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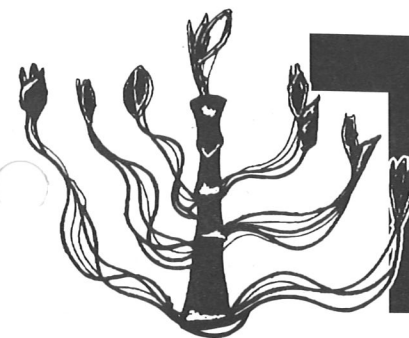
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AS I SEE IT...

One of the privileges that I have enjoyed the most in my years as a rabbi is that of preparing someone for conversion. It is also a daunting challenge. How do you literally teach someone to be Jewish? How do you inculcate into them a love for the Jewish people, Jewish traditions, and Jewish values? How do you help them to find God in a Jewish way?

Fortunately, it is not all left up to the rabbi or teacher. While there might be a certain level of academic achievement that is expected and can be quantified, effective elements are more difficult to measure. Many who seek Judaism on their own often come with experiences in the Jewish world. They have lived in a Jewish neighborhood or they have made some preliminary explorations into the Jewish community and all that it has to offer. Others are connected to Judaism through a loved one. They may even be living a "Jewish lifestyle", and simply want to formalize what has come to be routine in their lives.

Still others express great trepidation about this very area. "Rabbi, I can learn about holidays and about history, but when will I feel Jewish?" For those who ask that question, I have no simple answer. I cannot tell them that after six months of study they will feel Jewish. They have to begin with "doing Jewish" before they can begin to feel Jewish. Conversion to Judaism is a process. One that begins perhaps with a formal course of study, but which is, in fact, never ending.

By contrast, so many who are born Jewish face the opposite dilemma. It is easy enough to feel Jewish; it is much more difficult to be a literate, knowl-

edgeable Jew. I am embarrassed sometimes by the paucity of basic Jewish learning among the members of our community. The Jewish woman, for instance, who called asking if I would be available to conduct a wedding on a Saturday morning. Or the Jewish man who did not know the difference between Purim and Pesach. The pursuit of Jewish knowledge is also a never ending task.

To be Jewish in this world is not always easy. But for those who make the effort, the rewards are immense. Far too often, even I take those rewards for granted. That's why welcoming someone into the Jewish people is so wonderful. It recharges my batteries. It makes me think about all of those things that I might take for granted. It gives me pleasure to see others set a goal for themselves and reach it. It gives me hope that some of those who convert will enrich the membership of this congregation, and infuse all whom they encounter with an infectious excitement about being Jewish.

As we approach the season of Shavuot, treat yourself. Take a moment to reread the story of Ruth in the scriptures. "Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people. You're God, my God. Where you die, I will die. And, there will I be buried." [Ruth 1:16-17]

We have something worth living for, even dying for. Find that again for yourself.

Aryeh Azriel

Erev Shavuot

A Celebration of Jewish Learning Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m.

Temple Israel's adult learners, teachers, Torah Corps and Kol Rina Choir members will be given the honor of carrying the Torah scrolls around the sanctuary on Erev Shavuot.

As the scrolls are paraded, one will be unrolled to encircle the congregation to symbolize embracing the Torah. The holiday worship service will be followed by a dairy Oneg.

Shavuot comes exactly seven weeks after Passover. On their journey to the Promised Land, the children of Israel accepted the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai.

"Shavuot gives us the opportunity to be called again to an event that was so important in the life of our people," said Rabbi Aryeh Azriel. "This is an invitation to come back to Sinai, as if in a time machine, and understand the significance of the meeting between God and the Jewish people that is still echoing in our imagination."

After the Oneg, the congregation is invited to *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, a custom dating from the 16th century, of studying with the community in order to experience standing at Sinai. This year, the topic for study will be "Together at Sinai, Telling the Story: A Haggadah for Shavuot," that integrates study as well as celebration with different activities to create a multifaceted approach to observing Shavuot.



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Finegold Alexander & Associates Selected as Architect for New Temple

On May 2, the Temple Israel Architectural Committee selected Finegold Alexander & Associates to begin the planning process for our new facility. This final selection is the culmination of months of investigation; research and interviews narrowed down the field from ten candidates to just two highly qualified architectural teams.

