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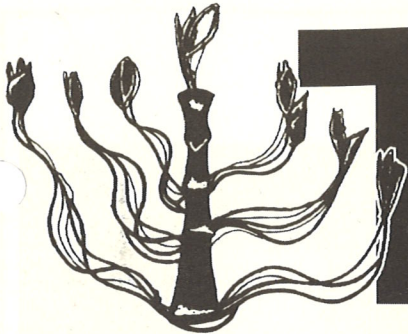
Often, one of our congregants wishes to give a gift to our Temple and asks the question, "What does the congregation need?"
 A birthday, an anniversary, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and/or any life cycle event may inspire your generosity and, thereby, make our wishes come true.

- Travel Money for Youth
- High Holy Days Octet
- Musicians for Holidays/Shabbat
- Musical Artist-in-Residence
- Jewish Enrichment Trips
- Fund for Resource/Special Needs Teacher
- Jewish Software for Computers
- Telephone System for Shut-ins for Worship Services
- Computer Scanner
- Portable CD/Cassette Players
- Religious School Listening Center Head Sets
- "Shul Shuttle" Sponsorship



**Temple Israel Religious
 School FUNdraiser &
 Bake Sale**
 Donations of pre-owned
 jewelry, scarves, purses and
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 Bring your donations to the
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Temple Israel Tidings

Please "Note" Cantor Wendy Shermet

Aside from Israel, politics and anti-Semitism, Jews seem to reserve their most passionate opinions for the area of synagogue service music. Certainly the occasional sermon will provoke expressions of either praise or alarm to the rabbi in question. However, the fortunate recipient of the bulk of these feelings is the cantor, and most of us welcome feedback on this issue; we only ask that it not come immediately following a service at the *Oneg!*

What is it about music that so excites, inflames and polarizes? Music is the cradle of our Jewish experience, and transports us back to our childhood memories of Shabbat and family and camp. All of us tend to like what we already know, as it is comfortable and requires no effort to learn. I say this without disparagement because I am no different. However, consider this: would you ask the rabbi to do only a few select Torah portions during the year, such

as Noah or the Ten Commandments, because you already know them and are familiar with the lessons within?

Cantors walk a fine line between serving the desires of their synagogue members and being true to the cantorate itself. When we leave seminary we take with us shelves and notebooks and files full of music, and have learned at least a part of the amazing richness of our musical heritage. I personally feel that if I don't teach you some of this legacy, I am neglecting what my job really means.

Jewish music like Jewish food is time-specific. We have weekday morning melodies and weekday evening melodies. We have Shabbat evening modes and Shabbat morning modes and specific modes for Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. Just as we save *hamantaschen* for Purim and *matzah* for Pesach, we wouldn't dream of doing the High Holiday *Barchu* at any other time! (There are synagogues that sing the Chanukah candle blessing melody for Shabbat all year long because everyone knows it and therefore it is easy.) But it goes beyond these basic principles.

Two Choirs Blend Voices For Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.

For the third year in a row, choirs from Temple Israel and St. Paul United Methodist Church will blend their voices in a Psalm service. They'll sing at Temple Israel on February 27 and also on Sunday morning, February 22, at the 9:45 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. services at the church (5410 Corby).

Jerry Brabec, Minister of Music at St. Paul, will conduct the joint choirs. They plan to sing Psalm 71 by Zingarelli, *Adonai Ma Adam*, Psalm 23 by Fromm, Psalm 98 by Braun and Psalm 121 by M. Schlitehard. Combined, the choirs number nearly 45 members.

"It's a marvelous experience for everyone involved," remarked Jerry. "The most important thing is the exchange of goodwill on the part of the two worshipping communities," he added.

Cantor Shermet described Jerry as "a great musician and a fine conductor." She also enjoys his "wonderful tenor voice and sense of humor!"

*Shabbat Shira,
 The Sabbath of Song
 Join musical guest
 Rabbi Joe Black
 in rejoicing song at
 this special service.
 See page 5.*

There are Jewish music composers that have written literally *scores* of music you have never heard, and my cantorial passion is that I want you to.

We tend to sing the same one or two *Shalom Rav's* every Shabbat evening, and the same *K'dusha* every Shabbat morning. It was not so long ago that Debbie Friedman's version of the healing prayer, the *Mi Shebeirach*, was unknown at Temple Israel. I have in my office at least twenty other *Mi Shebeirach* melodies that we have not sung here. Of all the passionate music responses here, that is the prayer that most incites opinions.

