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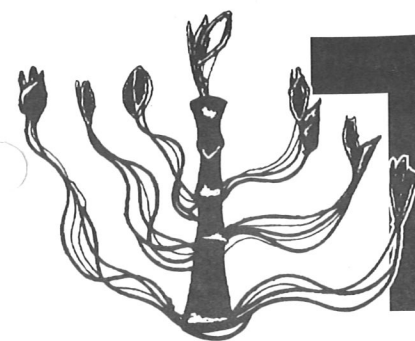
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Stories and Song from The Jewish Tradition

Renée Brachfeld and Mark Novak

Artists-in-Residence

May 9 – 11



This dynamic husband-wife storytelling team from Washington, D.C. has been performing for more than two decades delighting audiences at synagogues, schools, churches, festivals, and community events across the country.

Renée has been combining her storytelling and juggling skills since 1985. She has served as artist-in-residence for the Georgia Council for the Arts, worked in schools, and performed and taught storytelling. She speaks several languages and has collected stories on her travels to Israel, Spain, and Latin America.

Mark began his musical career as a child singing with a professional Jewish choir. He appeared on Broadway in the Musical *Oliver*. From 1977 to 1986, he was the music

director of the Living Stage Theater Company Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. He has performed his original theater pieces at the Smithsonian Institute's Discovery Theater and the National Air and Space Museum.

Drawing their material from Jewish folk tales, Midrash, Hasidic sources, and contemporary composers, Renée and Mark use their artistry to bring a community closer together, deepening its connection to Judaism and faith.

Rabbi Dan Ornstein from Albany, New York, thanked the artists for "an incredible weekend of Jewish music, story and spirituality," after they performed there. "Your enthusiasm, artistic capability, sense of humor, and passion were infectious."

"To Do the Right and the Good" Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff Scholar-in-Residence

Friday, May 2 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

"Ethics in the Business
 Environment: A Jewish Approach"
 Erev Shabbat Worship
 Oneg Shabbat following

Saturday, May 3 4:30 p.m.
Milder Center

"A Sex Ethic for Our Time: Issues
 of Human Intimacy"
 Cheese and Fruit Havdalah

Sunday, May 4 10 a.m.
Friedman Social Hall

"Jewish Medical Ethics - New
 Issues in Bioethics..."
 Bagel Brunch

Sponsored by the
 Ida and Samuel Kaiman Memorial Fund

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

The artists will present a D'var Torah in Story and Song
 Family Shabbat Worship Service
 followed by an Oneg Shabbat and Israeli Folk Dancing

Saturday, May 10 9 a.m. Milder Center

The Art of Prayer: The Spiritual Magic of the Niggun
 Bagels and Sacred Books followed by Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 11 11 a.m. Sanctuary

Too Much Fun: Stories and Songs from the Jewish Tradition

Sunday, May 11 2 p.m. JCC Theater

This Ain't Your Bubbe's Yiddish Theater (in English!)

Sponsored by the Janis Yale Enrichment Fund

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, May 2
7:30 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff

**"Ethics in the Business
Environment: A Jewish Approach"**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, May 3
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
David Joseph Anderson
son of Magda Peck and
Jim Anderson

Torah Portion: Kedoshim
Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Friday, May 9
7:30 p.m.

Family Service
Artists-in-Residence
Renée Brachfeld
and Mark Novak

"D'var Torah in Story and Song"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Kathy and Stan Hirshman
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah
of their son and by the
Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
David Lloyd Hirshman
son of Kathy and Stan Hirshman

Torah Portion: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Friday, May 16
7:30 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Craig Marantz

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Bernice and Alan Wolfson,
Rose Rosen and Ruth Luttbeg
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
their great-nephew

Saturday, May 17
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Joe Goldberg
son of Wendy and David Goldberg

Torah Portion: Behar
Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Friday, May 23
5:30 p.m.

D'var Torah
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Saturday, May 24
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Bechukotai
Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Fiscal Year Ends May 31

Temple's fiscal year will end May
31, 2003. Please make every effort to
pay any outstanding obligations by
that date.

As always, Dorothy Spizman,
Executive Director, is available to
discuss in confidence any special
situations.

Welcome New Member

Merilee Rimerman

Birthday Blessings Family Service

May 9 7:30 p.m.

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

Early Worship Service

Friday, Erev Shabbat, May 9
5:30 p.m.

