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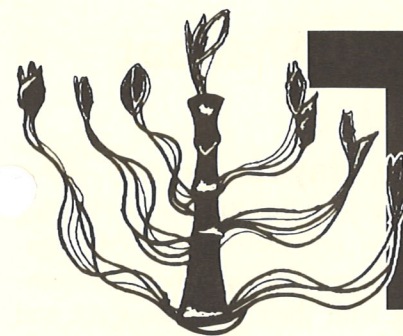
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Turning the Torah...

"My body lingers in the West, but my soul longs for the East."

Growing up, I learned a lot about Israel. In Hebrew School, I can't imagine how many times I sang, "David Melech Yisrael" (complete with hand motions, of course). Praying at the synagogue, I remember being proud of myself when I could fluidly read the word *Ye-rush-al-ayyim* (Jerusalem). I saw pictures of the Western Wall, viewed historical films about the country, and in college, took a few courses in Hebrew.

In June of 1999, I saw Israel with my own eyes for the very first time. I saw it with my own lens of perspective – not a prayer book's, not a teacher's, not a rabbi's.

People often ask me, "What was your favorite thing about Israel?" Answering such a question is difficult. Every day I had new experiences. On Friday mornings (there are no classes on Fridays because of Shabbat) I played ultimate Frisbee with a group of observant Orthodox Jews. On the field, we would play fiercely and competitively. As our game ended each week, we would find ourselves walking to the *shuk*, buying vegetables and foods for our Shabbat meals. And we would also talk about Judaism ... fiercely and sometimes, competitively.

I went into a bookstore once, just to browse the shelves. Almost instantly,

the clerks stopped working, turned around the "closed" sign, and locked the door. Before I knew what was happening, everyone turned toward the East, grabbed a *siddur*, and started to pray. It was time for the afternoon service (*mincha*). Religious fervor infused everything – even a trip to the bookstore.

I prayed at a modern Orthodox synagogue (*yakar*). The "building" was nothing but a big room with a separation in the middle, so that men and women would be in different sections. There were no instruments, no microphones, no page numbers. The *ruach* (spirit) in the room, however, was palpable. The joy that was present in that room came to embody Shabbat for me.

Israel is our homeland. It is a place rich with history, culture, tension, religious fervor, etc. But it is also a place where people live. It is a place where fathers walk their children to school. It is a place where families sit on the beach in Tel Aviv playing games. Its citizens snorkel in Eilat. Milk and honey do indeed flow there. But so does everyday life.

Our tradition teaches of two Jerusalems: There is the Jerusalem "above" and the Jerusalem "below." The Jerusalem "above" represents a heavenly or ideal Jerusalem. It is the Jerusalem we yearn for – the Jerusalem of our prayers and our hopes. It is the Jerusalem we

think of when singing *Hatikvah*. The other Jerusalem, the Jerusalem "below," is the Jerusalem of everyday life. It is the Jerusalem where people buy groceries, argue about politics, discuss the tension with the Palestinians and so on.

I don't know quite what I expected when I landed at Ben Gurion airport for the first time, but I must admit I was disappointed. Perhaps I did expect a land literally flowing with milk and honey – the Jerusalem of "above." As I interacted with the country of Israel – both its land and its people – I discovered a different Jerusalem, a different Israel. I discovered my own. In the process, I discovered myself, and my own Jewish identity. I became a Reform Jew in Israel.

Israel undoubtedly holds a special place in the hearts of Jews, as it should. Let us all think seriously about activating the prayer from our Passover *haggadah*, "Next year in Jerusalem." As Israel turns 60, let us think about how Israel helps inform us of our Judaism. Let us at the same time think of the gifts that we, as liberal Jews in the Diaspora, give to our homeland. And let us pray for a time when the Jerusalem "above" and the Jerusalem "below" become one and the same.

Eric Linder

KNOW THYSELF; KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

Temple Has "IT"

Jon Meyers, President

Our synagogue is a thriving, vibrant organization that offers each of us many different things. A house of worship and haven from life's hectic pace, where we can develop our own spirituality. A place to learn about ourselves, our religion, and our relationships with other people and religions. Someplace to find friendships and meaningful relationships. A unified voice for ethical behavior and social involvement. A vehicle to perform tikun olam and collaborate our efforts so that the sum of our work is greater than our individual parts may be. There are many, many more offerings. We are a thriving, successful organization. Among the many reasons for our long history and continued success are the intangibles: Midwest values and strong family relationships; ethical practice in our work and daily lives; the compassion and genuine concern for the well being of others; lifelong friendships; welcoming new people into our circles.

Look around. Many organizations struggle to remain viable, financially or otherwise. So what is "IT" about Temple Israel? What makes "IT" happen?

Actually, the answer is not a what... It is WHO! The who is our amazing support and custodial staff. We all can see the results of the work and functions of the clergy and professionals. These are easier to see and recognize, they are tangible. The support staff provides so much of the intangible. They are the first contact most people have with our organization. The work they perform to keep the clergy and professionals on track is mostly unseen by our congregation. The successful programs we offer are much a result of the behind the scenes work being done. Days and weeks of preparation go into most of what is offered for all of us. We see the end product. We participate. We go home. It is the staff that prepared the facility, designed the notices, sent out the e-mails, took the reservations, worked with the clergy, was there for whatever was needed, stayed to clean up, followed up where necessary, and evaluated the outcome in order to improve the experience next time for all of us.