The truth is if you don't know a melody or the Hebrew to a prayer, you can still participate. A congregant can sing along in his or her heart or hum underneath without words. Perhaps we have been singing a new melody for a few weeks while you have been out of town. It's possible that a song will arrive in the mail on Thursday from Transcontinental Music (the publishing house of URJ) and I want feedback on Shabbat, or I have rediscovered a gem in an anthology. My hope is that we all learn and become more educated, and help each other pray through song.

President's Tidings

Gary Kaplan

The Ten Commandments: Unifying Or Dividing America What we can learn from the ways others change their translations

Friday night, February 13, will be the fourth time that I have had the honor of reading the Torah portion that includes the Ten Commandments. Through the vagaries of the Jewish calendar and NFTY schedules in the 1960's I was asked to read the same portion three times while still in high school. By the third time I could read it like Rabbi Brooks: a line of Hebrew followed by a line of English translation.

We have all been taught that the Ten Commandments are a powerful force unifying Americans under a "Judeo-Christian Ethic." So in college I was startled to pick up the King James version of the Bible and discover that my Christian friends were reading a significantly different translation than the one I had learned.

After years of asking different rabbis and ministers about the differing translations, I came to realize that the Commandments not only speak about acceptable human behavior; they also convey deep and differing theological messages about man and God.

We can learn much about the essence of being Jewish in a largely Christian world by understanding the different ways in which two traditions translate and understand these ancient words. Join me at the Union Prayer Book Service at 6 p.m. in the Livingston Chapel for an interesting Torah reading and D'var Torah.

Welcome New Member

Hollis Glaser

Rabbi Earl A. Grollman

Temple Israel Scholar-in-Residence

"When Life Isn't Always Fair"

February 20-22

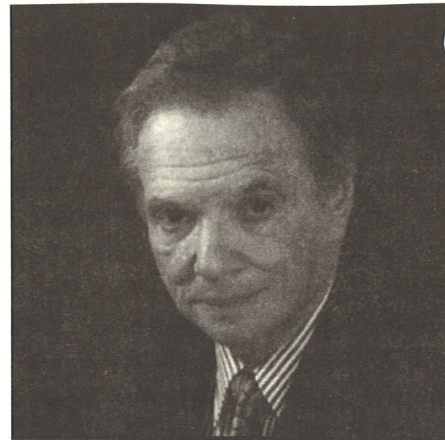
It's called life, but sometimes it's about loss. It could be the death of a loved one whether through natural causes, illness, suicide, a crime or a natural disaster. Family crises including divorce, chronic physical or mental illness, a traumatic change in lifestyle such as losing a job or dealing with a disability are events and situations any one of us might experience in life.

Rabbi Earl A. Grollman is an internationally recognized bereavement counselor. Throughout the weekend he will talk about living with many kinds of grief, normal responses to grief, life after loss, the healing journey of grief and explaining dying and death to children.

Inviting Rabbi Grollman to be a Scholar-in-Residence was initially suggested by Temple member Speedy Zweiback who read Rabbi Grollman's book, *Living When a Loved One Has Died*. Speedy read the book after the death of his wife Hermene. A lifelong friend, Joe Barker, an Episcopalian elder, gave Speedy the book. "I read it 20 times and gave it to others to read," Speedy said. "When I read it, I said, 'Oh my God. This is about me!' It was my life preserver for the first few months after she died."

A renowned author of 27 books and a lecturer, Rabbi Grollman and his daughter wrote the "Talking About" series which addresses different crises that children and adults face. Several of his books will be available for sale here during the weekend.

Known as a pioneer in crisis intervention, Rabbi Grollman retired as rabbi of Beth El Temple Center in



Belmont, MA. He is a past chair of the National Center for Death Education and a certified death educator and counselor. For his work with families and volunteers of the Oklahoma City bombing, he was named "Hero of the Heartland." He has also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Children Hospice International and the UNESCO award of the International Children and Youth Book Exhibition.

Rabbi Grollman's weekend is co-sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning, Thomas Belford Jr. and John A. Gentleman Mortuaries.

Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

"Turning Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones"
Oneg Shabbat following

Saturday, February 21, 3 p.m. Milder Center

"Dealing With the Inevitable Losses of Life"
Healing Havdalah Service
and Refreshments following

Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m. Milder Center

"Children Mourning"
How parents, family and the community can help children with loss

Worship Services

Friday~January 30

6 p.m.
Grade 4 Family Shabbat Service
6 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

Saturday~January 31

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Ferer
Daughter of Mary and Whitney Ferer
Torah Portion: Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Friday~February 6

6 p.m.
Tot Shabbat
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Shira
Rabbi Joe Black

Saturday~February 7

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Bleicher
Son of Sandy and Joel Bleicher
Torah Portion: Beshalach
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday~February 13

6 p.m.
Family Service
6 p.m.
Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book

Saturday~February 14

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Davis
Daughter of Mary Kay Davis
and Henry Davis
Torah Portion: Yitro
Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7; 9:5-6

Friday~February 20

7:30 p.m.
"Turning Stumbling Blocks
Into Stepping Stones"
Rabbi Earl Grollman
Scholar-in-Residence

Saturday~February 21

9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Avery Lehr
Daughter of Sandy and John Lehr
Torah Portion: Mishpatim
Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

Friday~February 27

7:30 p.m.
Psalm Service
Kol Rina and St. Paul United
Methodist Church Choirs

Saturday~February 28

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Harris
Son of Marti and Jim Harris
Torah Portion: Terumah
Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13

Don't forget...the Shul Shuttle is up and running for services on Friday, February 20! Seniors interested in riding along should call Temple, 556-6536, by Thursday, February 19.

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If you wish to contribute to any of these funds at a different level, please advise the Temple staff.

Tree of Life leaves are \$300. Tree of Life Boulders are \$3,000. If you would like information on these donations, please call Michelle Shkolnick, Executive Director, at 556-6536.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					30 Grade 4 Family Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Union Prayer Book Service 6 p.m. Grade 4 Family Shabbat Dinner Following Service	31 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Ferer
1 Religious School Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 10 a.m.-Noon	2	3 More Maimonides 8:30-10 a.m. Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School 6:15-8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	4 Religious School Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30-8:30 p.m. History of Israel II 6:45-8:30 p.m. Jews and Guitars 7-8:30 p.m.	5 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Hebrew & Music 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	6 Club 34 Picnic Supper 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Shabbat Shira Rabbi Joe Black 7:30 p.m. OTYG Beit Cafe Following Service	7 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Bleicher Grade 2 Tu B'Shevat Seder @ Fontenelle Forest 2:30 p.m. Grade 5 Havdalah @ Fontenelle Forest 3:45 p.m.
8 Religious School Teacher Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Grades Kindergarten-6 10 a.m.-Noon Grade 5 @ Federation Library, 10:15-11:45 a.m. Social Justice Round Table 10 a.m. Cradle Roll, 10:30-11:30 a.m. OTYG Board Meeting Noon-2 p.m. Friendship Tea 2-4 p.m.	9	10 More Maimonides 8:30-10 a.m. Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School 6:15-8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	11 Religious School Social Justice Club 5:00-6:00 Grades 7-11 & Dinner 6-8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30-8:30 p.m. History of Israel II 6:45-8:30 p.m. Jews and Guitars 7-8:30 p.m.	12 No Religious School Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Hebrew & Music 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Kol Rina Choir @ St. Paul's UMC 6:30-8 p.m.	13 Family Service 6 p.m. Union Prayer Book Service 6 p.m.	14 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Davis
15 No Religious School	16	17 More Maimonides 8:30-10 a.m. Family School 6:15-8 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	18 Conversations with Rabbi Azriel, Noon-1 p.m. Religious School Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30-8:30 p.m. History of Israel II 6:45-8:30 p.m. Jews and Guitars 7-8:30 p.m.	19 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Hebrew & Music 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	20 Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Earl Grollman Scholar-in-Residence	21 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Avery Lehr Rabbi Earl Grollman Healing Havdalah Service Following
22 Kol Rina @ St. Paul UMC 9:45 a.m. & 11:05 a.m. Religious School Teacher Meeting 9:30 a.m. Grades Kindergarten-6 10 a.m.-Noon Rabbi Earl Grollman 10 a.m. Family Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m.	23 WRJ-O @ Classy Gourmet 6:30 p.m.	24 More Maimonides 8:30-10 a.m. Basic Judaism 6:15-8 p.m. Family School 6:15-8 p.m. AA, Alanon, Gambler's 12-step 7:30 p.m.	25 Middle/High School Teacher Meeting 5:30 p.m. Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 6:30-8:30 p.m. History of Israel II 6:45-8:30 p.m. Jews and Guitars 7-8:30 p.m.	26 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Hebrew & Music 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	27 Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Psalm Service 7:30 p.m.	28 Bagels & Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Harris
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Re-imagining Temple's Dues

The Board of Trustees has approved a new method of assessing "Fair Share" dues. As you know, it costs over \$2,000 per family to support Temple's activities, including: youth group, funerals, B'nai Mitzvot, rabbinic counseling, adult and informal education, social justice, worship services, etc.

