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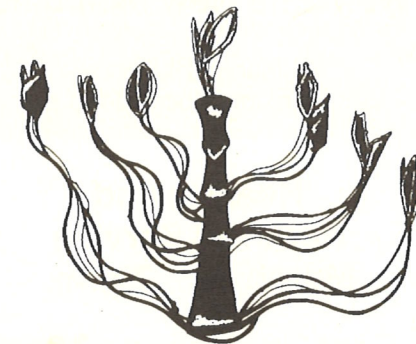
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Worship Services

Friday, March 1

7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Sermon

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 Lesley and Jeff Slutzky in honor of
 the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday, March 2

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of

Justin Michael Slutzky

son of Lesley and Jeff Slutzky

Torah Portion: Ki Tissa

Exodus 30:11-34:35

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"Rethinking Jewish Identity From Within"

Professor Arnold Eisen

Scholar-in-Residence

March 22 - 23

Professor Eisen, author of numerous books and articles about contemporary Jewish life and thought in America and Israel, will focus on Jewish identity throughout this weekend.

Working closely with synagogue and federation leadership around the country. Eisen has addressed the revitalization

of Jewish tradition and the redefinition of the American Jewish community.

Professor Eisen is Koshland Professor of Jewish Culture and Religion and chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University.

At Shabbat services Friday, 8 p.m., he will address where we are as a Jewish community, how we got here, and where we should be going.

At Saturday morning Bagels and Sacred Books, 9 a.m., the discussion will be "How we overcome our very



real difficulties with [Leviticus] . . . the stuff of blood sacrifice and priesthood . . . and use its insights to enliven Jewish ritual and tradition, including upcoming Pass-over celebrations." Please note the early 9 a.m. time.

In an article about Eisen in Commentary magazine, he acknowledges 19th

Century Western Europe, Jews quickly learned that retaining or attaining political liberties depended on dressing and eating in a certain way, speaking a "pure" form of reigning language, and worshipping with "proper" decorum.

Today, Eisen notes, less overt pressures continue to operate in America's open and tolerant society, but that modern-day Jews "nonetheless find 'meaning' and 'value' in Jewish practice; emotions are centered and created there."

Friday, March 22

8 p.m.

Sanctuary

"Taking Hold of Torah:

Jewish Community and Commitment in America Today"

Oneg Shabbat following

Saturday, March 23

9 a.m.

Milder Center

Bagels and Sacred Books

"Living with Leviticus: The Challenge of Ritual"

Saturday, March 23

10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning Service

Professor Eisen's visit is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning

(worship, continued)

Friday March 8
8 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Debbie Stiel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Diane and Lonnie Gaul in honor
of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

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

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Leslie Gaul
daughter of Diane and Lonnie Gaul

Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekude
Exodus 35:1-40:38

Friday, March 15
5:30 p.m.

**Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book**

**7:15 p.m.
Family Service**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Kim and Sheldon Gallner in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Saturday, March 16
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Early Worship Service

**Friday, Erev Shabbat, March 15
5:30 p.m.
Union Prayer Book Service**

Come on your way home from
work; meet family and friends. This
service is especially planned so that, at
its conclusion, you may be home early
to enjoy a Shabbat meal and evening.

Bar Mitzvah of
Spencer Gallner
son of Kim and Sheldon Gallner

Torah Portion: Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Friday, March 22
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Professor Arnold Eisen
"Taking Hold of Torah:
Jewish Community and
Commitment in America Today"

Soloist
Michael Walts

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, March 23
9 - 10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
Professor Arnold Eisen
"Living with Leviticus:
The Challenge of Ritual"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Soloist
Michael Walts

Bar Mitzvah of
Trevor Abraham Tully
son of Cinda and David Tully

Torah Portion: Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Passover Service
Thursday, March 28
10:30 a.m.

Birthday Blessings Family Service

March 15 7:15 p.m.

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

Welcome New Members

Marvin Bittner
Joan and Albert Rieder

Healing and Renewal Service March 12 7 p.m.

