

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			DECEMBER	2	3	4
			1 Midrashah 10-12 Noon Religious School & Dinner Bible Quiz Study 5-6 p.m. Hebrew Club 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-11 6-8:30 p.m. Jewish Philosophy 7-8:30 p.m.	Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Synagogue 2000 7-9 p.m. Jewish Film Class 7-8:30 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	 Chanukah Family Dinner 6 p.m. Chanukah Family Service 7:30 p.m. Light 1st Candle	Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Gates Light 2nd Candle
5 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 10-Noon Cradle Roll Chanukah Celebration 10:30 a.m. Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. TIYPO Chanukah Party @ One Pacific Place 4-7 p.m. Light 3rd Candle	6 Light 4th Candle	7 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11:15 a.m. Chumash Bemidbar Class 10-11:30 a.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m. Light 5th Candle	8 JYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Religious School Grades 7/8 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grade 9-12 Hebrew Club @ JCC 5-6 p.m. Grades 9-12 & Dinner @ JCC 6-8:30 p.m. Jewish Philosophy 7-8:30 p.m. Light 6th Candle	9 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Jewish Film Class 7-8:30 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Light 7th Candle	10 Jewish Spirituality 9:30-11 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 3:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service & Scholar-in- Residence 8 p.m. Light 8th Candle	11 Bagels and Bible with Scholar 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service & Scholar 10:30 a.m. Scholar-in-residence 5 p.m.
12 Religious School Grades Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 3 & Grades 5/6 10-Noon Grade 4 @ Blumkin Home Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m. OTYG Family Pizza Sale 12 Noon	13 Light 4th Candle	14 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11 a.m. Chumash Bemidbar Class 10-11:30 a.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m. Light 5th Candle	15 Religious School Hebrew Club 5-6 p.m. OTYG Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m. Light 6th Candle	16 Sisterhood Adult Education 10-11:30 a.m. Religious School Grades 3-6 4-6 p.m. Jewish Film Class 7-8:30 p.m. Kol Rina Choir 7-9 p.m. Light 7th Candle	17 Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Light 8th Candle	18 Bagels and Bible 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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Worship Services

Friday, December 3
7:30 p.m.

Family Chanukah Service
Temple Tones

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, December 4
9:30-10:15 a.m.
"Bagels and Bible"

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Jonathan David Gates
son of Linda and Harry Gates

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

Friday, December 10
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Ruth Langer
"From Temple to Synagogue:
Connecting and Rededicating
Ourselves to Jewish
Sacred Space"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Congregation of Temple Israel
in celebration of the 50th Birthday
of Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

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Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Ruth Langer



"To Worship God Properly"
December 10-12

Friday, December 10
8 p.m. Sanctuary

"From Temple to Synagogue:
Connecting and Rededicating Ourselves
to Jewish Sacred Space"
Oneg Shabbat in Honor of
Rabbi Azriel's 50th Birthday following

Saturday, December 11
9:30 a.m. Milder Center
Bagels and Bible Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

"Celebrating Torah!"
Shabbat Morning Service

5 p.m. Milder Center
"Creating Sacred Time in Judaism:
Havdalah-Fruit and Cheese Reception

Sunday, December 12
10 a.m. Friedman Social Hall
"Pray for God's Sake"
Bagel Brunch

This program is made possible through The
Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong
Jewish Learning. All events are open to the
community at no charge.

Rabbi Azriel is 50!

Let's help him blow
out the birthday candles

Oneg Shabbat
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Social Justice

OTOC Forum on Police Community Relations

Allison Latenser

In the belief that effective policing requires trust between the police and the community, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) will hold its Police Community Relations Forum **December 2 at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 2501 Hamilton St., at 7p.m.**

The discussion will focus on whether Omaha could benefit from an "Early Warning System," which would track citizen complaints and other problematic behaviors of police officers. Officers who appear repeatedly would be identified "early," put through a counseling or training program, and be monitored once they are back on the street.

This plan is being put forward as a result of the many stories shared in OTOC house meetings concerning misuse of police power and distrust of the police. Police Chief Don Carey or his designated representative will attend.

Anyone interested in this discussion is invited to attend also.

Men's Club

Sunday, December 12
10 a.m. Social Hall

Members of Men's Club will join the congregation to hear Scholar-in-Residence Ruth Langer. Her topic will be "Pray, For God's Sake."

Temple's Website
templeisrael-ne.org

Temple's Wish List

One of our requests, a large rolling blackboard, was donated in response to our recently published wish list.

Thank you to our donor!
 We will print our wish list periodically. Of course, it is always available in the Temple office.