Union Prayer Book Service

Come on your way home from
work; meet family and friends.
Those with special birthdays or
anniversaries will be invited to the
Bima for a special blessing.

This service is especially planned
so that, at its conclusion, you may be
home early to enjoy a Shabbat meal
and evening.

Healing

Mi Shebeirakh, the prayer for
physical and emotional healing,
is recited at the Friday evening
Shabbat service. If you are ill
and would like a *mi shebeirakh*
recited on your behalf, please
call the Temple office (556-6536)
before noon, Fridays, so the
congregation may offer its
prayers for you.

If you know another person
who needs the same, please ask
the individual for permission to
read his/her name before calling
the office.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 8

Congregational Dinner
and
132nd Annual Meeting

Honoring Michael Walts
Outgoing President

Election of officers and trustees
and presentation of awards

Watch the mail
for your
invitation

Shades of Spring Geranium Sale Temple Israel

Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Two shades of pink geraniums to
choose from in four-inch pots - \$6
each.

Proceeds support Temple
camperships and the Ribbon
Foundation, a non-profit org-
anization to fund breast cancer
research and other life-threatening
diseases.

(Buy flowers then stay for "Too
Much Fun: Stories and Songs from
the Jewish Tradition" by Artists-in-
Residence Renée Brachfeld and Mark
Novak at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.)



Meet Michelle Shkolnick, Temple's New Executive Director

Mike Walts, president of the
Board of Trustees, has announced
that Michelle Shkolnick has been
selected as the new executive
director of Temple Israel. She has
begun working with Dorothy
Spizman, who has fulfilled that
position for the past 20 years, until
her retirement on May 31.

"We're very excited and pleased
to have Michelle coming on board.
She brings a great deal of talent and
enthusiasm," Mike said. "I'm
confident she'll be successful as
Temple's executive director, and I
would invite all congregants to
welcome her at the earliest
opportunity."

Michelle, originally from
Memphis, Tennessee, considers
herself an Omaha native. She moved
here with her parents, David and
Phoebe Shkolnick, and three sisters
in 1980. "I love Omaha!" Michelle
emphasized. "It's my home."

After attending the University of
Iowa and the University of
Nebraska, Michelle began working
at Cox Communications in 1987.
Working herself up from her dual
role as a customer service
representative and Cox's first
department new-hire trainer,
Michelle progressed to supervisor
and operations coordinator. She has
been manager of customer support
services since 1999.

In that position, she managed the

day-to-day operations of the data
entry/processing and reception
divisions of customer operations for
Cox, the fifth largest cable operator
in the country. She also assured the
timely, accurate, and efficient
completion of customer account
maintenance, sales applications,
research, and reporting throughout
data entry/processing. In addition,
Michelle's responsibilities included
process and project management.
She also designed the monthly
customer operations commission
standards and reward structure.

But Michelle said she has
"always wanted to work in the
service of my faith." She credits Cox
for its "large part" in giving her the
skills that have made it possible for
her "to call myself Temple's new
executive director."

Michelle looks forward to
"working in a more intimate
environment where you can get to
know everybody and work together
at a much deeper level." She believes
that working in a synagogue, helping
congregants with life events,
planning programs that bring
meaning to people's lives and
ensuring solid operations at Temple
will bring additional meaning to her
own life. "I don't look at this as just
a job — it goes beyond a job. I'm
really excited to go to work for this
community. I'm working for every
congregant in the synagogue."

Sisterhood ☀ Campfires ☀ Jewish Study

Song
☀
Peace

Rediscover the
Magic of Summer

at

WRJ-O's Annual Retreat

Friday, June 27, 5 p.m.
to
Sunday, June 29, Noon

Creighton Spirituality Retreat Center
on 150 beautiful acres in Griswold, Iowa

Featuring

Rabbi Amy Katz, director of Adult Jewish
Learning for Greater Kansas City, KS
Cynthia Wakeman, team builder from Sioux
City, IA and the big hit of last year's retreat
Devra Lerner and Linda Salvay of Kansas
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Two nights all inclusive
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Single occupancy - \$110

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reserve your spot.

Watch your mail for an invitation.

Quiet
☀
Torah

Reflection ☀ Laughter ☀ Chocolate

Needed: Used Books

The Women of Reform Judaism
will hold their Used Book Sale
during the summer of 2004. It's not
too early to begin saving your books.
Just bring them to Temple Israel or
call the office, 556-6536, for a pick-
up.