Cantor Wendy Shermet and Temple
President Mike Walts will lead the bi-
monthly Healing and Renewal Service
Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Whether someone has lost a loved
one or a job, or is suffering from an
illness, or supporting a family
member or a friend who is ill, the
Healing and Renewal Service offers
support and comfort.

Sandy Brophy, who has attended
the service with his wife Barb, said,
"We were glad we went. Everyone
who wanted to was able to talk about
why they were there."

Others who have attended in the
past found the service "meaningful
and the music beautiful."

"Knowing you're not alone" is also
helpful, said a congregant.

Mike Walts added that he always
feels "a little bit better for going."
"There's always something in our lives
that needs a little soothing, refreshing
and consoling," he mentioned.

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of
your loved ones read at the Morning
Yizkor Service, Wednesday, April 3,
call the Temple office, 556-6536, with
the names to be read. Please phone
by Friday, March 29.

Thanks from....

Taylor Workman and her family for
the Uniongrams received on the
occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

Social Justice Matters

Panel Discussion
Sunday, March 17
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Great Public Schools:
A Matter of Justice



The congregation joins the
Middle/High School
Mitzvah of the Month

Ask friends and family, or contact
local wireless phone providers, to
donate used cell phones to the
Domestic Violence Council (DVC).
DVC gives the phones to abused
women to use in an emergency
situation. We will also collect them at
Temple Israel to give to DVC for their
clients.

Mark Your Calendars
Now!

Temple Israel's
Mitzvah Day

Sunday, April 21

There will be possibilities
of participation for the
entire congregation!

You Can Make
A Difference

Help elderly, needy Omahans find
out if they are eligible to receive a
Homestead Exemption on their
property tax.

This much-appreciated service takes
just a few hours---and at your
convenience at city/county offices,
between April 1 and June 30.

Call David J. Meyers, 592-7707, for
information. Join other Temple
members and friends who have
assisted thousands of people the past
few years.

Rabbi Azriel New President of CCAR Midwest Region

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Aryeh Azriel
who was installed for a two-year term
as president of the Midwest
Association of Reform Rabbis at the
January 27-29 conference in
Scottsdale, Arizona.

Rabbi Azriel will lead the Midwest
Region, representing 87 rabbis. He
will also serve on the Executive Board
of the CCAR (Central Conference of
American Rabbis), the governing
association of rabbis in the Reform
Movement. Rabbi Azriel has been
asked to chair the newly-formed
CCAR Task Force on the Recruitment
of Congregational Rabbis.



Havdalah,
Chavurah
and Hora

March 9

Looking for something fun to do?
Join Temple Israel's Chavurah (ages
25-45) for an evening of wine tasting
and Israeli dancing March 9 at
Temple's Milder Center.

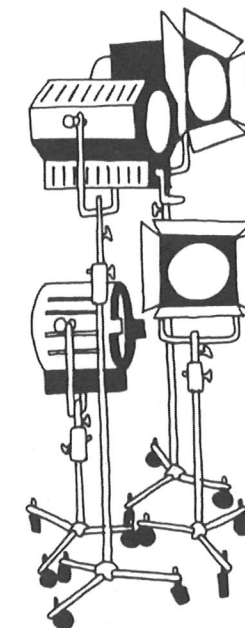
The evening begins at 7:30 p.m.
with a Havdalah service, followed by a
tasting of "Wines of the World,"
sponsored in part by Spirit World.
Participants can sample wines from
across the globe while enjoying tasty
treats to munch.

After the wine presentation, we'll
kick up our heels with the help of
dance expert Cheryl Lerner. Cheryl
will teach the group some basic Israeli
dances - prior dancing skills are not
required!

The cost for the evening is \$5 per
person. R.S.V.P. to Temple Israel at
556-6536 by March 1.

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The Four Cantors Concert



(Coming to a
Synagogue
Near You!)

Starring - our own
Cantor Wendy Shermet
and (formerly)
our own Cantors
Jennifer Blum,
Erik Contzius, and
Karen Webber-Gilat.

Saturday, April 20
8 p.m.
at our own Temple Israel

Mark your calendar
for an extraordinary
musical experience!



Thank you to everyone who
registered to vote in the World Zionist
Congress Election!