We have families paying more than \$2,000 annually and families that pay less, based on consideration of individual financial circumstances. Cost of membership is never a prohibiting factor for belonging to Temple.

To further our "Fair Share" value system, Temple will be sending each family a short form for calculating their 2004/2005 Temple Commitment. This form will enable each family to do a self assessment, and accurately report what their "Fair Share" dues should be. We look at this as an opportunity to have up-to-date information and to make sure each member is assessed their "Fair Share" dues correctly.

A Tribute To The Human Spirit

Travel through time to visit the world of the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942. The Holocaust Institute Gallery, located at the Jewish Community Center, invites you to witness the **Triumph of Life** exhibit depicting the many forms of resistance undertaken by Jews in the Holocaust.

Gallery hours are Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Saturday. The exhibit runs through February 27.

If it's Monday try... 10 Minutes of Torah Study

A one-page email from our Union for Reform Judaism about this week's Parsha (Torah portion) can be delivered to your email inbox every Monday. See page 8 to subscribe now.

All Aboard Temple's Shul Shuttle!



On Friday, February 20, the new "Shul Shuttle" will make its maiden voyage to Temple Israel. "Any seniors interested in safe, door-to-door transportation from their homes or apartments or retirement centers to Temple and back home again, should call the Temple office at 556-6536 by Thursday, February 19," said Shelly Fox, chairman of the Temple Israel Caring Committee. The Committee has worked out the details to make the Shul Shuttle available once a month beginning with a three-month trial.

There is no cost to ride the Shul Shuttle, Shelly pointed out. "Jewish Senior Services has graciously allowed us the use of their shuttle bus for this purpose," she explained. "The driver expense will be covered by Temple Israel."

"Our goal is to make sure that any seniors who want to attend services at Temple have transportation available," Shelly said.

"Sharing sponsorship of the Shul Shuttle (with Temple) is a perfect opportunity for families to honor a special occasion or the memory of a loved one," Shelly said. The February shuttle will be sponsored by the Mimi and Michael Silverman family. Others who are interested in co-sponsoring a shuttle ride can call Shelly at 397-1578.

Birthday Blessings February 13, 6 p.m.

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

Three Cheers For Temple Volunteers!

This month's stars are:

Kol Rina Choir
Michele Marsh

Bring a Friend To The WRJ-O Friendship Tea

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ-O) will host the annual Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Friendship Tea, **2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 8**, at Temple Israel. WRJ-O volunteers will make separate presentations and explain the rituals, customs and traditions of the fall holidays, Passover, Shabbat, Chanukah and life cycle events. Guests will also tour the chapel and sanctuary and have an opportunity to shop in the gift shop.

Andie Gordman, who is chairing the Tea with Stacey Rockman and Michelle Bucher, said the clergy and Gary Kaplan, president of the congregation, will participate in the event and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

"We hope to open the doors of Temple Israel to those who would like to learn more about Judaism in general and about Temple Israel specifically," said Andie. "We're encouraging WRJ-O members to bring a friend who is not Jewish and attend together." Religious School students are also being given invitations for their public school teachers.

There is no cost to attend the Friendship Tea, but reservations are requested by Thursday, February 5. Please call the Temple office at 556-6536 or email your reservation to tisrael@qwest.net.

Rabbi Joe Black To Sing On Shabbat Shira

Friday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Joe Black, senior rabbi at Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, NM, is first and foremost a rabbi professionally. He is also a performer, teacher, counselor, caregiver, administrator and community spokesman.

He will have an opportunity to demonstrate some of those passions when he is in Omaha for Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song, when we remember how "the Lord drove back the sea with a strong east wind all that night, and turned sea into dry ground," splitting the waters.

God rescued the Israelites both spiritually and physically at the parting of the Red Sea, the Sea of Reeds. After crossing it, the people sang in gratitude to God for rescuing them.

Prior to starting at Congregation Albert in 1996, Rabbi Black served as associate rabbi at Temple Israel in Minneapolis. The Chicago native performs at congregations around the country and has also sung many times at the Chicago Jewish Folk Art Festival. Rabbi Black was well indoctrinated with the blues and folk traditions of Chicago before going on to earn his undergraduate degree at Northwestern University in 1982. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1987.