The process now is to engage Finegold through a legal review and preparation of contracts for the project. Since this new relationship will last throughout the entire planning and construction phases for the new building, it is important to get started on the right foot. It is anticipated the review and preparation of these documents will take between 30 and 60 days. If things go as planned, Temple Israel will have engaged Finegold for the design of the new facility by the end of June or early July.

At that time, 22 "programming committees" will begin meeting and evaluating the needs for specific areas of a new synagogue and school wing. The Steering Committee has assembled and met with the chairpersons of the individual programming committees. The chairs are excited to get going with the architect. They have recently begun assembling their committees and will continue to do so over the next month. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the process, allowing you to have an impact on a specific area you have an interest in within Temple. The entire process and the history of how we have arrived at this point can be accessed on the website by clicking the TRANSITIONS link or: <http://www.templeisrael-ne.org/transitions.shtml>

Throughout the summer months, these small groups will meet to establish the parameters of the areas they are responsible for within Temple. The input they receive from the congregation and staff will come in various ways. Early in the process, another large congregational input session will be held to help the architect and the committees build on the information we started to gather on September 15, 2005. This "World Café" style of meeting is designed to allow the entire congregation to meet the people from Finegold. Details of this meeting will be forthcoming. The programming committees will also invite members' input at smaller meetings intended to focus simply on their specific areas. Congregants may also choose to communicate "one-on-one" with committee members to offer suggestions.

As the process continues, the architect will meet with these groups to help elicit the design concepts that are important to our congregation. In the initial phase, they will bring forth various schemes that will begin to form the basis for a "master plan" for the site and the building. The evaluation of these various options will begin at the programming committee level. The Architectural Design Committee will meet again as the various areas are combined into a cohesive plan. The Steering Committee members, John Waldbaum, Jon Meyers, Stacey Rockman, and Rick Fox, will coordinate the flow of information between the architect, the committees, the staff, the board, and the congregation. The decision to move forward as well as final approval of a plan will rest with the Board of Trustees.

"This is an exciting time in the life of any synagogue," said Jon Meyers. "To get involved will be fun and rewarding. Years from now, our children and grandchildren will ask us about this time of transition. We will be able to look back and explain how we each participated in our own small way to ensure that the future was secured for the continued existence of Temple Israel. Due to our efforts in 2006, our congregation is vibrant, strong, and a committed leader in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

"We look forward to an exciting process in creating our new home and will invite your participation throughout the process."

Temple Israel Announces New Director of Religious Education

Elyce Azriel has been appointed as the Director of Religious Education at Temple Israel, announced Wendy Goldberg, President of Temple's Board of Trustees.

In this newly created position, Elyce will direct "the organization, development, and operation of the religious school...relating to students, parents and teachers."

Director of Temple's high school since 1996 (the middle school was added to her role in 1998), Elyce's new position adds the responsibilities of grades kindergarten through six and Family School to her job.

In 1989, Elyce began with JELS (Jewish Education and Library Services) as a community teacher for Temple and at United Talmud Torah Omaha. Elyce is also a former Omaha Public Schools teacher and was a Hebrew instructor at Burke High School and Central High School. She has been teaching sixth grade at Temple for the past 18 years.

Lori Bennett, who has worked with Elyce since 1998, will be the Religious School Administrative Assistant.

URJ Introduces the Weekly Briefing

The Union for Reform Judaism in cooperation with JTA: The Global News Service of the Jewish People is offering this email newsgroup free of charge. The *Weekly Briefing* will include news about the Union and the greater Jewish world.

To sign up, visit the subscription page at www.urj.org/subscribe.

Annual Meeting a "Chai-light" of the Last 18 Years Sunday, June 4 5 p.m.

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel will be honored for his 18 years of serving as Temple Israel's senior rabbi at this year's annual meeting to be held at The Champions Club, 13800 Eagle Run Drive.

"Rabbi's *chai* year is a good time to celebrate what he has meant to our Temple, guiding us for the past 18 years as the congregation re-examined itself through Synagogue 2000 in order to be more welcoming, inclusive, and dynamic," observed Temple Board President Wendy Goldberg.