It is now time to cast your vote for
Slate 8!

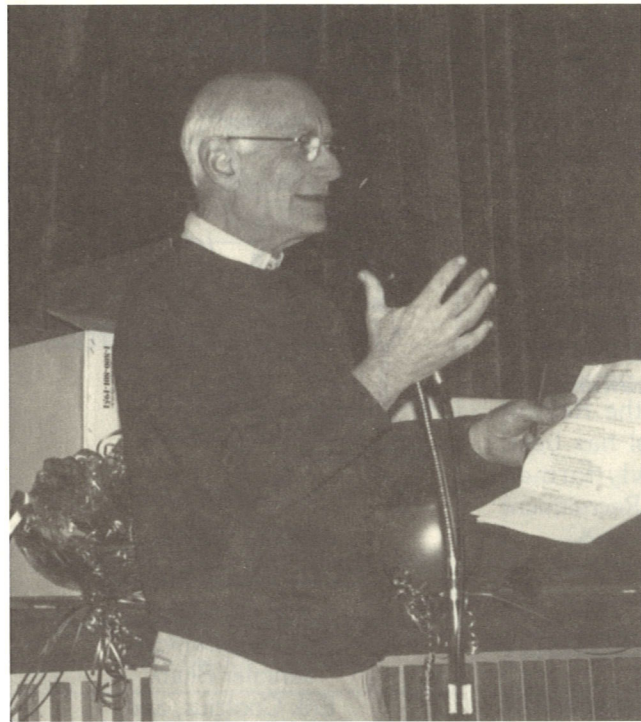
Ballots will be mailed February 27.

Completed ballots must be
returned by April 5.

Vote Slate 8,
Arza/World Union, North America
Representing Reform Judaism

Your Vote Can Make The Difference.

“Spring” is an Action Verb



OTYG's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction raised nearly \$1,500. Above: Auctioneer Jim Farber and OTYG members, Lauren Freeman, Allie Willensky and Chairman Janet Baack contributed to the fun and successful evening. Right: Jake Bleicher, Alyson Friedman and Jeremiah Bleicher helped serve the delicious pasta.



The Temple Board of Trustees, along with staff, wrestled with writing a mission statement for our congregation at the recent Board retreat. One group was, left to right: Jeff Schweid, Ron Brodkey, Rabbi Azriel, Steve Sternberg, Stephanie Grossman and Rosie Zweiback.

at Temple! Come Join in!



More than 200 congregants welcomed Cantor Wendy Shermet and her husband and son, Len and Sam Burrell, at the recent reception in their honor.



Above: WRJ-O Retreat participants enjoyed sharing food and conversation. Left: Wendy Goldberg, Retreat Chairman, and Stacey Rockman, WRJ-O President, smile over the success of the weekend.



What's Happening in Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 3

Students in Grades 1 – 6 will be able to attend the Purim Carnival after our Noon dismissal with their parents. Students not attending the carnival will depart Sunday classes as per the regular dismissal routine. PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students and their parents will have a preview of the carnival at 11:30 a.m.

Grade 2 Model Seder Sunday, March 10

Our second graders will be leading a model Passover Seder at 10:30 a.m. with very important guests. Grand-PERSONS (or special senior friends) have been invited to participate and represent all our loving grandparents near and far.

Grade 4 Visits Blumkin Home Sunday, March 10

Fourth graders will be meeting at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:15 a.m. Our students will be making ceramic Seder plates with the seniors. What a lasting treasure for each family to proudly display during Passover!

Family Prayer Assembly Sunday, March 17

We're almost there! Almost total participation at our Family Prayer Assemblies! Parents, please remember that the assembly is a wonderful time for our children to come together as a community and feel comfortable praying in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to join Religious School for our Family Prayer Assemblies! (11:30 a.m. to Noon). *If parents are unable to attend, please meet your child(ren) in the entry at Noon.*

Grade 6 at Jewish Federation Library Sunday, March 17

Sixth graders will continue working on their Personal Research Projects with the assistance of Harris Finkelstein, the Federation Director of Library Services. We will meet at the Library in the JCC from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. This time will allow parents to attend the prayer assembly with their younger children. If transportation is a challenge, please call the religious school office as soon as possible.