Rabbi Black's trip to Omaha is sponsored by the Janis Yale Enrichment Fund.

If it's Wednesday try... 10 Minutes of Study About Israel

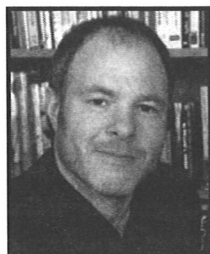
A one-page email from our Union for Reform Judaism about a wide range of issues surrounding North American Jewry's relationship with the State of Israel can be delivered to your email inbox every Wednesday. See page 8 to subscribe now.

Gender-specific Workshops Focus On Important Teen Topics

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Preventing Gender Violence In Boys

Pioneering educator Jackson Katz will address the topic, *More than a*



Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence Against Women, when he speaks to the 6th through 12th grade boys of Temple

Israel's Religious School classes. His acclaimed program inspires young people to confront one of the most serious problems facing society: men's violence against women.

But this won't be the typical lecture about behaving badly. Katz, a former three-sport high school athlete and football player, became the first man at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst to earn a minor in women's studies and went on to earn a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He founded the *Mentors in Violence Prevention Program* at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sports in Society. He also directs the United States Marine Corps' first ever gender violence prevention program and is a member of the Secretary of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence in the military.

More than a Few Good Men focuses on the lives and attitudes of boys and men. The only way to prevent most violence, according to Katz, is to redefine the very idea of what it means to be a man. His award-winning educational video for college and high school students is entitled *Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity*.

Katz's lectures interpose irreverent humor with unpleasant reality and have been described as "eye opening, mind blowing, and life changing." The program is sponsored by the Robert and Ellen Gordman Donor Advised Fund of the Jewish Federation Foundation.

Growing Together - A Workshop For Mothers and Daughters

At the same time, girls in 6th through 8th grade and their mothers (or another



significant adult) will have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Lynda Madison, a licensed psychologist and director of Family Support and Psychological Services

at Children's Hospital in Omaha. She will focus some fun on the mother-daughter relationship, exploring the joys and challenges of growing up and growing together.

Also an associate professor in the departments of pediatrics and psychiatry at Creighton University Medical School, Dr. Madison will facilitate some games, role plays and writing activities to help mothers and daughters know each other better, learn what sparks or settles an argument, and help them get (at least some of) what they want from each other!

Dr. Madison is the author of *Keep Talking: A Mother-Daughter Guide to the Preteen Years*, *Parents with Purpose*, *What I Wish You Knew*, and the American Girl book, *The Feelings Book: The Care and Keeping of Your Emotions*.

Ninth through 12th grade girls will attend a workshop of their own at Temple.

Your Opinion Counts!

The advisory committee for Lifelong Jewish Learning is considering the unifying theme of "350 years of Jews in America" for 2004/2005 course offerings and scholars. Please let us know whether you believe this theme is one that will attract congregants to lectures and courses. Share your thoughts with Angela Krieger, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, at krieger-krieger@att.net, or call her at 391-6304 (evenings).

Purim At Temple!

Guess Who's Coming To Purim?



Last year, the Temple Israel staff dazed the congregation with the dazzling debut of retiring Dorothy Spizman doubles in the Purim Spiel. The year prior to that, they impersonated Queen Esther and her friends (and enemies) who had miraculously turned up on the prairie. Then there were the years of Purim Beatles, Broadway stars, Elvis Presleys, Star Trek characters, the Blues Brothers, bumblebees, pirates and the Wizard of Oz folks.

Who will show up at Purim this year?

The only way to find out is to dust off your Purim costumes (that goes for adults too!) or create new ones and wear them on **Erev Purim, Saturday, March 6**, to Temple for the annual Purim Spiel. Bring a box dinner at 6 p.m. Beverages will be provided. The Spiel starts at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by an Oneg (with *hamentaschen*, of course!).



Check out the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha Gift Shop For

- * Costume Pieces
- * Groggers
- * Purim Activities and Books
- * Jewelry

If it's Thursday try... 10 Minutes of Study About Jewish Ethics

A one-page email from our Union for Reform Judaism about ethics (such as articles based on the Pirkei Avot, The Sayings of the Fathers) can be delivered to your email inbox every Thursday. See page 8 to subscribe now.

Erev Purim At Temple Saturday, March 6

6 p.m. "Create your own Masks" and Bring your own "Box Dinner"

Drinks will be provided

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



So we can plan seating and drinks, please call in your reservation, 556-6536, by Tuesday, March 2.