Acceptable Magazines: Arts &
Crafts, Bon Appetite, Gourmet,
Architectural Digest, National
Geographic. We are unable to accept
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extraordinary talent while you relax
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Belle. Tuition is \$65/night per
person, which includes continental
breakfast, buffet lunch and all in-
camp programming. Check website:
www.orsui.org

ARZA Solidarity Study Mission to Israel June 14-27, 2003

As ARZA says, "The clearest
way (for Reform Jews) to show our
support (for Israel) is with our feet."
Rabbi Uri Regev, a close friend of
Rabbi Azriel's and head of the World
Union for Progressive Judaism, will
join the ARZA executive director in
leading this trip. Cost is \$2,340
including round-trip El Al flights.

Questions? Please e-mail at
dsuskauer@uahc.org



Three Cheers For Temple's Volunteers!

This Month's Stars Are:

- Doug Davidson
- Wendy Goldberg
- Members of OTYG





Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah
program is in place and will begin
Wednesday, June 4 at Temple Israel
from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Students will
meet weekly throughout the year to
learn Hebrew, study Torah and
liturgy, and prepare for the B'nai
Mitzvah ceremony which will be
held in the Sanctuary Friday, June 4,
2004.

Betsy Marantz, who has a
master's degree in Jewish Education
and Jewish Communal Service from
Hebrew Union College, will be the
instructor. There is a fee of \$200 for
this class. Please contact Program
Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536
or e-mail rzweiback@qwest.net
to register. Confidential scholarships
are available; please contact
Executive Director Dorothy Spizman
at 556-6536.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

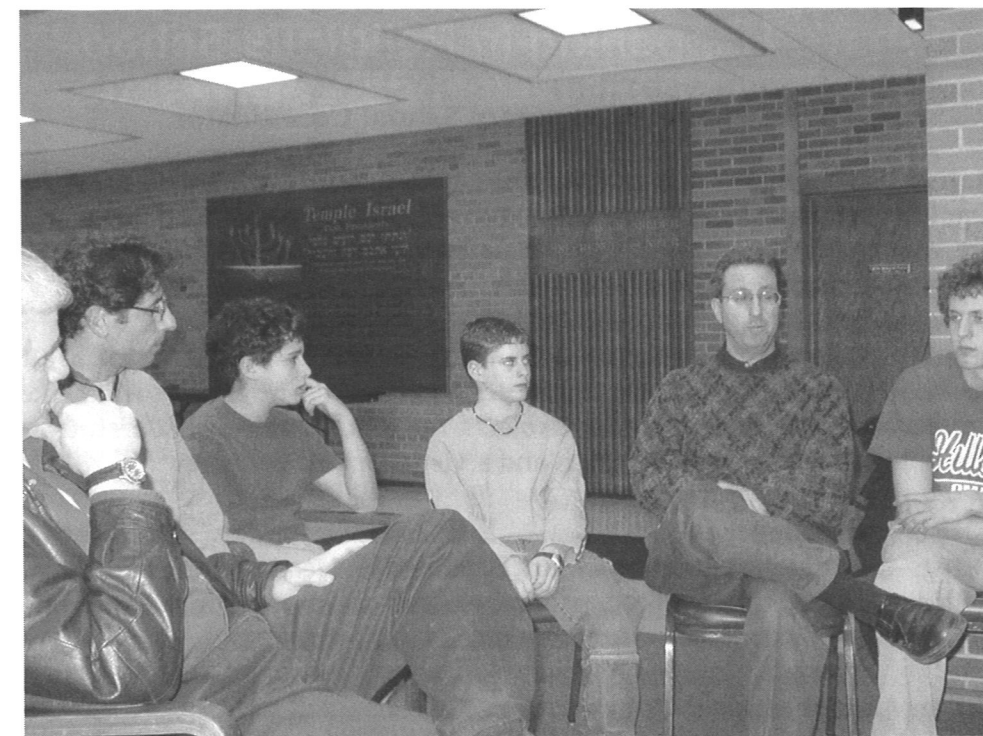
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4

Jewish Community Center

Celebrate Israel's 55th birthday
at a "Virtual Israel" party as the JCC
brings Israel to Omaha!