Entertainment at the annual meeting will be provided by JewDa, executive producer of Kosher Productions, who will perform his vision of hip-hop based on Judaic life. He portrays Judaic mysticism and stories of the Torah and is currently working on a CD to compliment his vision of hip-hop based on Judaic life.

In addition, an intergenerational musical will pay tribute to the Azriel family. Dinner will be catered by Outback Steakhouse. All ages are welcome and there will be activities for children.

Invitations have been mailed to the congregation.

Welcome

"The giving of Torah happened at one specific time, but the receiving of the Torah happens all the time, in every generation."

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome Catherine Rawlings who has recently chosen Judaism:

May she go from strength to strength!

Calling ALL Adult Jewish Learners

In the past year, did you....

- Study with a Scholar-in-Residence?
- Attend a Sunday morning Four B's?
- Go to the book group or Holocaust film class?
- Come to Sparks Beneath the Surface on Saturday mornings?
- Dig deep with the clergy at Adult Study on Thursday mornings?
- Explore Jewish topics at a Jewish Journey Group?
- Practice your Aleph Bet with Colleen?
- Take ANY other adult ed. class at Temple?
- Chant Torah or Sing in the Choir?

If you answered YES at least once, please help us lead the Torah procession on Shavuot (see the front page), and come up on the bimah for a blessing to celebrate your commitment to lifelong Jewish learning!

Help Us "Focus" Better

How do you find out what is happening at Temple?

Which Temple mailings are most useful to you?

Do you use the "CLICK HERE" feature of our weekly e-Tidings?

Have you visited our comprehensive website at www.templeisrael-ne.org?

We could use your feedback to help us do a better job informing and involving YOU in the life of the congregation. **PLEASE come to a "focus group" devoted to Temple communications on Tuesday, June 13 at Noon.**

We will examine the flyers, invitations, the Tidings and other samples of written and electronic communication from Temple to see what works and what doesn't. GOODIES will be served! RSVP to Temple, 556-6536, or tisrael@templeisraelomaha.com to participate!

Welcome New Members!

Cat Rawlings and Cami Rawlings
Catherine Rawlings grew up in Phoenix, AZ and lived in Japan briefly before moving to Omaha in 1994. She works for Applied Underwriters as a Corporate Trainer and helps out part-time at Jackson Street Booksellers to support her book habit. Cat is also a freelance writer and loves to dance. She met her wife Camille Rawlings ten happy years ago, and joining Temple Israel is a joyful milestone in their lives. Cat and Cami are proud homeowners in the Rosehill neighborhood where they hope to raise a family.

Danny Cohn and Andrew Miller
Danny, an Omaha native, and his partner Andrew Miller, live in Chicago. Danny is the creative director for Edelman Public Relations. Andrew, from Denver, is a sales manager for King Kold and Ratner's Kosher Foods. They have a Wheaton Terrier named Porter. Rabbi Azriel will officiate at their commitment ceremony in Omaha on November 18, 2006. Danny and Andrew plan to enjoy their Temple membership during their many visits to Omaha to see family.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah: Never Say Never

We still have room for students in the adult B'nai Mitzvah Class!

Hebrew studies begin this summer. Class day and time will be determined once we know the enrollment. Class fee of \$200 covers ten months of instruction (40 classes). At only \$5 a class, it's cheaper than yoga and more nourishing than lunch at McDonald's!

Contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536, or e-mail her at rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Women of Reform Judaism-Omaha

A Message From Our President

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all who were involved this year with WRJ-O. Whether you came to the needlepoint trunk show, played poker, served lunch at the Minister's Institute, or served on the Board, it certainly takes a village to do what we do. I continue to be amazed by the women of our synagogue and all of the work that we accomplish each year. I want to thank the outgoing board for all of your hard work and welcome the new board. I am excited to have new leadership involved! Have a great summer and stay tuned as we make our plans for next year.