No Religious School March 7 and March 24 - April 4th

Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7 (Daylight Savings day); Family School will resume April 9. Please check your religious school calendar CAREFULLY. Have a great Passover and wonderful spring vacation.

TEMPLE ISRAEL MOURNS DEATH OF RABBI DAVID WICE

It was with great sadness that the congregation received word of the February 18th death of David H. Wice, Rabbi of Temple Israel from 1933 until 1941, when he resigned to accept the pulpit of Congregation B'nai Jeshuran in Newark, New Jersey. He went on to become senior rabbi at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia where he served for many years.

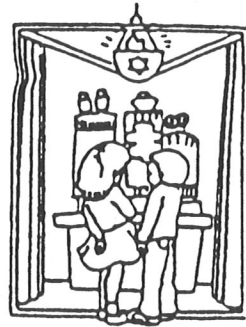
Temple Israel extends sympathy to his family. May his memory be a blessing.

An excerpt from Consider the Years, published in 1971 for our congregation's centennial, includes this passage:

"In the past, even as early as the 1880's it has been the practice to provide candidates for our pulpit with round trip railroad passes. However, the Depression and the state of the treasury prevented this.

In the same mood, a young, single David Wice weighed his slim assets against the cost of a return ticket to Cincinnati and decided to gamble. He stepped off the train confidently, carrying not just a suit and change of shirts, but all his worldly possessions, to be greeted by a startled welcoming committee!

His confidence was well-placed. He charmed the congregation and was retained as Rabbi following the High Holy Days. The Board stipulated, however, that they could not guarantee him a salary, but that they would try to pay him \$150.00 a month."



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, March 1
and

Friday, April 5
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 Stiel, Cantor Shermet and Patty Nogg.**

Cradle Roll

Sunday, March 17

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Milder Conference Center

This program, sponsored by WRJ-O, is a wonderful opportunity for infants through children age five and their parents to meet and learn together.

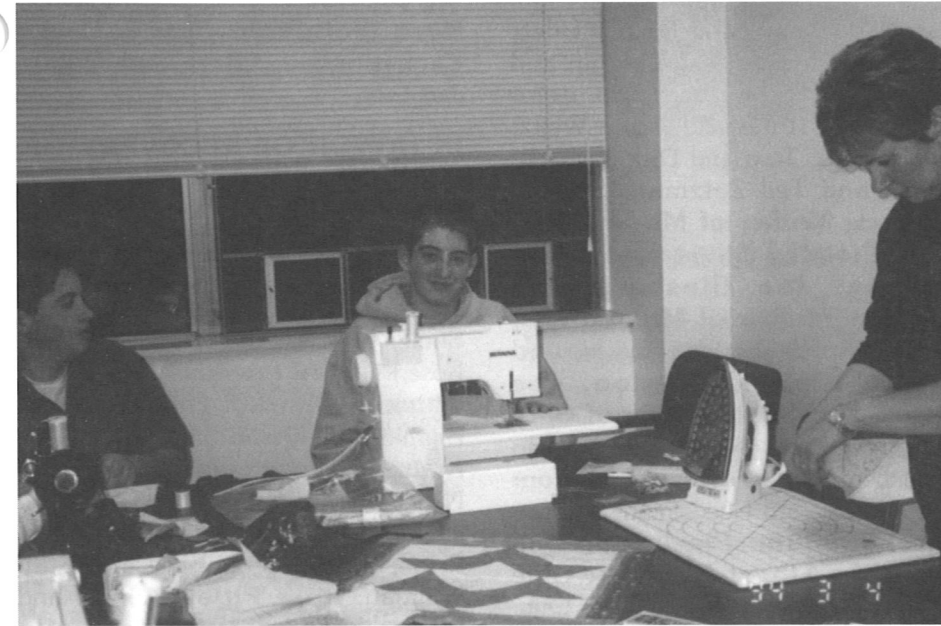
**Did you know that
sitter service is available**