We will be honoring this group of people at the annual meeting. They are invaluable to our organization. Thank them when you see them. Let them know that their efforts are appreciated and noticed. Our experiences at Temple would not be the same without them. Some of that "IT" would be missing.

Israel@60
2008 Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Celebration
Sunday, May 4
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jewish Community Center

Temple Israel Religious School families will meet at the JCC outdoor pavilion at 9:30 a.m. for a bagel breakfast followed by school activities. Activities throughout the day include a community "Walk for Israel," Israel Vendor Fair, children's carnival, food, live entertainment, Israeli short films, reflections on Israel with five (including our own) Omaha rabbis, and more!

It's An Honor!

Ducky Milder

Being asked to sit on the bima used to be an honor. Traditionally, there was excitement and mystery when a member of a family was asked. Their entire family, plus friends came to Temple to share in the mitzvah.

A few weeks ago, as a representative of the Board of Trustees, I had the opportunity to sit on the bima. When I walked into Rabbi Azriel's study prior to services, he thanked me for sitting on the bima. I answered, "It's a pleasure." I thought about my answer and then let it go.

Sitting on the bima that Shabbat, I experienced the honor of being with the clergy, being close to the Torah, celebrating mitzvah with the family of the Bar Mitzvah and representing my Temple community. What a joy!

After services, Cantor Shermet also thanked me for sitting on the bima today. I said, "It was an honor." She answered me, "Really?"

When you are called to sit on the bima for a service for any reason, deem it an honor to be asked. Share this mitzvah with your family and feel the richness and meaning of being a Jew.

Really. It is an honor!

Senior Shabbat Service

Friday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Please join Kol Rina in celebrating the senior members of our congregation who have strengthened our community with their wisdom, grace and commitment to Jewish life. To mark the occasion, Temple soloists Tammy Field and Jonathan Rathsam will join Cantor Wendy Shermet in singing some of our most beloved liturgy. Enjoy a lavish buffet oneg following the service. Men's Club will provide complimentary valet parking for our honored guests.

Seniors, please let us know if you plan to attend by sending in the invitation reply card that you received in the mail.

This is the last time Jonathan Rathsam will chant Torah from the Temple bimah. He has completed his doctoral studies at UNO and is moving to Israel this summer for a post-doctoral fellowship. We thank Jonathan for the five wonderful years he has added his voice to our prayers, patient trained our B'nai Mitzvah students and befriended congregants of all ages.

Rabbi Azriel to Receive Doctor of Divinity Degree from HUC-JIR

Aryeh Azriel, Temple Israel's rabbi since 1988, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree during ordination ceremonies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) on June 1 in Cincinnati, OH.

Currently a member of the Union for Reform Judaism/Central Conference of American Rabbis' task force on burnout in the rabbinate, and a member of the joint commission on Outreach, Rabbi Azriel is also on the congregation-based Community Organization Clergy Task Force (Jewish Fund for Justice), past-president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis, a board member of the National Conference for Community and Justice and the steering committee for the Omaha 2000 Education Project, and chairman of the Clergy Group of OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).

He's also served on the boards of Planned Parenthood, the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Committee, the Omaha Food Bank, the Salvation Army, and United Catholic Social Services. A former adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rabbi Azriel was ordained at Hebrew Union College 25 years ago.

"This honor is a chance for me to look back at my involvement as a rabbi. It's such an honor to be recognized by the seminary who, after reviewing my rabbinic journey, made a decision to honor me in my life's work," he said. He also sees this as an opportunity to look at the contributions of his wife Elyce, his family and the congregations he's served, and reflect on the causes he's championed. "It's an opportunity to review my life in the rabbinate and to realize I made the right choice. I feel indebted to HUC-JIR for the opportunity that was given to me to serve the Jewish community in America."

Temple Israel Annual Meeting Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the upcoming annual meeting as Temple's invaluable support staff members are honored. Lori Bennett, Willie Clark, Vicki Ducharme, Edith Gamble, Maureen Kube, Bonnie Sullivan, Misty Weidner, and Lonnie Williams, who has worked at Temple for 31 years, longer than any other employee, are a key part of the Temple team.

In addition, Board of Trustees President Jon Meyers will give a State of the Congregation report and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will address the congregation. There will also be an election of one-year Executive Board positions and several new Board members. A dessert reception will follow the meeting.

Shavuot

A Celebration of Israel's 60th Birthday Sunday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Shavuot is a holiday for milestones - the most significant one marks the moment the Jewish people received the Torah from God on Mt. Sinai. That sacred story launched a new chapter in the history of the "people of the book" and established the centrality of text in our tradition.

This year, we also celebrate a milestone for the modern state of Israel - 60 years of existence. We have invited Dr. Jonathan Adelman, a professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver, to help us reflect on the brief history of the Jewish state and its future prospects. He will present a talk entitled: "The Rise of Israel: How Did The Miracle Happen and What Happens Now?"

Dr. Adelman has written 11 books on Russian and Chinese politics, revolutions and security studies. His most recent book, "The Rise of Israel", examines the unique creation of the state of Israel and how it has gained the strength to overcome great obstacles and become a serious regional power in the Middle East. He is well-regarded for his fresh perspective that avoids the highly charged ideological descriptions that often plague other attempts to write about the region.