Cindy Goldberg

WRJ-O Announces 2006-2007 Slate of Officers

President - Cindy Goldberg

Past President - Nancy Nogg

Vice Presidents of Membership - Danielle Gordman, Linda Saltzman

Vice President of Development - Marta Fox, Bonnie Pfrenger

Vice President of Religious Action - Ruth Sklarsky

Vice Presidents of Programming - Jennifer Miller, Rosie Zweiback

Vice President of Finance/Treasurer - Susan Lehr

Vice President of Public Relations - Patty Gilinsky, Catherine Rawlings

Recording Secretary - Jennifer Cohn

Vice President of Young Family Programs - Jamie Friedland

Vice Presidents of Religious Living - Dora Goldstrom, Susan Rothholz, Dorothy Spizman

President Elect - Danielle Gordman

WRJ-O Wants To Know: Do You Have The Winning Hand?

Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Girls' Poker Night is back by popular demand! Another fun-filled Poker Night will take place at the home of Bonnie Pfrenger (18325 Dupont Circle).

All skill levels from novice to shark are welcome and, as an added bonus, the new WRJ-O board will be installed that evening!

Once again, there will be plenty of snacks and goodies, laughs and a chance to win a terrific prize by purchasing raffle tickets, \$2 each or 6 for \$10. (Need not be present to win.)

The ante to play is \$10*. Don't wait! RSVP to the Temple office (556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com).

*No real money gambling.

Welcome to Our Newest WRJ-O Member:

Catherine Rawlings

How would you like to be able to...

- help provide programming for high school and college youth, including **NFTY** and **Kesher**? (\$85,000)

- provide financial support for an assistant at the **RAC** (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism)? (\$8,000)

- provide scholarship aid for **rabbinic students** at each of the HUC-JIR campuses? (\$75,000)

- provide support for the Beit Daniel Conversion Center in Tel Aviv—the **only Reform conversion center in Israel**? (\$2,000)

- help with an after school program for **at-risk children in Israel** sponsored by Congregation Or Hadash? (\$2,000)

Well, you have and you will continue to if you purchase Uniongrams through the Women of Reform Judaism at Temple or if you purchase Uniongram items from the WRJ New York office or website, www.wrj.rj.org

Another way that you can provide support for the WRJ YES Fund is by making a personal commitment with a \$36 minimum contribution to the WRJ Lifeline.

Women of Reform Judaism has distributed \$273,625 during the 2004-05 fiscal year for the above named projects, as well as many others because people like you all throughout North America have purchased YES Fund items and Uniongrams.



August 6 - 8 at Temple Israel

You can help WRJ-O make this year's sale a huge success!

1) Drop off your used hard and paper-backed books for the sale at Temple Israel. Please pack the books in small boxes (not over 20 lbs) or brown paper grocery sacks. Please, NO magazines, textbooks, Reader's Digests, encyclopedias or outdated travel books.

2) Volunteer to work a shift.

3) Come shop the sale!

For more information or to volunteer, call Wendy Goldberg, 393-6391, or Stacey Rockman 397-7930.

It's Summertime...and the Living is JEWISH!

A Suggested Summer Reading List

From our staff:

Rabbi Aryeh Azriel enjoyed The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions

by Karen Armstrong

Elyce Azriel adored Turbulent Souls

by Stephen Dubner

Dennis DePorte delighted in The Face of a Naked Lady

by Michael Rips

Lynne Jensen liked What Color is Your Parachute

by Richard N. Bolles

Rabbi Craig Marantz recommends Problem from Hell: America

in the Age of Genocide

by Samantha Power

Claudia Sherman suggests Mingled Roots

by Sunie Levin

Cantor Wendy Shermet sings about The Great Influenza

John M. Barry

Rosie Zweiback loved The History of Love

by Nicole Kraus

The Beggar King and

The Secret to Happiness

by Joel Ben Izzy



Next year's Scholars offer the following titles:

Storyteller Joel Ben Izzy recommends three beautifully told stories:

Walk Two Moons

by Sharon Creech

Secret Life of Bees

by Sue Monk Kidd*

The Curious Incident of the Dog

in The Nighttime

by Mark Haddon*

*These are good reads but also GREAT "listens." Look for them on audio.