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

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 7

Featuring:

The Return of the Giant Caterpillar

Face Painting

Cake Walk

Coke Toss

Clown

Balloon Animals

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

Carnival opens to the community from Noon until 2 p.m.

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



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

Brought to you by OTYG (Omaha Temple Youth Group)

Tell Me About Purim

Purim in Israel is celebrated with the exchange of *Shalach Manot*, gift baskets filled with sweets. The custom is derived from the Book of Esther's reference to celebrating the holiday with the sending of gifts to one another.

Hamentaschen, a three-cornered, filled pastry is the Purim food of choice. In some homes, bean dishes are eaten because it is thought that Esther ate only peas and beans while living in the King's palace.

What is the meaning of Purim?

The Hebrew word *purim* derives from the old Persian word "pur," meaning "lots." It refers to the "lottery tickets" used by Haman to determine a date for his planned destruction of the Jews of Persia.

Is the story of Esther true?

Most probably not, though there is a supposed ancient tomb of Esther and Mordechai in Iran. Although there are many theories as to how the Book of Esther came to be written, no one theory is universally accepted; the real origins of *Megillat Esther* remain a mystery.

How can a Jewish holiday be based on an event which may never have happened?

The elevation of Purim to a major holiday in the eyes of the Jewish people was a result of the Jewish historical experience. Over the centuries, Haman became the embodiment of every anti-Semite in every land where Jews were oppressed. Jewish communities throughout the world, when delivered from tragedy, often wrote their own *Megillot* and celebrated local Purims. Even the enemies of the Jews recognized their identification with Haman. In an eerie prophecy in 1944, Adolf Hitler declared that, if the Nazis lost the war, the Jews would celebrate a second Purim.

The significance of Purim lies not in how it began, but in what it has become—a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival against all odds.

Where did the grogger originate?

Grogger comes from a Polish word meaning "rattle." Beginning about the thirteenth century, Jews throughout Europe sounded the grogger whenever the *Megillah* mentioned evil Haman.

How did Purim spiels start?

Purim plays originated about the fifteenth century in Germany. Some of these slapstick spoofs became classics in the communities where they were first performed, and many of the original manuscripts have been preserved. But Jews of today write their own scripts, which are just as humorous and enjoyable as creations of the past.

Why do we send gifts and give charity on Purim?

It is typical of Judaism that, even during a holiday of revelry, we remember others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Even the poorest Jew is expected to share with others. Thus we learn that *tzedakah*, at all times and in all places, is a religious duty.

If it's Friday try... 10 Minutes of Study About The Jewish World

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SAVE THE DATE!
Mitzvah Day
Sunday afternoon, May 16

11:30 a.m. ~ Kickoff
Noon ~ Lunch

Followed by Mitzvah Projects

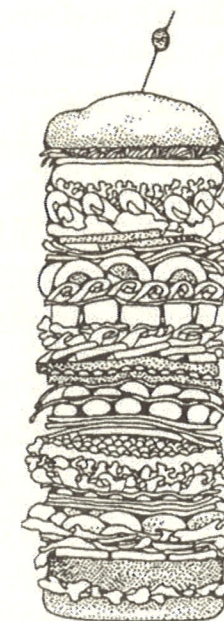
SAVE THE DATE!

Purim Tzedakah

Put your pocket change and loose bills to good use!

This month, all donations to the *tzedakah* box, located on the cabinet just outside the doors to the Sanctuary, will help sweeten the Purim celebrations of Israeli soldiers and families of victims of terror in Israel. The American Zionist Movement's Purim Connection program will deliver Purim baskets (*Shalach Manot*) to our brothers and sisters in Israel and the card will say, "With Love from Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska." Please help make it happen!

If you're longing for...
chopped liver,
kreplach or matzah ball soup,
a corned beef, pastrami,
tongue or turkey sandwich,
topped off with a
slice of cheesecake...
you won't have to wait long!



New York Style Deli Night
Sunday, March 21

Tell your taste buds!

Please join us for
The 4B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Bagels
 A "Hands-on Shabbat" workshop with recipes, songs and rituals to use at home

Shabbat is a gift to the Jewish people. How can you make this gift even sweeter? Fill your home with the aroma of homemade *challah* and your table with talk of Torah. Get some "how-to tips" from experienced *challah* baker Rosie Zweiback and experienced Shabbat makers Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz and Cantor Wendy Shermet. Learn about the ritual of hand washing and the blessings of *Havdalah*. Wherever you are in your Shabbat observance, you will find something valuable to take home from this "Hands-on Shabbat" workshop.