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

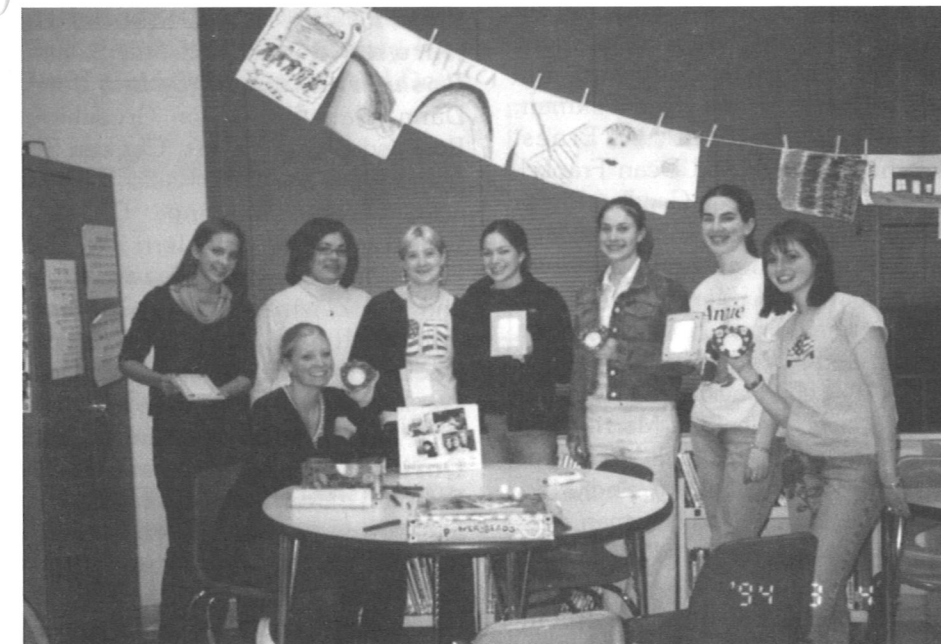
Middle/High School Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director



High School students in the "Jewish Piecework" elective created personal, quilted Matzah Covers.

Left to right: Jeremiah Bleicher and Jake Bleicher are assisted by their teacher, Sandy Passer. Sandy was joined by Marge Bresel and Sandee Friedman.



The balance between Judaism and feminism, the struggle of Judaism with modernity. How do you approach your own Jewish identity? Each of the female high school students who registered for the elective "It's a Girl's Thing" explored the sense of what Judaism is and what it means to them as women.

Left to right: Shaina Meyers, teacher Kim Schwartz, Rebecca Sternberg, Lauren Freeman, Allie Willensky, Sara Schweid, Samantha Friedman; seated, Rebekah Phillips.

Project B'nai Mitzvah: A Tzedakah Collective

Our 7th grade class has finished its research on possible groups to share their project donations with. They have looked at many factors such as location, number of people receiving assistance per year and organization philosophy to determine which group would best suit our desires for performing mitzvot.

As a class, they have chosen the following: Camp Rainbow, a summer camp in Missouri for children with blood disorders and cancer; The Rose Blumkin Jewish Home; and the Child Saving Institute, both in Omaha. The class feels that while *tikkun olam* is a global issue, by fixing our community first, we are creating a solid foundation on which to build the rest.

This has been a wonderful learning experience for this class. They have found that whether they collected \$100 or \$3,000, they will see that it benefits so many, which will make them feel good about themselves and foster the feeling and practice of *tzedakah*.

In Pirkei Avot, "The Ethics of the Fathers," it states that "You are not required to complete the task, but neither are you free to neglect it." This phrase reiterates the belief that the class feels that "every small effort makes a difference."