Storyteller Noa Baum enjoyed her countryman's latest book

A Tale of Love and Darkness

by Amos Oz

HUC Professor Dvora Weisburg proposes two old favorites and something new:

The Chosen and The Promise

both by Chaim Potok

Rashi's Daughters

by Maggie Anton

Rabbi David Forman suggests two titles about his adopted homeland:

Israel in the Mind of America

by Peter Grose

Israel - An Echo of Eternity,

by Abraham Joshua Heshel



Temple Israel Summer Shabbat Services

June - August
Fridays at 6 p.m.

"Personal Jewish Journeys: Stories of Temple Israel Members"

as we prepare to begin a year of

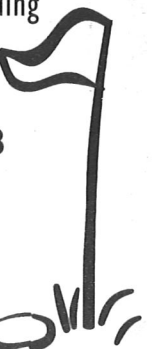
Shema Temple Israel: Many Stories, One Congregation

Sum mer (sum'er) n.

The warmest season of the year, following spring and preceding

Temple Israel's Annual Golf Outing on Monday, August 28 at Ironwood Golf and Country Club!

Practice your swing this summer so you'll be ready to win some prizes!



Tot Shabbat in the Park This Summer!

Fridays, July 7 and August 4 at 6 p.m.

Frohm Pavilion, J.C.C.

Bring your blankets, a potluck dish, outdoor games to play, and grandma and grandpa, too! Families with young children (birth to kindergarten-age) can welcome Shabbat and have fun together.



A Preview of Next Year's Adult Education Highlights

Shema Temple Israel Many Stories...One Congregation

Hear O Temple Israel — tell us your stories!

Through study and shared discovery during the year 5767, we will "hear" each others stories and the stories of the Jewish people. Together, we will take a voyage that weaves the personal accounts of members of our own congregation with the narratives of the family of Israel into a tale that belongs to all of us.

October 27-29, 2006

How does Israel fit into the story of American Jewish life?

Rabbi David Forman, former director of the Israel Office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism), returns to Temple Israel as our guide on a text journey through Israel, Zion, and Jerusalem and an exploration of current news and politics.

March 23-25, 2007

Dvora E. Weisberg, associate professor of rabbinics and director of the *Beit Midrash* at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, is especially interested in gender issues in rabbinic texts. She will take us on a journey through the Torah and through *Midrash* to study the stories of an ancient people that still tell truths today.

December 1-3, 2006

"Sit back and let me tell you my tale, of a journey that took me through dark times, yet gave me a gift that I treasure," recounted professional storyteller **Joel Ben Izzy**, who has told his tales round the world.

He'll be coming to Temple Israel to share his stories including his most personal one about losing his voice after cancer surgery. What does a storyteller learn about himself and about life when he can no longer tell stories?

May 2-4, 2007

Storytelling is a source of great joy and healing for **Noa Baum**, a native of Jerusalem. Combining storytelling and drama, she has worked in a school for emotionally disturbed boys, at Head Start programs, adult day care centers, and toured Israel with a shadow puppet show. She'll perform her new one-woman show of Palestinian and Israeli women's stories when she visits Temple Israel.

Adult Education

Chant that Trope!" with Cantor Wendy Shermet

**Wednesdays, Beginning June 7
Noon-1 p.m.**

Everyone with the ability to read prayer Hebrew and the desire can learn how to chant from the Torah. Raise your Jewish literacy to a whole new level or use this as a refresher course. Students will receive study materials including a workbook and a CD. While this eight-week class is geared to adults, students studying for B'nai Mitzvah and teens are welcome, too.

Class requirement: ability to read prayer Hebrew. A familiarity with music is a plus but not required. There will be homework. ☺ Please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at 556-6536 to register. There is an \$18 fee to attend.

Caring Community in Action

Lisa Epstein, Chairman

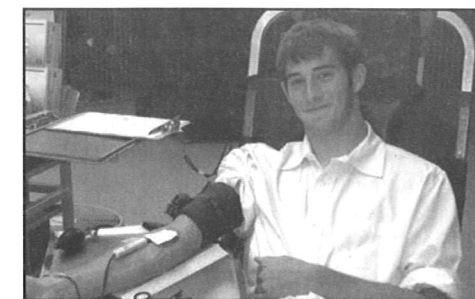
A little bit of caring kindness has reached many of our Temple family. We have been busy delivering meals to our congregants recently dismissed from the hospital. The positive response has been overwhelming.