Please join us for Shavuot services, a presentation and conversation with a distinguished guest scholar, and a dairy oneg.

P.S. If you were born in 1948, we would like to mark your 60th birthday with a blessing on the bima. Please contact the Temple office, 556-6536, if you'll be attending.

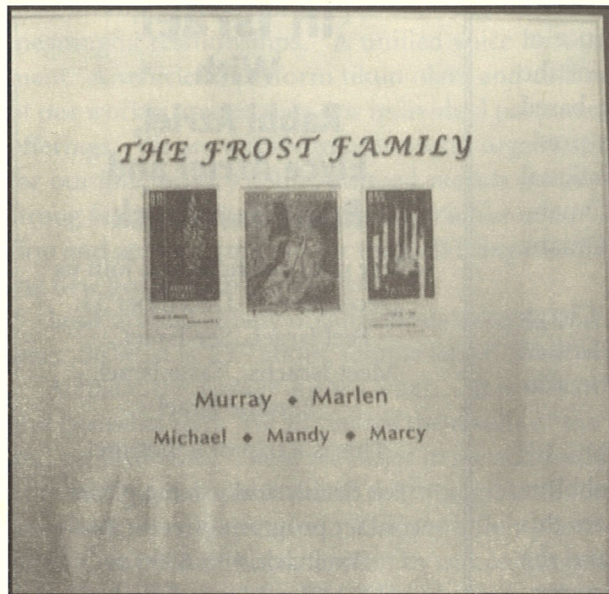
It is NOT Too Late to Spend
Chanukah 2008
in Israel
With
Rabbi Azriel,
Elyce Azriel and
Rosie Zweiback

Clear your calendar and join us
December 21-December 31.
Feel Israel...See Israel...
Meet Israelis...Taste Israel...
Breathe Israel

This is a trip of a lifetime!
For details and pricing please
contact program director Rosie
Zweiback, 556-6536 or
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Adult Education

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



This block was made by Marlen Frost. "Murray Frost was an internationally known collector and scholar of Jewish stamps. When he died in 2000, his wife and children selected three stamps from his collection to represent the values so important to him and his family. Those stamps are shown here: depicting the Shema, representing Judaism; the wedding, representing home and family; and the Holocaust, representing our need to remember and to preserve our faith."

Murray and Marlen (Willis) Frost grew up in Brooklyn,

NY, and Detroit, MI, respectively. After living in southern California for 12 years, they moved to Omaha in 1974 and became active members of Temple Israel. Their children, Michael, Mandy and Marcy became B'nai Mitzvot and were confirmed at Temple. Marlen taught at Temple Israel's Religious School for nearly 20 years. Murray was an active Men's Club member and presented several programs dealing with Jewish history as reflected in stamps."

Know Thyself, Know Thy Christian Neighbors

Thursday, May 8 (note date change) and Wednesday, May 21

Noon at Temple

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 a.m.

at Village Inn, 7837 Dodge Street

Join Rabbi Eric Linder for one, two, or all three sessions. Lunch can be purchased for \$6 per person. Breakfast at Village Inn is on your own. Please register in advance by contacting Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. This adult education opportunity is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning.

U.S. Holocaust Museum Exhibit at Temple Portrays Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals

Between 1933 and 1945, Nazi Germany, in its efforts to seek domination over Europe and create a "master Aryan race," annihilated six million Jews in the Holocaust. Other groups, including Germany's homosexual men, were also persecuted. Believing them to be carriers of a "degeneracy" that threatened the nation's "disciplined masculinity" and hindered population growth, the Nazi state incarcerated tens of thousands of men in prisons and concentration camps as a means of terrorizing German homosexuals into the Nazi model of social conformity.

An exhibit of reproductions of some 250 historic photographs and documents, organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, is on display at Temple Israel through June 9. "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945" examines the rationale, means and impact of the Nazi regime's attempt to eradicate homosexuality which left thousands dead and shattered the lives of many more.

Free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the exhibit also can be seen on weekends and evenings by booking group tour. To make arrangements, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

From Generation to Generation: A Guide to Jewish Genealogy

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 27, June 3 and 10
7 - 8:15 p.m.

Ford Mommaerts-Browne, a genealogist, will teach you how to peer through the branches of your family tree to discover your 16 great grandparents. A Guide to Jewish Genealogy started April 29, but you can still enroll by contacting Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Learn about the unique factors of Jewish genealogy, the basic precepts of genealogical practices and research, the terminology of kinship, where to find records and how to use them. By the end of the class, you'll be able to organize your findings into a publishable format.

Fee for this class, sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning, is \$18 for Temple Israel members and \$25 for others.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

WRJ-O Donor Tea

Wednesday, May 7, Noon - 1 p.m.

Film Streams, 1340 Webster Street

"The idea of opening a hip independent movie house in dusty old Omaha has always been in the back of Rachel Jacobson's mind," wrote Tim McMahan in *The Omaha Reader* in August 2005.

Sweeping aside the "dusty old Omaha" remark, Rachel was able to accomplish her goal in July 2007 when she founded Film Streams, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of the Omaha-Council Bluffs area through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form, according to the Film Streams website.