Events and activities include an
architectural dig; petting zoo;
building a model of Jerusalem out of
Leggos; a camel on site; the B'nai
B'rith Trivia Quiz; Dead Sea sand art;
miniature golf; chair massages for
adults; and main stage productions
by the Rose Theater, Amazing Arthur
(magician, comedian and juggler),
and Capow Science Show.

Shop Shalom, Israeli merchant
and artist fair, Noon to 6 p.m. in the
gallery. And of course, good stuff to
eat! (It's all free except for Shop
Shalom and the food.)



Some dads joined a recent meeting of the Social Justice Club. Left to right:
David and Joe Goldberg, Andrew Taylon, Vic and Daniel Gutman.

Social Justice Club Wins Fain Award

Temple Israel's Middle/High
School Social Justice Club has been
awarded an Irving J. Fain Social
Action Award for the first time since
the awards were established in 1983.

Conferred by the Commission on
Social Action of Reform Judaism
every other year at the Union of
American Hebrew Congregations
Biennial and at the Religious Action
Center Consultation on Conscience
in Washington, D.C., the award
recognizes Reform congregations
throughout the country whose work
in the area of social justice is
exemplary.

In 2000, when the Social Justice
Club embarked on its journey of
Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), a
father-son team, Vic and Daniel
Gutman, along with Elyce Azriel,
director of the Middle/High School
at Temple, led the way. Originally,
15 youngsters between the ages of 13
and 17 joined the Club. They met
once a month attracting additional
teens depending on the issues and
activities.

Club participants studied issues
concerning: the Defense of Marriage
Act, an amendment to the Nebraska
Constitution, and protested against
it; met with community advocates;
established a dialogue with Muslim
and Christian youth; and watched
and then discussed a documentary
exploring the Middle East conflict as
seen by Palestinian and Israeli
children. In addition, club members
have identified community service
initiatives to support.

"These social justice programs
provide opportunities to touch the
lives of our youth and are a way for
our students to stay informed about
the issues," said Elyce.

Magda Peck, chairman of
Temple's adult Social Justice
Committee, praised the students.
They are "praying with their feet"
and "learning the power of making
a difference." She added, "We are
counting on them to carry the torch
of justice."

What's Happening In Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Religious School Partnership meeting May 8
Our last meeting of the year will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend and help us prepare for next year. Please call the Religious School office and let us know you're coming!

Grade 6 Project Presentations..... Sunday May 4 & 18
As a highlight of a year of history studies and research, 6th graders will make presentations of their research projects for their families. Each student presentation will include a speech and a visual or audio display

Artists-in-Residence May 11
Artists-in-Residence Renee and Mark Brachfeld will lead us into the summer with songs in our hearts! Students and parents are invited for this morning of music. See the front page for more details.

Prayer Assembly and 4 B's Program May 18
Everyone is encouraged to join Religious School for our last family worship assembly of the year, (11:30 a.m. to Noon). If parents are unable to attend, please meet your child(ren) in the entry at Noon. The Four B's topic for this morning (10-11:30 a.m.) will be *Jewish Rituals You can Try At Home*. See page 7 for more details.

Religious School Last Days May 6-18
The last Tuesday for Family School members is May 6. The last Thursday for Grade 3-6 students is May 15. Sunday, May 18 is the last Sunday for grades Pre-Kindergarten – Sixth Grade.



JCC Presents Live From 92nd Street Y

Bernard Lewis
"Crisis of Islam"
Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.

Call Rachel Blum,
334-6404, for more information.

Did you know that Sitter Service is available

- Every Friday evening at the 7:30 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)

Tot Shabbat Services Friday, May 2 and Friday, June 6 7 p.m. Livingston Chapel

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

Get Ready for Cradle ("Rock and") Roll Sunday, May 18 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Milder Center

Cradle Roll is especially for infants and children of pre-kindergarten age and their parents (and grandparents, too!). At each program, a Jewish holiday or family observance is highlighted. In May, the group will learn about Havdalah, the concluding ceremony of Shabbat. Cantor Wendy Shermet will tell a story and teach a song — come "rock" with her! The children will participate in an age-appropriate craft project and everyone can enjoy the light refreshments.

"This is a wonderful way to meet other families with young children even before they start Religious School," said Susie Norton who coordinates Cradle Roll program. This is the last time Cradle Roll will meet this season. "We'll start again in the fall," Susie promised.