Fridays are truly wonderful. Judy Josephson, Bonnie Pfrenger, five-year-old Nina Pfrenger and myself deliver Shabbat bags to our Temple family. It is such a delight to connect with our senior congregants — *l'dor va dor*.

We've also been contacting our homebound members about meeting their needs, as well as assessing our bereavement support. The best part of our Caring Community is not only giving, but what we receive back from our Temple family.

Please join the Caring Community and share in the warmth of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). Contact me at nespirits@aol.com or 496-9149.

Annual Blood Drive a Mitzvah of Life



Temple Israel senior Josh Bleicher was one of 23 volunteers who gave a little time and much needed blood at Temple's Annual Blood Drive, Thursday, May 4.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Preston Michael Gordman, son of Jay and Allison Gordman. Grandparents are Nancy Skid and the late Steve Skid, and Elly and Bob Gordman, Breckenridge, CO.

Jordan Evan Nogg, son of Jamie and Brian Nogg. Grandparents are Judy and Craig Goldford, St. Louis, MO, and Patty and Steve Nogg. Great-grandparents are Jean Lee Parelman, Kansas City, MO, Audrey Silverman, St. Louis, MO, Marvin Goldford, St. Louis, MO, and Harlan Studna.

On the Engagement of:

Laura Hinzman and Eric Givner. Parents are Marjorie Ceto, Gibraltar, MI, Robert Hinzman, Kalamazoo, MI, Donna Givner, and Nathaniel Givner, Scottsdale, AZ.

Healing

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

Saylan Jewish Education Fund Supports Students and Teachers

Milton and Rosalie Saylan, members of Temple Israel for 50 year, established the Milton and Rosalie Saylan Jewish Education Fund in 1998.

"We wanted to make sure that the youngsters who become *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* will continue with their Jewish education," they explained. "We're happy we could do it and to see that Elyce Azriel (Temple's Middle/High School Director) is doing a good job stewarding the fund."

Minimum contributions of \$6 will support the Jewish education of Temple's young people. Call the Temple office, 556-6536, or email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com to celebrate a *simcha* or honor the memory of a friend or loved one.

We're on a Treasure Hunt

Temple Israel's Lifelong Learning Committee would like to transform the glass cases by the Temple gift shop into an exhibit of treasured Judaica that congregants actually use during Jewish celebrations in their homes. Would you be willing to loan your *talit*, *Shabbat* candlesticks, *ketubot*, *challah* covers and trays, *kiddush* cups, *seder* tableware, *mezuzot*, and other Jewish symbolic keepsakes next year as we take a journey of discovery within our own families, "*Shema Temple Israel: Many Stories, One Congregation*."

This revolving exhibit of Jewish objects will help tell stories about meaningful moments in the lives of Temple Israel members. Please contact Rosie Zweiback rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com or 556-6536.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			17	18	19	20
					Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat Honoring the Marantz Family	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. B'not Mitzvah of Laura Gilinsky Molly Gilinsky
			May			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Teachers' Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Grades K-6 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All School Assembly 10:45 a.m. Mitzvah Day Activities & Lunch 11:30 a.m. Book Talk @ Council Bluffs Public Library 2 p.m.			WRJ-O Poker Night & Board Installations @ Home of Bonnie Pfrenger 7 p.m. Torah - Lifting the Veil 7-8:30 p.m.	Adult Study With the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m.		Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Office Closed				Office Closed Shavuot Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Sean Bernstein
	Memorial Day	AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	Torah - Lifting the Veil 7-8:30 p.m.	Celebration of Adult Learners Service 7 p.m. Erev Shavuot June	Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Shavuot	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Congregational Annual Meeting & Rabbi Azriel Chai Celebration 5 p.m. @ The Champions Club		AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m. National Hunger Awareness Day				Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Haley Gordman
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.				Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Worship and Festival Services

Friday~May 19

4 p.m.
Shabbat Comes to You
at Remington Heights
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Rabbi Craig Marantz
Kol Rina