If you haven't been to Film Streams yet or if you'd like to return and enjoy guided tour, a light lunch and a presentation by Rachel, Women of Reform Judaism will host its annual Donor Tea there. WRJ Board members for 2008-2009 will be installed.

Invitations have been mailed with reservation information. If you didn't receive an invitation and are interested in attending, please call the Temple office, 556-6536.



WRJ-O Packs Up Passover Packages for College Students

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) sent Passover candy along with notes from Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and WRJ President Danielle Gordman to 53 Temple students enrolled in colleges from California to New York. Bonnie Pfrenger, WRJ vice president of development, was responsible for packing the Passover candy bags. "Bonnie is doing an excellent job and is a huge asset to the WRJ Board," commented Danielle.

WRJ also sends gift bags to Temple college students for Rosh Hashanah.

WRJ-O Announces 2008 - 2009 Slate of Officers

President - Danielle Gordman

Past-President - Cindy Goldberg

Vice President of Membership and President Elect - Susie Norton

Vice President of Caring - Bonnie Pfrenger

Vice President of Religious Action - Stacie Brodkey

Vice President of Programming - Mary Wampler, Rosie Zweiback

Vice President of Public Relations - Patty Gilinsky, Heidi Schneiderman

Vice President of Young Family Programs - Annette VanDeKamp-Wright, Sarah Wiseman

Vice President of Religious Living - Nikki Kirshenbaum, Mimi Silverman

Vice President of Development - Jennifer Miller

Vice President of Finance - Susan Lehr

Recording Secretary - Sharon Bargas

Welcome New Members!

Berta Ackerson

Returning to Temple after a brief hiatus, Berta is looking forward to getting connected to the Jewish community once again. In 1989, Berta was part of the very first class of adult women to have a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel. She has three grown children who were raised in our congregation. Being back is "like coming home."

Jerome and Betty Grossman

Jerome and Betty are life-long Omahans. During World War II, Jerome served with the 12th Armored Division including the Normandy landing. After the war, he completed his law degree at Creighton University. In addition to working in a local law practice, Jerome had a long career in J.A.G. as a reservist. Betty and Jerome are the proud parents and grandparents of Temple members Barry and Stephanie Grossman and their children Hannah and Noah.

Nicole and Raziell Hertel

Dar Shalev, 2 months

Nicole and Raziell relocated to Omaha in the spring of 2006 for work and for the family friendly atmosphere. They have two dogs and a brand new son. Most of their free time is spent reading, gardening and enjoying their new life as parents.

Recycled Cans Benefit Temple Israel

Save your Aluminum beverage cans. They are worth \$\$\$ to Temple Israel. Take your empties to Can Pak, 85th and Blondo, and ask them to credit Temple Israel.

Youth & Education

What's Happening in Religious School

Elyce Azriel, Director of Religious Education

Another wonderful school year is about to end, and we want to thank everyone who has partnered in our school to make it so successful:

Our teachers who have made Religious School a fun, loving and safe place to learn: Leora Azriel, Eileen Clignett, Toby Fellman, Katherine Finnegan, Deb Finnicum, Jeff Gates, Dora Goldstrom, Jill Idelman, Natasha Kraft, Ann Noodell, Doris Parker, Brenna Robinson, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Mor Sheinbein, David Swensen, Jeff Taxman, Patsy Wallace, Melany Weinstine, Tereza Wigodsky and Sarah Wiseman.

Our madracime (teen assistants) who make a big difference in the life of our children by setting good examples of leadership and commitment to their Judaism: Yaniv Azriel, Ashley Bernstein, LaShanna Bernstein, Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Zane Fletcher, Susan Freeman, Adam Goldberg, Hannah Grossman, Grace Hack, Joe Hack, Jordan Jensen, Emily Katz, Ariel Kohll, Morissa Miller, Sophia Miller, Ben Noodell, Hannah Perry, Hannah Radler, Cleo Rogers, Rachel Saferstein, Alexis Slutzky and Sam Weinstine.

Our volunteer corps who helped make every activity a success: Bart Arnold, Brenda Arnold, Barb Brehmer, Stacie Brodkey, Larry Budwig, Marla Cohen, Teresa Eirinberg, Tami Field, Hillary Fletcher, Patty Gilinsky, Bennett Ginsberg, Jennifer Glazer, Cindy Goldberg, Kerry Hollst, Kate Kaminsky, Michelle Kazor, Jenn Tompkins Kirshenbaum, Nikki Kirshenbaum, Dan Marburg, Jennifer Miller, Karli Newman, Nancy Nogg, Susie Norton, Ann Osborne, Rob Reiss, Wendy Reiss, Paula Robinson, Mimi Rogers, Sherrie Saag, Tanya Seina, Andrea Siegel, Stacy Simon, Louri Sullivan and Wendy Vann.

Our Religious School Steering Committee who has made a commitment to our children and our school: Stacie Brodkey, Katherine Finnegan, Jordana Glazer, Stacey Rockman, Andrea Siegel, Jenn Tompkins Kirshenbaum, Louri Sullivan and Wendy Vann.



Tov Maod to Our Book Contest Winners!

Eleven Temple Israel youth will be presented awards at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration for their entries in the 17th Annul Elinor A. Whitman Book Appreciation Contest. To enter, contestants had to write a review of a Jewish book. This year's contest included a total of 73 entries with 18 winners.