RSVP's are requested. Please call Jill Goldstein at 614-6090. "But if you find that you're free that morning and have not called Jill, please come anyway!" Susie said.

L.O.V.E. To Honor Clergy

Sunday, June 8
1:30 p.m. JCC Theater

L.O.V.E. (League Offering Volunteers for the Elderly) holds an annual fundraiser to benefit residents of the rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

This year's celebration, "The Gift of Time: Honoring Our Jewish Clergy," will recognize our local rabbis and cantors for their time and dedication to RBJH.

Watch for your invitation with all the information and join in honoring Temple's clergy.

It's time for the Final 4 B's!! Please join us Sunday, May 18th 10 - 11:30 a.m. The Four B's: Behaving, Belonging, Believing & Bagels:

Jewish Rituals You Can Try at Home

The last day of Religious School is the perfect time to talk about how to enjoy Jewish rituals in your home. Just when the routine of connecting to Temple Israel each week pauses for summer vacation, here is a workshop to help you help your children strengthen their Jewish identity. Rabbi Craig Marantz and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will walk you through some beautiful rituals to infuse your household with a Jewish spirit. Make the mundane more sacred. Bring Shabbat and Havdalah into your home in new ways. Share Jewish customs that you enjoy with your family. Take home new perspectives to enrich your family's Jewish soul.

As always:

- The MICHA MOCHA gourmet coffee cart will be in the Temple lobby.
- Childcare is available for ages 1-preK (reservations, 556-5636; a \$2 donation is appreciated).
- "Bee" sure to join your child for Prayer Assembly at 11:30 a.m.

Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra Spring Neighborhood Concert

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.
Beth El Synagogue

As part of the Symphony's Neighborhood Series, a concert in joyous celebration of music written by Jewish composers will be presented for the entire community.

Resident Conductor Ernest Richardson will lead the orchestra as they perform works by composers including Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Steven Sondheim, Kurt Weil, Leonard Bernstein, and Ernest Bloch. Temple's Cantor Wendy Shermet and Cantor Emil Berkovits from Beth El are helping to plan the concert.

Advance ticket prices for Temple Israel congregants are \$15 adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Temple office (556-6536) or Beth El (492-8550).

Ministers Institute Warmly Received

At Temple's Annual Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Institute on Judaism in March, Dr. Moshe Gershovich, assistant professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke about Islam to approximately 100 clergy from churches in Nebraska and Iowa.

Comments from those who attended included:

"Excellent presenter, fine hospitality."

"I really enjoyed the time. I will hopefully be able to attend next year."

"Wonderful as always. The topic couldn't have been more timely."

"I am so glad I am finally able to attend this institute. I've heard so much about it over the years. Keep up your excellent ecumenical efforts!"

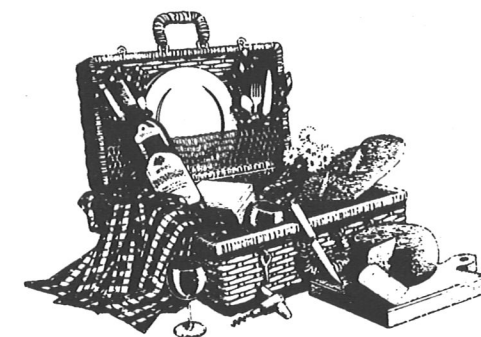
"The level of education and hospitality is excellent."

Shavuot Services Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.

Come join Temple Israel as we celebrate Shavuot, the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Our congregatin will celebrate the completion of WRJ-O's Torah Restoration Project when the newly-commissioned Book of Ruth scroll will be presented.

The 5th Grade Class will participate in the service as they begin their formal preparation for their bar and bat mitzvahs. They will lead the congregation on the steps of the bimah for the opening song, the closing song and the reading of the Ten Commandments.

Watch for more information in your Temple Tidings Supplement and June's Temple Tidings. This will be a meaningful service for the entire congregation. A dessert reception will follow.



Dinner with Dorothy! 5:30 p.m., Sunday, June 1 at Temple

All members of the congregation are welcome to join in a festive tribute in honor of Dorothy Spizman, Temple's executive director, who is retiring after 20 years. Her family will be coming from out-of-town for a Sunday Supper catered by Erwin Siegler. No speeches! Just fun!