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Women
of Reform Judaism in honor of the
Marantz Family and by Katherine Finnegan
and David Gilinsky in honor of the B'not
Mitzvh of their daughters

Saturday~May 20

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
B'not Mitzvah of Laura Gilinsky
and Molly Gilinsky
Daughters of Katherine Finnegan
and David Gilinsky
Torah Portion: Behar-Bechukotai
Leviticus 25:1-27:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday~May 26

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Saturday~May 27

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Bemidbar
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

Thursday~June 1

Erev Shavuot
7 p.m.
Celebration of Adult Learners & Service
Dairy Oneg following

Friday~June 2

Shavuot
10:30 a.m.
Service & Yizkor
6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Porton: Exodus 19:1-8; 20:1-14
Haftarah Isaiah 42:1-12
The Book of Ruth is Read

Saturday~June 3

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Sean Ian Bernstein
Son of Rose and Stuart Bernstein
Torah Portion: Naso (1)
Numbers 4:21-5:31
Haftarah: Judges 13:2-12

Friday~June 9

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~June 10

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Haley Gordman
Daughter of Bridget and Kip Gordman
Torah Portion: Naso (2)
Numbers 6:1-7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:13-25

Friday~June 16

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service

Saturday~June 17

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Beha'alotecha
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Friday~June 23

6 p.m.
Shabbat Service
ARTZA Trip Participants

Saturday~June 24

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sparks Beneath the Surface
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

Yizkor

If you would like to have
names of your loved ones read
at the Morning Yizkor Service,
Friday, June 2 (10:30 a.m.), call
the Temple office, 556-6536,
with the names. Please phone by
Wednesday, May 31.

Birthday Blessings
Friday, July 14, 6 p.m.

Children and adults who celebrate
their birthdays during the months of
June, July and August will be called to
the bimah and receive a special blessing
from the rabbi.

Sitter Service

is available...
• each Friday evening for the
7:30 p.m. service;
• Saturday mornings when there
is a bar or bat mitzvah;
• Sunday mornings when there
is Religious School.
Advance reservations and a \$5
donation are appreciated. Sorry,
there are no facilities for infants.



Visit Temple's website
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Youth & Education

Rabbi Craig Marantz
Elementary School Director
Elyce Azriel
Middle/High School Director
Lynne Jensen
Director of Youth & Informal Education

Partnership 2000 Making a Difference in the Western Galilee

On June 3, five young adults will have the experience of a lifetime! Leora Azriel, Sara Cowan, Rachel Flatzowicz, Jeff Gates and Sara Rips will be spending approximately 2 weeks in Akko, a city located in the Western Galilee. Partnership 2000 offers them an exciting opportunity to volunteer in our partner school, and become familiar with the area.

They will be housed on a kibbutz, attend Hebrew lessons, and do English tutoring at Gordon School. Other volunteer opportunities are: Hafuch al Hafuch, a drop-in center, to dialogue with the youth and help with workshops; House on Wheels, talking with residents and helping with maintenance work; and an English Coffee House, teaching English and preparing materials.

Temple Religious School teachers Deb Alpert and Melany Weinstine will be traveling to Israel at the same time to work with Gordon School teachers. They will stay with Gordon School families and participate in the everyday activities, building a bridge between their school and ours.

Partnership 2000 is a program of the Jewish Agency in Israel, the Jewish Federation of Omaha and Temple Israel. It promotes people to people relationships between 14 Jewish communities in the United States and Israel's Western Galilee through cultural, social, medical, educational and economic programs.

What's Happening in Religious School

Thank you to:

Our teachers who have made Religious School a fun, loving and safe place to learn. Debbie Alpert, Elyce Azriel, Leora Azriel, Steve Chasen, Eileen Clignett, Joan Cooper, Katherine Finnegan, Deb Finnicum, Jeff Gates, Hamutal Ginsburg, David Goldberg, Dora Goldstrom, Rini Gonsher, Colleen Kennealy, Natasha Kraft, Ann Noodell, Elaina Ozeroff, Doris Parker, Kimberly Robinson, Sarah Schondelmeyer, Jamie Skog, Jeff Taxman, Patsy Wallace, Melany Weinstine, Maya Wertheimer, Tereza Wigodsky.