WRJ-O

Are you cleaning to make room for Chanukah gifts?

We need Books for our Spring Book Sale

Bring them to Temple, or call the office, 556-6536, for pick-up.

Please!
Handicapped Parking



Only For The Handicapped

What's Happening In Religious School

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, December 5

Come celebrate the beginning of Chanukah with us for this family worship assembly from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Family worship assemblies are held once a month throughout the school year.

Grade 4 visits Blumkin Home Sunday, December 12

The Fourth Grade will meet at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home at 10:30 a.m. Fourth graders will light the Chanukah Menorah and light up the afternoon of the residents. Our students are continuing their intergenerational learning with the seniors while developing the Jewish value of "Kibbud Zekaynim," honoring the aged.

Jewish Book Report Contest Deadlines December 10&15

The annual Elinor Whitman Jewish Book Report and Book Jacket Design Contest is sponsored by the Jewish Federation Library and Omaha's Jewish schools. It is open to children in grades K through 8. Application and instruction forms are available in the Temple Religious School office. Bring your report/jacket to Temple by Friday, December 10 and we will deliver it to the Federation. After that date, please deliver your entry directly to the Federation by Wednesday, December 15.

No Religious School during Winter Vacation December 19 - December 30

There will be no Religious School classes Sunday, December 19, through Thursday, December 30. Classes resume Sunday, January 2. Family School and Keep-up will resume on January 4th. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable vacation.

OSRUI ...

A Great Place to Hang Around Next Summer!

It's also a great place to go sailing, ride horses, light Shabbat candles, play tennis, make new friends, paddle a kayak, run the triathlon, paint a picture, produce a video, speak Hebrew, build a campfire, swim across the lake ...

Olin-Sang-Ruby

Although the snow may soon fall, it's not too early to sign your children up for summer camp! At OSRUI, your children will have fun learning about their beautiful Jewish heritage and will make friends and create memories to last a lifetime. Check out the video that is available from the Temple office and see for yourself! Scholarships are available from Temple Israel and the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Call the Temple office at 556-6536 for further information.

OTYG /JYG

December Events

Wednesday, December 1

4-6 p.m. Workshop and Flyers
 6 p.m. Grade 7-12 Dinner

Saturday, December 4, 8 p.m.- Sunday, December 5, 8:30 a.m.

OTYG Chanukah Overnight

Wednesday, December 8

4:30 p.m. Chanukah cards to Blumkin Home
 6 p.m. JYG Dinner

Friday, December 10, 3:45 p.m.

Shabbat Comes to You

Saturday, December 11, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Club 56 Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 12, Noon-1 p.m.

Pizza Fundraiser, JYG Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, December 15

5 p.m. Program Planning Meeting
 6 p.m. OTYG Dinner

Saturday, December 18, 2-2:30 p.m.

Torah Time with Mendel

Thursday, December 23 - Sunday, December 26

NFTY Winter Conclave in Denver, CO

Mark Your Calendars Now:

Sunday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.

OTYG/Camp Rainbow Spaghetti Dinner at Temple Israel

Friday, February 25-Sunday, February 27

Missouri Valley Regional JYG Conclave at Temple Israel



Club 56 members put their best hands forward at a recent event. Left to right: Eliza Cowan, Jacquelyn Neesman and Jessica Danon.

Thank You, Dr. Lidsky

During the Teacher-in-Service weekend, October 30th and 31st, Dr. Ann Lidsky touched so many of us as she shared her personal relationship with God and the challenges of having "God Talk" with children.

We began the weekend journey by exploring the difficulty of teaching our children about God. We may never know what God looks like, but we know what the actions of God look like. For instance, we cannot see love but we can see the effect love has on people. Almost everyone will admit to experiencing at least one moment in time when an action of God was apparent – a life-cycle event, the birth of a child, the incredibly beautiful sights or sounds of nature. Why not teach those experiences as **Godliness**?

We continued our journey with ways of initiating "God talk" with children of all ages. Just letting a child know he/she is created in God's image seemed to pave the way for more "God talk." Dr. Lidsky also encourages parents to teach their children that God is our *internal* spark, the ultimate gift that makes each of us unique. Take a walk through a pile of fall leaves and listen to the wonderful sounds around you! Maybe even talk about how those sounds make you feel. There will be as many different feelings as there are leaves! That is the spark of God, the thing that makes each of us feel and see things differently.

As parents and educators, we can teach our children to appreciate that although life is not always beautiful, God gives us the strength to endure and make each moment holy.