Look for the bright yellow envelope in the mail with the reservation information!

Step Up For The Jewish Community Of Prague, Preserve This Special Center Of Jewish Resistance

Rabbi Craig Marantz

Twice I have visited the enchanting city of Prague. The architecture in the old part of the city is stunning. As you walk the cobblestone streets of Kafka, you see roof after roof made of red tiles. The experience is truly charming.

On one of my visits I chaperoned a group of teens in Prague as part of their NFTY Exodus tour which I led to Israel. The highlight of our stay was a visit to the old Jewish quarter. We prayed at the Altneushul, the oldest European synagogue in continuous use. We walked around to see the other synagogues, many of which are utilized as museums.

The Jewish quarter and the city of Prague have thousands and thousands of Jewish artifacts brought there by Hitler to create a museum focusing on the religious life of an extinct people. To witness these artifacts is depressing on one level. This abundance of remnants from the war and before shows how vital Jewish life was in Europe. What a gutwrenching and horrible loss occurred so this collection could be assembled. The feeling is sickening. If you have ever been to Auschwitz

or other camps, you know this awful feeling. But something else occurred, that makes this Jewish quarter in Prague a unique place in the annals of Holocaust history.

Among the remnants are watercolor paintings by children from the nearby ghetto of Terezin. Most of these children perished in the Shoah. However, their paintings, unlike anything I have ever encountered, reveal a subtle but powerful resistance to the injustices of the Holocaust. I felt mesmerized by them. The children were not supposed to engage in such artwork. But, with each brushstroke of color, small, vulnerable children found a way to combat the crimes of the mighty Third Reich.

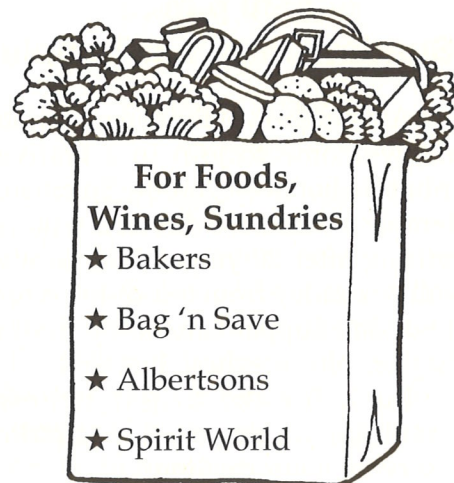
Since this encounter, I have thought of Prague as an important center of spiritual resistance. Just as it is important to witness the devastation of the Holocaust by visiting concentration camps, a visit to Prague reveals how a community of children fought for their dignity with watercolor. It is really quite amazing.

So you can imagine my concern

that this important Jewish center has been ravaged by the floods of Central Europe. I learned that the Jewish community in Prague suffered about \$4 million in damage to synagogues, museums and other historical sites. There are Jewish people who have been left homeless. And, as you can imagine, the city's infrastructure has been hurt badly.

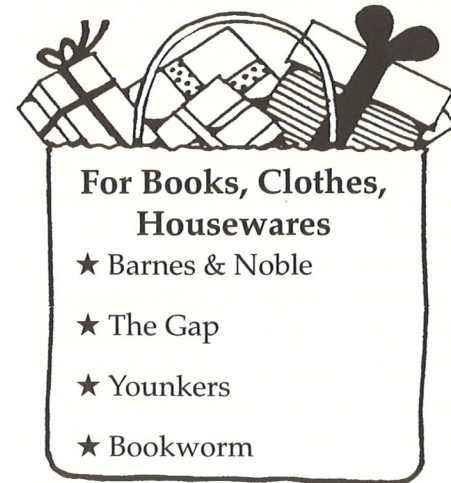
Many Reform Jews have stepped up and provided disaster relief to the Jewish community in Prague. I hope you have been one of them. It is time, though, for us as a community to do more. For the next two months, Temple Israel will dedicate our communal *tzedakah* collection to the UAHC Disaster Relief Fund, available to those who wish to provide assistance to devastated communities like Prague. This fund has been developed because we do not want any Jewish community to face difficult challenges alone. As part of the Reform Movement, Temple Israel must do its part during this crisis to help preserve such a vital and important historical center of spiritual resistance.

Mother's Day, Graduation, Confirmation-Shavuot... So Many Places to Use Temple Gift Certificates!