Congratulations to: Jacob Arnold, Courtney Bierman, Hannah Budwig, Gavriella Edwards, O'Bryen Edwards, John Eirinberg, Max Goldberg, Abby Hack, Elijah Marburg, Naomi Teetzel and Jake Vann.



Middle/High School Footnotes

Thank you to all the teachers of Temple's Middle/High School for the care they put into helping our students succeed. The real strength of the school is its exceptionally capable and talented staff, and the emphasis on the quality of academic programs available to our students.

Our teachers this year were: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Justin Cooper, Steve Danon, Tuffy Epstein, Toby Fellman, Katherine Finnegan, Deb Finnicum, Jeff Gates, Bruce Goldberg, David Goldberg, Barry Grossman, Mace Hack, Sally Kaplan, Amy Katz, Rabbi Eric Linder, Linda Marcoe, Miriam Moran, Sandy Nogg, Rita Paskowitz, Alan Potash, Mor Sheinbein, Cantor Wendy Shermet and Rosie Zweiback.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MADNESS!

Grades 7-12 will meet at the Azriel home (13635 Walnut Street) **6 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7**

- * Jousting Game
- * Photo Booth
- * Burgers and Dogs (for all types of eaters)
- * OTYG Rush for Grades 8 - 11 (find out what it's all about)
- * Meet the incoming OTYG Board (say thanks to the outgoing)
- * AND MUCH MORE!

Parents - Don't Forget

Religious School will be held at the J.C.C on **Sunday, May 4** **Event Schedule 10 a.m.**

Temple Israel Religious School at the JCC pavilion - for the entire family! Come at 9:30 a.m. for a bagel breakfast.

11 a.m. "Walk the Land" Community Walk for Israel Students and accompanying family members must be registered before the walk **More Yom Ha'Atzmaut Activities Begin Following the walk!**

The new OTYG board members will be installed at the Graduation service on Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it!



May/June • Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5768

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	2 Tot Shabbat Dinner following 6 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	3 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Goldberg
				May		
4 Religious School Grades K-6 @ the JCC 9:30 a.m. Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration @ the JCC 12:30 p.m.	5	6 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. From Generation to Generation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	7 WRJ-O Donor Tea @ Film Streams Noon Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Family School 6-8 p.m. Grades 7-12 @ Azriel Home 6-8 p.m.	8 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m. Know Thyself, Know Thy Christian Neighbors @ Temple Noon	9 Confirmation / Graduation Service 7:30 p.m.	10 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
11 Last Day of Religious School Teacher Meeting 9 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m. - Noon Prayer Assembly 10 a.m. Kindergarten Roundup 10 a.m.	12	13 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. From Generation to Generation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	14 Know Thyself, Know Thy Christian Neighbors @ Village Inn 7:30 a.m.	15 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	16 Shabbat Comes to You @Remington Heights 4 p.m. Senior Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	17 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
18 Celebrate Freedom Service @ St. Paul Methodist Church 11 a.m. Madrichim Pizza Party @ Valentino's Noon	19	20 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. Executive Board 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	21 Know Thyself, Know Thy Christian Neighbors @ Temple Noon	22 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	23 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	24 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
25	26 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	27 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. From Generation to Generation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	28	29 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	30 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	31 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Hack
1	2	3 Hebrew Lunch 'n Learn 12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting 7 p.m. From Generation to Generation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	4 OTYG Board Retreat	5 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	6 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	7 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Radler
June						

Worship Services

Friday~May 2

6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
 Dinner immediately following
 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~May 3

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Goldberg
Daughter of Wendy and
David Goldberg
 Torah Portion: Kedoshim
 Leviticus 19:1-20:27
 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Friday~May 9

7:30 p.m.
Confirmation / Graduation Service

Saturday~May 10

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Emor
 Leviticus 21:1-24:23
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday~May 16

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
 6 p.m.
Senior Shabbat Service

Saturday~May 17

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Behar
 Leviticus 25:1-26:2
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27

Friday~May 23

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~May 24

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Bechukotai
 Leviticus 26:3-27:34
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday~May 30

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~May 31

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Hack
Son of Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack
 Torah Portion: Bemidbar
 Numbers 1:1-4:20
 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

Friday~June 6

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~June 7

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Radler
Daughter of Gretchen and
David Radler
 Torah Portion: Naso
 Numbers 4:21-7:89
 Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Guitar Service

Friday, May 30, 6 p.m.
at Shabbat Worship Service

Former Omahans and brothers Rabbi Josh Zweiback and Adam Zweiback will join their aunt, Devra Lerner, in an uplifting Shabbat guitar service. Rabbi Zweiback, of Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos, CA, is a member of Mah Tovv which plays contemporary Jewish music. Adam is the lead singer of the band Twice Baked out of Phoenix, AZ, while Devra performs with Yachad: The Traveling T'filah Band of Kansas City.

Birthday Blessings

Friday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate their birthdays during the month of May will be called to the bimah and receive a special blessing from the rabbi.

Did You Know?

- Temple Israel Religious School has one set of triplets: Gabriel, Lily and Simon Gilinsky in first grade; and six sets of twins: Aaron and Leo Norton, first grade; Harley and Jono Gordman, second grade; Alex and Zach Belgrade, third grade; Courtney and Madison Bierman, fourth grade; Jessica and Sarah Pfrenger, fifth grade; Ashley and LaShanna Bernstein, grade 12.

