew Club 5-6 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.	21 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Light 1st Candle	22 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Chanukah Family Dinner 6 p.m. Chanukah Family Service 7:30 p.m. Light 2nd Candle	23 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
24 No Religious School Light 4th Candle	25 Light 5th Candle	26 No Family School AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m. Light 6th Candle	27 No Religious School Light 7th Candle	28 No Religious School Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-9 p.m. Light 8th Candle	29 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	30 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
31 No Religious School	JANUARY 1	2 No Family School AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	3 No Religious School	4 Adult Study with the Rabbis 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m.	5 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	6 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.