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Darling, Dastardly Dorothy Doubles Dazzle, Delight D'Congregation!



Getting ready for the Purim costume parade are left to right: Abby Reiss, Alison Goldstein and Lindsay Osborne.



Which is the real Dorothy Spizman?! The Purim Spiel, "The Megillah According to Dorothy" featured, row one, left to right: Rabbi Craig Marantz, Claudia Sherman, Cantor Wendy Shermet; row two, left to right: Rosie Zweiback, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Stephanie Grossman, Dorothy Spizman, Joan Cooper and Elyce Azriel

12th Grade Confirmation and Graduation Friday, May 30 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship

This is the first class of Temple Israel to graduate and also be confirmed in the twelfth grade. Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Cantor Wendy Shermet, and Elyce Azriel, director of Temple's Middle/High School, will officiate at the Confirmation/Graduation Service. Parents of the confirmands will also participate in the service by reciting a prayer for "family gladness" and in gratitude to God "for the gift and blessing of parenthood."

Also attending the service, the sixth grade class will sing "Standing on the Shoulders" by Doug Cotler with the twelfth graders.

"We hope, that by attending confirmation, the sixth graders will see what they have to look forward to," Elyce explained, "as they observe and share this defining moment in the lives of the twelfth graders who are role

models for the younger students as they pursue their studies at Temple and learn the invaluable lessons of Jewish education."

Seventh graders' mitzvah projects will also be on display in the Social Hall at this Shabbat.

"This is the first time we have a class that has gone through 12 years to be confirmed," said Rabbi Azriel. "We should all come to this Shabbat service as a congregation to celebrate the accomplishments of our children. They are the youth of our entire congregational family." The rabbi pointed out that "It takes a congregation to raise our children. We need to celebrate their accomplishments and their lives."

This year's twelfth graders and their parents are **Leora Azriel** (Elyce and Aryeh Azriel), **Alexander Clark** (Mindy and Wayne Clark), **Lauren**

Freeman (Robyn and Bob Freeman), **Samantha Friedman** (Sandee and Howard Friedman), **Shaina Meyers** (Berta and Jim Michalski and Denise and Jon Meyers), **Rebekah Phillips** (Joan and Rick Phillips), **Sara Schweid** (Jeff Schweid and Sharon Sobel and Bonnie Schweid and Stewart Wardell), **Emily Sternberg** and **Rebecca Sternberg** (Mary and Walter Sternberg), **Benjamin Taxman** (Sherry and Jeffrey Taxman), **Aaron (A J) Walts** (Beth and Michael Walts), and **Allie Willensky** (Andi and David Willensky).

At a dinner for the graduates and their families preceding the service, Bob Wolfson, director of the Anti-Defamation League/Community Relations Council, will speak to the twelfth graders and their families about the positive and challenging aspects of college campus life.

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IN MEMORY OF: **Max Bittner, Goody Liber:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Helen Wessel Cherniak, Jay Arthur Cherniak:** Lisbeth and Jules Stiffel; **Phyllis Crandell:** Eileen and Leonard Jacobson, Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Phyllis Frank:** Joe Frank, Lynda and Lee Sloan, Renee and Ken Wiseman; **Yale Halperin:** Lois and Joel Finkel; **David Karlin:** Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman; **Lillian Salle Levy:** Helen Levy Kulakofsky; **Otmar Liebenstein, Emmett Schmedding:** Anne and Alan Cohen; **Rose Lowenstein:** Joan and Milton Marcus; **Raymond Marsh:** Marge and Jim Bresel, Alice Weiss and Ken Munzesheimer, The Willensky family; **Yale Richards:** George Eisenberg, Lois and Bob Endelman, Dee Fox, Dodi and Steve Redler, Rosalie and Milton Saylan, Lillian and Jack Schrager, Audrey and Morrie Shapiro, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Michael J. Riley:** Pam and Dennis DePorte, Toby Fellman, The David Goldberg family, Judy Zweiback; **Elmer "Al" Rimerman:** Jeanne and David Dvorkin, Lois and Mel Epstein, Dora and Mark Goldstrom, Marilyn and Marty Warren; **Warren Withem:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: **Esther Canar:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer; **Phyllis Glazer:** Janey and Jerry Dann, Gary Gerelick, Babe Nogg, Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Hilde Gottlieb:** Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Claudia and Marc Sherman; **Harold Kosowsky:** Joan and Milton Marcus; **Shirley Kulakofsky:** Phyllis and Bob Newman, Joie Simon, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Milton Parker:** Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Joan and Milton Marcus, Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Doris Rosenthal:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Mickey Sacks:** Nancy and Don Greenberg