On behalf of the Religious School Committee and the Temple Israel Religious School Faculty, I'd like to thank Dr. Lidsky for her inspiring presentations and the Jels/Davis Foundation for their generosity in sponsoring this in-service.

Sitter Service

Sitter Service is available each Friday evening and Saturday morning as well as Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. Please make a reservation through the Temple office so we may plan accordingly. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Sorry, there are no facilities for infants.

Middle/High School Footnotes

Elyce Azriel, Director

Hebrew Club

Learning Hebrew, finding out about Israel, and singing Hebrew songs are all part of the same mitzvah. It is the mitzvah of Talmud Torah, learning about Jewish life.

The middle and high school students this year have the opportunity to study Conversational Hebrew in our newly-formed Hebrew Club and "Shulchan Ivri". There is no better way for the students to prepare themselves for:

- a trip to Israel
- summer camp
- continuing their Jewish identity through our ancestral language or just for the pure enjoyment of learning conversational Hebrew.

There are currently 12 students participating, along with an additional 10 joining them during "Shulchan Ivri", the "Hebrew Table," for the all-school dinners. Both activities are led by Ms. Elinor Matalon, a native Hebrew speaker and teacher.

We are continuing to encourage the students in Grades 7-12 to continue their worship attendance by attending services after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Learning Prayerbook Hebrew is a subject rich and inviting. It includes learning the meaning and significance of the prayers, their order, when they are said and why, beautiful hymns and songs, and interesting facts about the Siddur. There is no better way for our students to continue learning Prayerbook Hebrew than by actual attendance at our services!



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, December 10
and
Friday, January 7
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 a story with Rabbi Debbie Stiel and songs with Patty Nogg.**

Bible Quiz

B'nai Brith, along with all Omaha congregational high schools, sponsors a local Bible contest. **This year's contest is Wednesday evening, December 8th at the J.C.C.** It will begin with an all city dinner and talk with Dr. Leonard Greenspoon.

Rabbi Azriel has been studying with seven of our students to help familiarize them with the assigned books, the Books of Exodus and Ruth. Representing Temple Israel this year will be Igor Ginzburg, Keith Gaul, Alex Katz, Adam Rosen, Steve Sternberg, A.J. Walts and Aaron Wolfson.

Students Invited to Participate in IRSTA

Melissa Josephson and Jamie Skog, both 11th grade students, were invited to participate at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion seminar for Religious School Teaching Assistants (IRSTA), at the Cincinnati campus. They are the first students from Temple Israel attending an HUC-JIR seminar representing Temple Israel High School.

Teaching assistants are an important educational resource in today's religious school classroom. IRSTA is a unique program which provides participants the opportunity to further develop their classroom skills, study with students and faculty from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education and, at the same time, meet fellow "T.A.s" from across North America.

UNIQUE SUMMER EXPERIENCE ONLY FOR TEENS

KUTZ CAMP, the Leadership Academy of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), for entering 9th through 12th graders, is set in the mountains of New York. It is the ideal place for teenagers to play and work together with Reform Jewish youth from across the world.



Future leaders choose their own program and develop leadership potential in specialized areas of interest:

- ★ Jewish studies
- ★ Song leading
- ★ Folk dance leading
- ★ Art or theater
- ★ Youth group leadership
- ★ Social action
- ★ Student teacher training

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Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Ellie Paige Simon, daughter of Stacy and Bruce Simon. Grandparents are Pat and Gene Smallwood, Phoenix, AZ, and Ann and Alan Simon. Great-grandmother is Mildred Walmsley, Phoenix, AZ.

Jack Elias Fletcher, son of Hillary Brown and John Fletcher.

On the Engagement of:

Edye Lynn Roffman and Joseph Carl Vitek. Parents are Phyllis and Normand Roffman and Joseph Charles Vitek and the late Mary C. Vitek.

Karen Kushner and Dr. Robert Weirich. Parents are Barbara and Marshall Kushner and Margaret and Richard Weirich, Massillon, OH.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Turkel. Mrs. Turkel is the former Didi Fitzgerald. Parents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald and Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Turkel.

Our Sympathy

The congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Arlene Walter, mother of Linda Gates and grandmother of Jen, Jeff and Jon Gates.

Norman A. Abrahamson, husband of Louise Abrahamson, father of Hugh and Steve Abrahamson and brother of Lucille Epstein and Harold Abrahamson and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Temple Israel Confirmands Taste the Big Apple!

Rabbi Azriel, Tippi Denenberg and David and Stephanie Yudelson led the annual confirmation class trip to New York City October 28th to 31st.