Mitzvah of the Month (see Social Justice article, page 3)

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

IN MEMORY OF: Eudice Canar: Judy and Jim Farber; **William Z. Cherniss:** LetaRae Cherniss; **Paul Davis, Bud Weiner:** Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Wally Elkon:** Anne and Alan Cohen, Babe Cohn, Susie and Marvin Cohn, June Goodbinder, Ann Kaiman, Lisa and Denny Lewis, Helen and Morrie Lipp, Rosalie and Morrie Meiches, Doris and Milt Parker, Lillian and Jack Schrager, Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Father of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Epstein:** Shelly, Rick and Naomi Fox; **Harold Farber:** Margie Alperson, Phyllis and Harvey Aronson, Judy and Jack Baker, Carol and Steve Bloch, Fran and Louie Blumkin, Joel, Jodi and Rachel Brodsky, Cheryl and Ron Cooper, Janey and Jerry Dann, Pam and Dennis DePorte, Darlynn and Tom Fellman, Bettie Fisk, Shelly, Rick and Naomi Fox, Rox Friedman, Friends at Events, Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Barbara and Gary Goldstein, Nancy and Don Greenberg, Pearl and Jerry Gross, Janice and Shelly Harris, Nancy Hornstein, Sylvia and Jerry Kaiman, Frankie and Sandy Kasin, Lorrie and Gary Katelman, Don Klein, Barbara and Howard Krantz, Jean Ann and Jerry Krupinsky, Connie and Bob Kully, Barbara and Marshall Kushner, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lefko, Joanie and Marty Lehr, Barb and Cliff Levitan, Lisa and Denny Lewis, Dorothy Lipp, Helen and Morrie Lipp, Sally and Ed Malashock, Kathleen Meyerson, Jeanie and Sherm Neff, Phyllis and Bob Newman, Sharee and Murray Newman and family, Linda and Jeff Noddle, Mrs. Ernest A. Nogg, Gigi and Syd Osten, Margo Parsow, Jan and Stan Perlmeter, Kim and Matt Placzek, Dodi and Steve Redler, Iris and Marty Ricks, Kimberly and Andrew Robinson, Paula and Mark Robinson, Carin and David Rosinsky, Charney and Jerry Rosinsky, Suzy Rubin, Rosalie and Ernie Saltzman, Beatrice Schimmel, Lillian and Jack Schrager, Anne and Alan Simon, Eve and Fred Simon, Kathy and Steve Simon, Margie and Marlon Somberg, Miriam and Joe Soshnik, Lois and Don Stern, Swartzbaugh, Farber &

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Bert Weintrob: Nancy, David, Rachel, Sara, Ben and Justin Jacobson

IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: Mrs. Harold Bloom: Suzy Rubin; **Sam Fedman:** Doris and Milt Parker; **Cantor Harold Firestone:** Toby Fellman, Suzy Rubin; **Frances Fried:** Janey and Jerry Dann, Janice and Shelly Harris, Gigi and Syd Osten, Rose Pitlor; **Al Friedman:** Joe Frank; **Chickie Gilinsky:** Fran and Louie Blumkin, Judy and Jim Farber, Dee Krauchuk, Joanie and Marty Lehr, Nancy and Harlan Noddle, Lillian and Jack Schrager; **Marvin Parilman:** Fritzi Luefschuetz, Barb and Stan Widman; **Rose Pitlor:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Marc Romanik:** Joan and Milton Marcus; **Eve Simon:** Molline and Fritz Cassman; **Barry Snyder:** Dora and Mark Goldstrom

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Bernie Altsuler: Helen and Morrie Lipp; **Jeanne Dvorkin:** Barbara and Bob Hurwitz; **Mort Fisher, Hy Hurwitz:** Rosalie and Milt Saylan; **Rose Frankel:** Janey and Jerry Dann, Nancy and Don Greenberg, Roie and Bernie Meyers, Gigi and Syd Osten, Dodi and Steve Redler, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Chickie Gilinsky:** Bettie Fisk, Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Jennifer Glazer:** Ameer and Ted Zetzman; **Hilde Gottlieb:** Toby Fellman; **Debby Greene, Sherman Neff:** Barbara and Dean Frankel; **Debby Josephson:** Shelly, Rick and Naomi Fox, Ann Kaiman; **Doris Rosinsky:** Judy and Buddy Roffman; **Bea Schneider:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro; **Flora Telpner:** Lisa, Denny and Travis Lewis; **Sally Telpner:** Thelma and Steve Lustgarten, Joan and Milton Marcus; **Gloria Vann:** Molline and Fritz Cassman

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: Ruth and Harold Fox: Joe Frank, Harriett and Sherm Sperling; **Shelly and Rick Fox:** Doris and Bob Cohn, Betty Sanford, Shirley Weinstein; **Helen and Mort Soiref:** Audrey and Morrie Shapiro

Donations con't.