- There are 149 children enrolled in Kindergarten through sixth grade at Temple, and 109 in seventh through 12th grade.
- The eighth grade, with 29 students, is the largest class.

Sitter Service

is available...

- Wednesday evenings during Family School hours so that parents can take advantage of adult education opportunities;
- each Friday evening except when there is a Tot Shabbat;
- Saturday mornings when there is a bar or bat mitzvah;
- Sunday mornings when there is Religious School.

Advance reservations and a \$5 donation are appreciated. Please email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Young children, including infants, are welcome.

High School Seniors to Graduate from Religious School

Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel will proudly graduate and confirm eight high school seniors at Shabbat worship services. Completing 12 years of religious school is "a priceless experience," said Elyce Azriel, director of Religious Education at Temple. In addition,

"It gives us (the staff) a few more years to hug and educate our kids."

David Anderson, 17, has been attending Religious School at Temple since he was in kindergarten. "It's cool to expand my view of my religion and learn new things," he commented. He appreciated "a chance to sit down and talk with the rabbis and instructional staff" during his high school years. David will also graduate from Omaha North High School and is still thinking over his options for post-secondary education.

Eighteen-year-old Sarah Sadofsky, will be studying nursing at Nebraska Methodist College. She's attended Temple Religious School since the third grade and is "proud but sad for it be over. I'm glad I stuck with it," she said. Her Bat Mitzvah was really important to her and the trips to Washington, D.C. and New York City "were extremely fun and good spiritual experiences, too," she mentioned. Sarah is also graduating from Westside High School.

All members of the congregation are invited to celebrate with the senior class and their families on this Shabbat that concludes one part of the students' spiritual lives and begins a new adventure in learning.

Mazel Tov to:

Jaclyn Harriet Adelson, daughter of Arlene and Tony Adelson

David Joseph Anderson, son of Magda Peck and Jim Anderson

Ashley Jade Bernstein, daughter of Rose and Stu Bernstein

LaShanna Rose Bernstein, daughter of Rose and Stu Bernstein

Sarah Elizabeth Bleicher, daughter of Sandy and Joel Bleicher

Robert Craig Friedman, son of Joan and Michael Friedman

Matthew Baker Heyman, son of Betsy Baker and Richard Heyman

Sarah Alexandra Sadofsky, daughter of Linda and Rod Sadofsky

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May they go from strength to strength.

Save the Date

ALL Religious School
Madrachim

are invited to lunch with
 Elyce and Lori
 at Valentino's
 (107th & Maple)
Sunday, May 18
Noon

RSVP to Lori for the
 all-you-can-eat
 pizza, pasta and dessert buffet.
 (lbennett@templeisraelomaha.com
 or 556-6536)

Spring Chavurah and Dr. Seuss?

Amy Katz, Youth Advisor

Yes, you read that correctly!

Sam Burrell, Molly Goldberg, Grace Hack, Emily Katz and Julie Sadofsky relearned the lessons of Dr. Seuss with 250 friends at the NFTY-MV Spring Chavurah in Denver, CO, April 4-6. The youth-led services gave focus to the social action projects that occurred throughout the weekend.

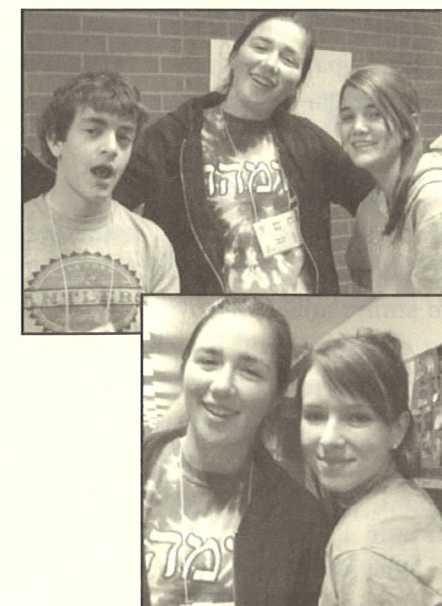
Remember the Lorax? Green Eggs and Ham? The sneetches? Each of these timeless stories share lessons linked to Judaism and *tikkun olam*, and the kids engaged in fun lively activities and discussions while reacquainting themselves with these beloved characters.

Grace Hack wrote letters to orphans in Darfur and helped prepare a tent for a refugee camp. Regional board elections were held and Emily, Sam and Julie got firsthand experience as delegates representing for Temple's OTYG.

Molly Goldberg was elected as the Social Action Vice President for 2008/2009. (Congratulations Molly!) The election process included speeches, caucuses and a "meet the candidate" session. Molly handled the stress like a seasoned veteran and gave a very moving speech. At the conclusion of it, another advisor turned to me and said, "That's one of yours, right? She did great!"

Does it get any better than that for an advisor?

(Left) OTYGers Sam Burrell, Grace Hack and Emily Katz sing along with the song leader at the Denver Chavurah. (Lower left) Grace and Julie Sadofsky take a break from the sessions. (Lower right) Emily, Grace and Molly Goldberg prepare for flight by reciting the Traveler's Prayer before boarding in Omaha.