Join us **Sunday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m.**, immediately following PRAYER ASSEMBLY. As always, bagels will be served!

Stop by the special camp information table during Parent/Teacher Conferences, Sunday, February 1, for some exciting news!

To Subscribe To Any Of The 10 Minute Torah Study Topics

Subscribe yourself at Temple's website: www.templeisrael-ne.org. On the left side click on "Ten Minutes of Torah" and choose the day's topic you want.

Monday~Torah Study
 Tuesday~Social Action
 Wednesday~Israel Connections
 Thursday~Jewish Ethics
 Friday~Jewish World

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades 1-6 **Sunday, February 1**
 1st through 6th grade parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress on Sunday morning! Families with last names beginning with A-L come from 10-11 a.m. Families with last names beginning with M-Z come from 11 a.m.-Noon. Parents should go directly to their child's classrooms to meet the teachers. This is a "free" make-up day for students IF a parent attends the brief conference.

Grade 2 Tu B'Shevat Seder at Fontenelle Forest..... **Saturday, February 7**
 The congregation is invited to participate in the 2:30 p.m. *Seder* that will be conducted by the 2nd grade students. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful setting as we celebrate the springtime and the planting of trees in Israel. Please make a reservation in the Religious School office or call 556-6536.

Grade 5 Havdalah at Fontenelle Forest **Saturday, February 7**
 Our students have worked very hard with Stephanie Grossman, Director of Youth and Informal Education, to write a *Havdalah* service that compliments this setting and the celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Families are welcome to spend the afternoon at Fontenelle Forest and then join us at 3:45 p.m. as we bring Shabbat to a close with this service. Please RSVP to the Religious School office.

Grade 5 Visits Kripke Federation Library **Sunday, February 8**
 Parents are always welcome to join us (10:15-11:45 a.m.) as we explore the shelves of our amazing community library. Rita Paskowitz will get us excited about reading Jewish literature and help us choose books for the Elinor Whitman Book Report contest. If transportation is a challenge, please call the Religious School office.

No School..... **Thursday, February 12 or Sunday, February 15**
 Classes resume Tuesday, February 17, for Family School; Thursday, February 19 for Grades 3-6; and Sunday, February 22 for students in K-6.

New Torah Tots Session Begins **Friday, February 20**
 Joan Cooper will provide a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months to explore together. Call the Temple office for additional information.

Prayer Assembly **Sunday, February 29**
 Parents are encouraged to join Religious School for the worship assembly from 10-10:30 a.m. The 4B's topic for this morning (10:30 a.m.) will be a "Hands-on Shabbat" experience with recipes, songs and rituals to use at home.

Choose Your Path To Jewish Summer Camp

Visit these websites to check open session listings today!

Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI)
 Oconomowoc, WI
www.osrui.org



The Maurice B. Shwayder Camp
 Denver, CO
www.shwayder.com

Herzl Camp
 Webster, WI
www.herzlcamp.org

Camp Sabra
 Rocky Mount, MO
www.campsabra.com

Tot Shabbat
Friday, June 6
6 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

A short service of song and prayer, followed by cookies and juice. Toddlers through children in the primary grades are encouraged to bring their families. Come enjoy songs and a story with Rabbi Marantz.



Sitter Service Is Available

- Every Friday evening
- Every Saturday morning when there is a bar or bat mitzvah
- Every Sunday morning during Religious School
- Reservations and a \$2 donation appreciated

Temple Israel's Social Justice Committee asks us to consider a compelling issue: **The Right to Choose: A Jewish Perspective** Join the discussion on **Sunday, February 8, 10 a.m.**, in the Milder Center. Your views are vital in the discussion of this important subject.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha



Calling All Foodies!

It's time to learn some new recipes with the talented chefs from the Classy Gourmet. WRJ-O invites you for a special night of Mediterranean style cooking on **Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

Seating is very limited so please RSVP by Monday, February 16 to reserve your spot to watch and sample these delicious foods. Your check of \$35 is your reservation--please mail it to Temple.

The demonstration will take place at the Classy Gourmet, 721 North 98 Street. For further questions, please contact Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 or Lori Miller at lori402@cox.net.

Let's Celebrate Purim!

Cradle Roll
Sunday, February 8
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us in the Milder Center for *hamentaschen*, Purim songs, stories, activities and...the "whole *Megillah*!"