IN HONOR OF BIRTH OF: Julia Eden Brodkey: Jerry Slusky, Barb and Stan Widman; **Daughter of Cari Cohn and Mark Morros:** Roie and Bernie Meyers; **Michael David Edheimer:** Donna Givner and family, Fritzi Luefschuetz and family; **Granddaughter of Barbara Lashinsky:** Ann Kaiman; **Ari Jack Saltzman:** Ameer and Ted Zetzman

IN HONOR OF B'NAI MITZVAH OF: Jennifer Laudin: Toby Fellman; **Justin Slutzky:** Marge and Jim Bresel; **Andrew Somberg:** Carol and Steve Bloch; **Allison Smoler:** Debby, Leigh-Ann and Lauren Brown, Lois and Don Stern; **Taylor Workman:** Suzy Rubin

IN HONOR OF MARRIAGE OF: Mr. and Mrs. Marc Fellman: Ann Kaiman

IN HONOR OF CONVERSION OF: Todd Hutton: Tamara Field and Larry Gendler, Jennifer and John Glazer and family

IN HONOR OF NEW HOME OF: Phyllis and Dick Glazer, Judy and David Goldstein: Barbara and Dean Frankel

IN APPRECIATION OF: Michael Erman: Sharon and Howard Kooper

Women of Reform Judaism Tribute Fund

IN MEMORY OF: Eudice Canar, Harold Farber, Chuck Monasee: Marilyn and Marty Warren

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: Gert Korney: Jeanne and Dave Dvorkin

Temple Israel Cemetery Hours

The gates are open
Sunday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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 80th Birthday
Bernie Altsuler
With Love From
Family and Friends

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with
sorrow the deaths of:

Charles Monasee, husband of
Lyra Ann Monasee, and father of
Phyllis (Pam) Monasee and Lisa
Ann Auer;

Phillip M. Schwartz,
grandfather of Miriam Moran;

Nathan Willis, father of Marlen
Frost;

Anne G. Hahn, sister of Isidore
Tretiak;

Genevieve Bornstein, mother
of Linda Patton and John Farber,
and sister of Esther Canar,

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Michael David Edheimer, son of
Stephanie and Roger Edheimer,
Highland Park, IL. Grandparents are
Dora and Mark Goldstrom, and Joyce
and Henry Edheimer, Cleveland, OH.
Great-grandmothers are Anne Gerber
and Betty Goldstrom.

Ryan Abraham Slusky, son of
Gretchen and Jay Slusky, King of
Prussia, PA. Grandparents are
Suzanne and Joe Long, Philadelphia,
PA, Harriet Fishel, Highland Beach,
FL, and Jerry Slusky. Great-
grandmother is Esther Dolgoff.

Joshua Bennett Siegel, son of
Andrea and Michael Siegel.
Grandparents are Sheryn and Arnold
Joffe, and Anne and Steve Siegel,
Hewlett Harbor, NY.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vereb.
Mrs. Vereb is the former Stacie Lynn
Katelman. Parents are Randi Nanfito,
Gary Katelman, Martha Lenderman,
Pinellas Park, FL, and Michael S.
Vereb, Tallahassee, FL.

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.

Thanking God for Freedom on Passover

Passover is a seven-day Jewish holi-day of Biblical origin, marking the birth of the Jews as a people and their emergence as a unique nation in history more than 3,000 years ago, under the leadership of Moses.



Passover celebrates the liberation of the children of Israel from slavery and, at the same time, the liberation from and the negation of the ancient Egyptian system and way of life. Thus, we celebrate our spiritual freedom together with our physical liberation.

Jewish law forbids the consumption or possession by Jews of all edible fermented grain products (*chometz*) or related foods during Passover. *Chometz* is any food or drink made from or containing ingredients of wheat, rye, barley, oats, or spelt. The

only exception is matzah, unleavened bread. Special precautions are taken over the baking of matzah to avoid the onset of the leavening process.