Books, Baking and Bowling Bring Tri-Faith Groups Together

"It's wonderful to be really open and out there about different religions," observed Lee Needelman. She's had that opportunity since December when an interfaith book club, which emanated from a Temple Book Club Fair, was initially facilitated by Beth Katz, director of Project Interfaith, an affiliate of the Anti-Defamation League.

"We talk about controversial topics," explained Lee. The six to ten regular attendees discuss the accuracy of the scholar-authors whose books are read. The book club members discuss different points of view from their own perspectives. Currently, the book club is reading *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths* by Karen Armstrong.

Group regular Leslie Norman said, "The interest and enthusiasm these people share about the different faiths we've been talking about add to the success of the book club. We're all wanting to get a better understanding and educate ourselves about the three faiths, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity," she explained.

The book club has been meeting on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m., usually at Temple. In May, the group is planning to gather at Borders at 132nd and Maple Streets. Call Lee (393-0983), or Leslie (334-9365) to attend.

Helping at the Stephens Center

Temple Israel prepared and served dinners to the residents at the Stephens Center on Christmas and Easter. Many of our congregants helped to make wonderful experiences with good food, warm smiles and even toys for the children! We are planning on doing this again next Christmas and Easter as well, and are looking for congregants who haven't yet had the opportunity to take part in this meaningful *mitzvah* to volunteer some time, effort and perhaps a good recipe!

We would like to thank the following people who helped to prepare food and/or serve this Easter: Jamie Burgess, John Dacey, Judy Feigin, Sandee Friedman, Larry Gendler, Todd Hutton, Renee Kazor, Bonnie Leiserowitz, Martin Leiserowitz, Ellen Long, Vince Long, Jenny Meyerson, Ducky Milder, Lee Needelman, George Quittner, Sharon Quittner, Sylvia Roffman, Suzy Rubin and Jeff Schweid.

Lee has been involved in another tri-faith group that also includes Susan Rothholz, Andi Willensky, Ducky Milder, and Judy Zweiback. Four Episcopalian and two or three Muslim women have also participated.

It all started with a lunch "to get to know one another." They found that they were a homogeneous group (in spite of their 30 year age span) and wanted to continue a journey together. The group began by reading "The Faith Club," but most of them, particularly the Jews, felt that the characters did not represent their views. Since then, the group continues to meet about once a month without any particular agenda, but with an emphasis on sharing their spiritual backgrounds and growth. The best part is that they have created an important and lasting friendship.

Temple Youth Group has also been engaged in tri-faith activities with Muslim and Episcopalian youth. OTYG President Sarah Bleicher and Nadia Al-Alabsy, a member of the Omaha Muslim Youth Organization (OMYO), arranged a "Know Thy Neighbor" opportunity in January for Jewish and Muslim teenagers to get to know each other. That was followed in March by an afternoon of OMYO members, teens from All Saints Episcopal Church, and OTYG bowling at Cougar Lanes.

Conference Call with Senator Nelson

Rabbi Eric Linder

Sometime ago, Temple Israel hosted its second educational panel regarding various aspects of immigration, both legal and illegal. We learned that even through proper, **legal** channels, there are deeply painful stories regarding the inability of legal American citizens to get family members into this country. We learned that the allotment of green cards has not changed in over **forty years**. Mimi Silverman organized a conference call with Senator Nelson to talk about these issues, and to get his opinions regarding immigration.

Senator Nelson feels strongly that we must address the security of our borders **first** before approaching the issue of legal immigration. He is in favor of building a wall to protect our border with Mexico. He did say that it is a problem that the quotas have not gone up, but that until the border is secured, we cannot hope to fix the issue of legal immigration.

I (speaking solely for myself), believe that this is the wrong course of action. To me, a complicated problem deserves a complicated solution. There are tales of heartbreak and pain from people who have struggled with their body and soul to become lawful American citizens. During our recent Passover Celebration, we constantly remind ourselves to "remember the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt," I ask you to contact our senators' offices, urging them to consider the issue of **legal** immigration reform as well as border security.

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



Harvey Ferer Fund Subsidizes High School Trips

Harvey Ferer's passion in life was his business and the commitment to making it successful for future generations, according to his son, Matthew Ferer. This tradition was established by Harvey's grandfather, Aaron Ferer, who founded Aaron Ferer & Sons Company in 1886, and was carried on by Harvey's father, Hyman Ferer. Harvey (1926-2001) enjoyed traveling, experiencing and learning new things, all of which he did while running the business for more than 50 years.

In 2006, Whitney and Matthew established the Harvey Ferer Fund at Temple Israel "to honor our father's memory and give back to the community." The fund is used to subsidize Temple Israel's tenth grade class trip to Washington, D.C. to attend *L'Taken* as well as the twelfth grade class visit to New York City. "As the fund grows over time, it is also our hope to endow a college scholarship for Jewish students from the Omaha community," said Matthew.

"My father wanted to give people who had a strong work ethic the opportunity to improve their lives," said Matthew. Harvey's youngest son and president of Aaron Ferer & Sons Company. "He was a caring and honest man who wanted to help others," Matthew added. Harvey took the business from a regional scrap metal processor to a successful international metals trading company. "After a bankruptcy in 1974, he worked tirelessly and diligently to rebuild the company and its reputation with the people who had lost money and for the next generation," Matthew explained.