Cradle Roll is a special time for infants and children of pre-kindergarten age to come to Temple with their parents (and grandparents, too!) to participate in age-appropriate activities.

RSVP's are requested (but not mandatory) to Ann Osborne, 933-4954.

From Slavery To Freedom: A Women's Seder

Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Jewish Community Center

How is this Seder different from all other Seders?

- This Seder is a celebration of the important roles women played in the powerful story of the Exodus.

- This Seder is led by Rabbi Amy Katz and YACHAD, an 8 piece musical group who will teach new tunes that will inspire dancing in the aisles.

- This Seder DOES NOT require hours of cooking, cleaning and table setting.

- This Seder is an absolutely unique and historic gathering of Jewish women from Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs and Sioux City.

Join us for Passover dessert delicacies and an unforgettable celebration! Bring your mother, sister, friend or teenage daughter. Hosted by WRJ-O, NCJW, Hadassah, the Beth El Sisterhood, Jewish Women International and the women of Beyt Shalom. Watch your mail for details. Contact Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@qwest.net for more information.

Best Wishes To Stephanie Grossman!

After six years at Temple Israel, Stephanie Grossman, Director of Youth and Informal Education, has announced that she will be leaving at the end of the 2003/2004 school year. In Stephanie's words, "I have loved working with your children, but it is now time to focus primarily on my own two youth, Hannah and Noah."

We will miss Stephanie's energy and devotion to our youth and her commitment to informal education. Although she will no longer be a part of our Temple staff, we are blessed to have Stephanie and her family remain part of our Temple family. We will formally say goodbye to Stephanie at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 23.

A committee will soon be formed to conduct a search for a new Director of Youth and Informal Education. Please contact Michele Marsh, 553-1671, or Jane Rips, 556-9338, for more information.

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

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Congratulations
on the Birth of:
Jared Micah Marantz, son of Betsy and Craig Marantz. Grandparents are Ann and Bob Barth, McLean, VA, Marjorie Marantz, Los Angeles, CA, and George Marantz, Los Angeles, CA. Great-grandmother is Connie Dembicer, Aventura, FL.

On the Marriage of:
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lewis. Mrs. Lewis is the former Andrea Lyn Apter. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Apter, Plantation, FL, and Rochelle Lewis.

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.

Our Sympathy
The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...
Morris "Morrie" Adler, husband of Bernice Adler, and father of Shelley Wisnia, Shari Asplund and Bob Adler;
Bert J. Baines, husband of Mildred Baines, father of Kathy Kizer, Margaret Mechaley, Denise Thelen, and Michael, John, Bob, B.J., Frank, Kevin and Kenny Baines, and brother of Rosemary and Isabel Turner and Clyde Baines;
Jeanne Berman, sister of Sallye Levin;
Henry Greenberg, husband of Shirley Fogel Greenberg, father of Midge Bowers, step-father of Marcia Kahn and Martin Fogel, brother of Ruth Terman, and brother-in-law of Janice and Sheldon Harris;
Charles Hellwig, father of Melanie and Rebecca Hellwig;
Milton Jacobson, uncle of Millard and Ted Seldin;
Gene Kern, step-father of Jodi Brodsky;
Doug Lieb, brother-in-law of Danielle and Jeff Gordman;
Gerald Miller, father of Michael Miller
...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Tree of Life
Commemorating the joyous moments in families' and friends' lives

The following leaf has been added to our Tree of Life:
In Honor of the Special Birthday of Harvey Aronson
With love from The Birthday Group & The Rosinsky Family

Sharing The Joy Of Chanukah
"I would like to thank those congregants who so generously donated a book and tape to our school.
We were presented 65 books and tapes. That number will allow all of our newcoming students to take home several books every week for the rest of the school year.
We would not be able to have this project without the generosity of Henry Davis and his family. A student in every classroom will be able to check out a tape recorder weekly in order to assist the student and his or her family with the English language.
I am very proud to be a member of the Temple Israel congregation for a variety of reasons. One of the reasons is the kindness and caring that our congregation displays to the entire community."
Sheri Hess
Castelar Elementary School
"I am writing on behalf of the Castelar staff, students and their families to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the generosity your congregation has bestowed upon us during your Chanukah celebration. No words can truly express how happy we are to have received the many books on tape that the members of your congregation provided for us.
I, along with the Vega family, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha for the wonderful dinner that was provided to us that evening.
We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful relationship with your congregation. Again, thank you for the support you extend to the students and families of the Castelar School community."
Principal Robert J. Acamo
Castelar Elementary School