The Hagaddah, the book read at the Seder meal on the first and second nights of Pass-

over, tells how the Jews were forced into slavery in Egypt and finally, after great plagues fell upon the land and the Egyptian people, were allowed by Pharaoh to leave. However, the powerful ruler changed his mind and sent an army that pursued the Jews, but God parted the Red Sea, allowing the Jews to escape safely.

Every year, Jews retell the story of the Exodus on Passover and thank God for their preservation and the gift of freedom. This year, the first Seder is Wednesday night, March 27.

Temple Israel Congregational Seder

Thursday, March 28 6 p.m. Second Night of Passover

Our Congregational Seder is always a beautiful and festive occasion. Pesach is the time when we want to be with family and friends. Bring guests and - certainly, grandchildren! But please help us plan properly for food and seating by making your reservations early.

Here's my reservation for the Congregational Seder:

NAME _____

_____ Adults @ \$15.00 each \$ _____ # _____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian

_____ Children @ \$6.50 each \$ _____ # _____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian (Grade 6 and under)

No charge, age two and under.

Total \$ _____

We would like to sit with: _____

Name of Family

Reservation Deadline: **Tuesday, March 19.** The Seder will be open to non-Temple members after **Tuesday, March 12.** Reservations received after March 19, accepted on stand-by basis only.

No reservations will be made unless accompanied by payment!

Return your reservation blank and check to: Temple Israel, 7023 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska 68132.

Do You Need Passover Haggadot?

The Temple office has several *Haggadot* available.

Haggadot, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, may be purchased \$12 each.

These beautiful *Haggadot* will be exquisite additions to your Seder. The *Haggadot* are illustrated by Leonard Baskin and are works of art you will be proud to own.

Complete directions for the Seder and optional choices of readings will make your Seder memorable.

Also available is the "Family *Haggadah*: A Seder for All Generations." This *Haggadah* contains readable text with prompts for stimulating discussion and traditional order with abridged text, short enough to maintain interest. These *Haggadot* may be purchased for \$7 each.

Other *Haggadot* are available in the Temple Gift Shop.

Do You Want To Share the Seder?

The first Seder will be celebrated Wednesday, March 27.

If you are new to the community or do not have extended family in the Omaha area with whom to share this joyous holiday, please call Caring Committee Chairman Shelly Fox, 397-1578, or the Temple office, 556-6536, and we will find a host family for you.

What Every Jewish Kitchen Needs

The WRJ-O Passover cookbook is here! This collection of nearly 100 "unleavened" recipes is available for sale in the Temple office for \$18. Proceeds of the sale will go to Mazon, a Jewish organization that fights hunger, and to WRJ-O.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			FEBRUARY	28	MARCH	2
			27 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Social Justice Club 5:30-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m.	1 Torah Tot's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Refresher Hebrew 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Justin Slutzky
3 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-6 10-Noon Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival 12-2 p.m.	4	5 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. @ J.C.C. "The Divine in Judaism" 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	6 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School	7 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	8 Torah Tot's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	9 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Leslie Graul
10 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 3 & Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 4 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:45 a.m. Outreach Program 10 a.m.	11	12 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Healing and Renewal Service 7 p.m. "The Divine in Judaism" 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	13 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School @ J.C.C. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	14 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	15 Torah Tot's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	16 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Gallner
17 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-5 10-Noon Grade 6 @ Federation Library 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Deli Night 5 & 6:30 p.m.	18	19 Conversations with Rabbi Azriel 12-1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	20 Jewish Meditation 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Social Justice Club 5-6 p.m. Youth Group Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	21 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Basic Judaism 7-9 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	22 Torah Tot's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	23 Bagels and Sacred Books 9 - 10:15 a.m. Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Trevor Tully
24 No Religious School	25	26 No Family School "The Divine in Judaism" 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12 Step 7:30 p.m.	27 No Religious School	28 Matzah & Sacred Books 9:30-10:30 a.m. Passover Service 10:30 a.m. No Religious School Congregational Seder 6 p.m.	29 Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	30 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.