The students met their Jewish roots in an event-filled weekend. Following are excerpts of their comments:

One of my favorite parts of the trip was how everyone in our group got to know each other better and became friends.

The Lower East Side was amazing. The synagogue that had a fire in it was beautiful. Despite the fact that it was in shambles, it was surreal.

The trip to Ellis Island was our first experience with all of the different types of people, being able to see that there were so many people who looked just like any American but were talking away in a language totally foreign to our own.

The most memorable thing about New York for me would definitely have to be Friday night services at B'nai Jeshurun. During

Lecha Dodi, we all started Israeli dancing around the chapel.

I got closer to everyone in the class. I looked around New York and noticed a lot of people were Jewish and when I am in Omaha, I look around and I am the only Jew for miles.

My favorite memory...while we were at the corner a Jewish man approached us and asked us if we had the time and so we told him and then he said Shalom. We were so surprised to hear that from a stranger.

It was so great that we could come walking down the street and just meet someone Jewish. I think that was the greatest thing about New York.



Back row, left to right: Stephanie Yudelson, David Yudelson, Max Goldberg. Middle row: Rabbi Azriel, Aaron Wolfson, Adam Gerber, Adam Waldbaum, Nick Jacobson. Front row, left to right: Steve Sternberg, Lauren Feigin, Rachel Javitch, Igor Ginzburg. Not pictured: Andy Weinberg.

Chanukah –



TIYPO Celebrates Chanukah Around The World

Get your dancing shoes on!
And Mark Your Calendars!

**Sunday, December 5
4-7 p.m.
One Pacific Place
Apartments Clubhouse
1365 South 101 St.**

TIYPO, Temple Israel's new group for people in their 20's and 30's, is celebrating Chanukah in grand style!

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. SHARP with Israeli dancing from Cheryl Lerner. Have two left feet? No problem! Cheryl will teach some basic steps that will have everyone grooving in no time!

At 5 p.m., representatives from Nebraska Wine & Spirits will sponsor and conduct a wine-tasting demonstration with wines from around the worlds. Can you tell the difference between an Italian wine and a French wine? You will after this event!

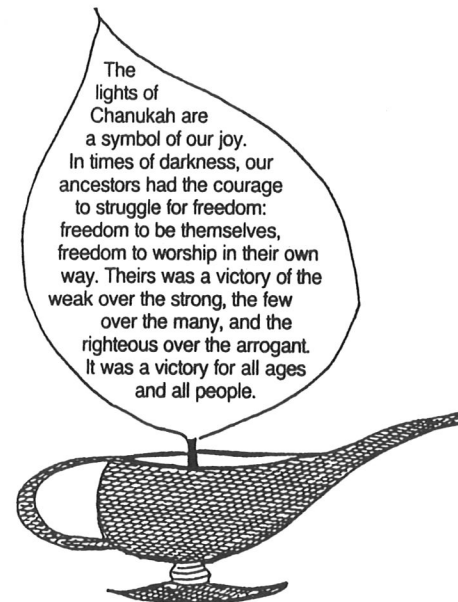
The party will include light hors d'oeuvres from Spirit World and homemade latkes. Don't forget to enter the dreidel tournament as soon as you arrive! The tournament winner will get a plate of homemade treats from Linda Saltzman, winner of five ribbons at the 1999 Nebraska State Fair!

Suggested donation is \$5 per person or an unwrapped child's gift for Project Dreidel.

In order to obtain an accurate head count for our generous donors, RSVP to Temple Israel at 556-6536.

Call your friends!

– Begins Friday Evening, December 3



M-m-m! Latkes!

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

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

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

Temple Tones

Sunday, December 5, the Temple Tones will join forces with Beth El's children's choir as part of a festive Chanukah celebration at the Jewish Community Center. Need your fix of Sukkot of Ages, Mi Yimaleil, and the "Chanukah Katch"? Then this is the program for you! Come support our youth during this wonderful afternoon of merry-making!

How Do We Light the Chanukah Candles?

These two blessings are recited each night:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Library

CHECK OUT BOOKS & VIDEOS TO LIGHT UP YOUR CHANUKAH!!

Videos for Kids:

Lights: A Hanukah Fable about Then and Now
Kids Sing Israel (learn about Israel's Sesame Street)
Sing Me a Story - Joe Black Concert (Holiday Songs)

Books for Kids:

Like a Maccabee
A Great Miracle Happened There
My Holiday Story Book
Let There Be Lights

Videos for Adults:

Several about Jerusalem and Israel in the time of the First and Second Temples

Books for Adults:

The Complete Book of Jewish Observance
Seasons of Our Joy
The Hanukah Book