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: **Ginny Becker:** Joan and Milton

Marcus; **Toby Fellman:** Judy Zweiback; **Bruce Friedlander:** Margo and Bill Rosen; **Ed Malashock:** Jean and Woody Egermayer, Peg Egermayer, Harriett and Sherm Sperling, Susie and Jeff Zindel; **Normand Roffman:** Jean Epstein; **Cynthia Schneider:** Barbara and Eddie Gorelick; **Sherm Sperling:** Aileen and Leo Eisenstatt, Barbara Rips, Betty Rae and Ben Weiser; **Maynard Telpner:** Thelma and Steve Lustgarten

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: **Shirley and Bud Goldstein, Barbara and Marvin Taxman:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Babe and Lazar Kaplan:** Chris and Peggy Krasne; **Dorothy and Henry Riekes:** Paula and Larry Albert

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: **Elijah Nathan Mogil:** Pam and Dennis DePorte, Dora and Mark Goldstrom

IN HONOR OF B'NAI MITZVAH OF: **David Clark:** Toby Fellman; **Matthew Heyman:** Sheila and Scott Anderson, Anne, Ed and Nate Joseph; **Grandchild of Gloria and Don Vann:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling

IN HONOR OF NEW HOME OF: **Harriett and Sherm Sperling:** Toby Fellman, Bev Gendler, Sally and Ed Malashock

IN APPRECIATION OF BAR MITZVAH MENTORING: **Beth Walts:** The Goldberg family

IN APPRECIATION OF FRIENDSHIP: **Debbi and Speedy Zweiback:** Phyllis and Dick Glazer

IN APPRECIATION OF: **Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Cantor Wendy Shermet, Dorothy Spizman, Elyce Azriel, Joan Cooper, Stephanie Grossman, Claudia Sherman, Rosie Zweiback**

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Elmer "Al" Rimerman, husband of Mollye Rimerman, father of Merilee and Ronald Rimerman, brother-in-law of Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin, and uncle of Lois Epstein and Marilyn Warren;

Michael J. Riley, brother-in-law of Len Burrell

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Friday, June 6,** call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names. Please phone by **Wednesday, May 4.**

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Benjamyn Paul Rosen, son of **Roseann and John Rosen.** Grandparents are Joanie Rosen and the late Paul Rosen, Glenda Smaage, Sacramento, CA, and Peter Killian, Sacramento, CA. Great-grandparents are Irene Carter and the late Harold Carter, Evanston, IL, Rose Rosen and the late Ben Rosen, Anna Mae Andrews, Sacramento, CA, Junerose and Jimmie Killian, Niantic, CT, and the late Denis Smaage. Great-great-grandmother is Gwen Smaage, Orlando, FL.

David Michael Monasebian, son of **Jacqueline and Dr. Douglas Monasebian,** New York, NY. Grandparents are Mrs. Nath London and the late Nathan London, and Mr. and Mrs. Sion Monasebian, White Plains, NY.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				MAY 1 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	2 Torah Tots 10-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	3 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of David Anderson Scholar-in-Residence 4:30 p.m.
4 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m.	5	6	7	8 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	9 Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m. Artists-in-Residence	10 Bagels and Sacred Books 9-10:15 a.m. Artists-in-Residence Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of David Hirshman
		Family School 6:15-8 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m.			
11 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Family Program with Artists 11 a.m. Geranium Sale 10-12:30 p.m. Concert with Artists-in-Residence @ J.C.C. 2 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 6:30-8 p.m.	16 Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	17 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Joe Goldberg
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Religious School Grades 7-12 @ J.C.C. 6-8 p.m.			
18 Religious School Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon The Four B's 10-11:30 a.m. Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m.	19	20 Conversation with Rabbi Marantz 12-1 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	21 Grade 12 Religious School 6:30-8 p.m.	22 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra 7:30 p.m. @ Beth El	23 Shabbat Service 5:30 p.m.	24 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.	30	31 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Jaclyn Adelson Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Confirmation/Graduation
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	Grade 12 Religious School 6:30-8 p.m.			