Harvey was a long-time member of Temple Israel. Harvey's father, Hyman, also belonged to Temple Israel as well as to other synagogues in Omaha. Harvey was also involved in the Jewish Federation of Omaha and served on the Board of the College of Saint Mary for 25 years.

Looking Back, Glancing Ahead

Mike Milder has been a member of Temple Israel all his life. His parents, Hymie and Ella Milder, actually belonged to four synagogues including Temple, Beth El Synagogue, Beth Israel Synagogue, and B'nai Israel Adas Russia on 18 and Chicago - all at the same time! However, Mike was confirmed at Temple.

Ducky (Lois) Rodin, who grew up in Sioux City as a member of a Conservative congregation Shaare Zion, met Mike after she went to college and moved to Omaha. She worked at Zoob's when the retail store opened at 50th and Dodge while Mike was working at his family's business, Milder Oil Company. Mike, heavily involved in Junior Chamber International, took off on a trip to Asia on behalf of the organization, and Ducky tried out life in Los Angeles. The two stayed in touch by phone and through letters. Mike made a stop in L.A. on his way home and gave Ducky a reason to return to Omaha. He asked her to marry him.

Rabbis Sidney Brooks and Myer Kripke performed the Milders' wedding ceremony at Temple on March 2, 1958. Joining Temple "was a change for me which I simply loved," remarked Ducky. "I thought Sidney Brooks was such a fine rabbi. I love the Reform Movement. It has a lot of meaning for me." She became active in Temple Sisterhood (now Women of Reform Judaism) and the Jewish Federation Board.

"My real Jewish education, however, started when Rabbi Azriel came. I really started studying then and became a little more aware of what Reform Judaism is," Ducky said. The changes from classical Reform to today's Reform Movement were "appealing" to her. She became a Bat Mitzvah in 1994 as a member of one of the first adult B'nai Mitzvah classes.

The couple had two children: Mike II died at the age of 37 from a heart attack. The Milders' daughter, Emily, ran the family business, from which Mike is now retired, for a few years and is now a mortgage broker. Emily's daughter, Abbey, three, "is our incredible gift!" according to her grandparents.

Ducky continues to learn about the Reform Movement regularly attending both Saturday morning Torah study and Thursday Adult Study with the Clergy. She's organized spiritual retreats and continues to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Mike belongs just to Temple now where he and Ducky expressed their "deep appreciation for the clergy."

Matan Chaim: The Gift of Life

Jewish tradition teaches that we are partners with God in continuing and sustaining the daily miracles of creation. Organ and tissue donation are an extension of this partnership. Through donation you have the unique and holy opportunity to give the gift of life and wellness from one of God's creations-*you*-to another. With your gift, you respond **hineini** to God. For information, please contact Ron Brodkey, 334-1700.

What does Reform Judaism say about organ and tissue donation?

Reform Judaism has long been an advocate of Organ Donation. A 1968 Reform Responsum commented that the use of such body parts in order to heal or save a life is in keeping with the mood of Jewish tradition and a positive act of holiness.

*From the URJ Department
of Jewish Family Concerns*

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Shoshana Lev HaLevi, daughter of Ariela and Rabbi Baruch HaLevi, Swampscott, MA. Grandparents are Gail and Jim Kelch, Los Angeles, CA, and Linda and Rob Kaufman, Sherman Oaks, CA, Jan and Howard Goldstein, and the late Sheldon Perelman. Great-grandparents are Anne Dache, Beverly Hills, CA, and Florence and Jack Brody.

Madison Christine Kully, daughter of Denise and Tim Kully. Grandparents are Sophie and Larry Nicholson, and Leslie Kully and the late Bill Kully. Great-grandparents are Irving Forbes and the late Ida Forbes.

Renatta Rose Rogers, daughter of Marcelyn and Charles Rogers. Grandparents are Karolyn Kagan-Marti and Don Marti, Arnolds Park, IA, and Pat and Chuck Rogers. Great-grandparents are the late Velma and Buck Carpenter, and the late Gertrude and Moses Kagan.



Tree of Life

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

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

**Happy Birthday
Rose Pitlor
"A Special Lady of Eighty"
From Her Many Friends**

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Gertrude Rothkop Brodkey, mother of Amy Brodkey, Bruce Brodkey and Frank Brodkey, and sister of Pauline Segal and Harriet Starr;

Sandy Carter, cousin of Sandy Epstein and Rocky Lewis, and sister-in-law of Joan Rosen;

Theresa Diamond, mother of Richard Diamond, and sister of Yetta Komkomer;

Deborah Greene, mother of Sylvia Roffman and Larry Greene, grandmother of Susie Norton, Julie Rosenquist, Elana Greene, Jonathan Greene and Zach Milkis;

Sally McGauvran, mother of John McGauvran;

Bernice "Trickle" Milder, mother of Terri Zacharia, Debbie Lippert, Jim Milder and Richard Milder, grandmother of Jamie Friedland, Brent Zacharia and Kylie Zacharia, sister of Lorraine Reiss, and sister-in-law of Rhoda and Carl Milder, and Phyllis Weinberg;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



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Healing

Mi Shebeirach, the prayer for physical and emotional healing, is recited at the Friday evening Shabbat service. If you are ill and would like a *mi shebeirach* recited on your behalf, please call the Temple office (556-6536) before Noon on 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.