Our Religious School Steering Committee who has made a commitment to our children and our school. Len Burrell, Steve Danon, Mary Kay Davis, Pam Epstein, Katherine Finnegan, Larry Gendler, Jordana Glazer, Wendy Goldberg, Barry Grossman, Kate Kaminsky, Jennifer Tompkins Kirshenbaum, Allison Latenser, Ellen Long, Maria Neesman, Ellen Platt, Stacey Rockman, Ruth Sklarsky, Louri Sullivan and Wendy Vann.

Our volunteer corps and room parents who made every activity a success. Amber Baker, Sharon Bargas, Jill Baron, Rose Bernstein, Barb Brehmer, Michelle Bucher, Helen Burns, Len Burrell, Mindy Clark, Marla Cohen, Sharon Comisar-Langdon, Juanita Davidson, Mary Kay Davis, Teresa Eirinberg, Tami Field-Gendler, Sue Finkle, Katherine Finnegan, Hillary Fletcher, Orly Gilat, Julie Ginsberg, Cheri Ginsburg, Jennifer Glazer, Jordana Glazer, Jill Goldstein, Andie Gordman, Barry Grossman, Mace Hack, Kerry Hollst, Angela Horner, Jill Idelman, Amy Katz, Jenn Tompkins Kirshenbaum, Allison Latenser, Sandy Lehr, Ellen Long, Deb and Dan Marburg, Kathy McGauvran, Debbie Meiches-Simpson, Jennifer Miller, Lori Miller, Kim Noddle, Nancy Nogg, Susie and Mike Norton, Beth Perry, Bonnie Pfrenger, Ellen Platt, Amy Rabinovitz, Shayna Ray, Wendy and Rob Reiss, Kimberly Robinson, Paula Robinson, Stacey Rockman, Silvia Roffman, Mimi Rogers-Farkas, Susan Rothholz, Laura Schrager, Andrea Siegel, Stacy Simon, Ruth Sklarsky, Martha Slosburg, Cindy Stoneking, Louri Sullivan, Wendy Vann, Melany Weinstine, Tereza Wigodsky, Amee Zetzman, Linda Zimmerman.

Our teen assistants (madrachim) make a big difference in the life of our children by setting good examples of leadership and commitment to their Judaism. Sean Bernstein, Haley Burns, Sam Burrell, Jessie Danon, Molly Gilinsky, Joe Goldberg, Molly Goldberg, Grace Hack, Haley Gordman, Hannah Grossman, Noah Grossman, Emily Katz, Melanie Long, Samantha Long, Sarah Long, Josh Moran, Jackie Neesman, Ben Ozeroff, Aaron Passer, Brenna Robinson, Rachel Saferstein, Sarah Spooner, Chelsea Taxman, Sam Weinstine, Alex Wolpa, Ethan Workman, Taylor Workman.

Meet Our New OTYG Board

Congratulations to: Jackie Neesman, President; Sarah Bleicher, Programming Vice President; Adam Goldberg, Religious & Cultural Vice President; Anne Rips, Secretary; Jaclyn Adelson and LaShanna Bernstein, Membership Vice Presidents; Sarah Spooner, JYG Liaison; Ashley Bernstein, Special Projects Coordinator; Joe Goldberg, Member-in-Service.

Join OTYG now and have "Worlds of Fun" on August 20! Membership forms can be found on the Temple website www.templeisrael-ne.org.

Middle/High School Footnotes

Thank you to all the teachers of Temple's Middle/High School for the care they put into helping our students succeed.

The real strength of the school is its exceptionally capable and talented staff and the emphasis on the quality of academic programs available to our students. The efforts and achievements of the entire year are reflected in the positive growth of our students.

Our teachers this year were: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Steve Danon, Toby Fellman, Katherine Finnegan, Jeff Gates, Hollis Glaser, Maria Neesman, Rita Paskowitz, Maya Wertheimer and Rosie Zweiback.

NFTY-MoV Spring Chavurah was a HUGE Success

OTYG gives a big **TODAH RABAH** to all of the *mensches* who helped us house, feed, educate and entertain over 250 youth last month. Our heroes are: Magda Peck and Jim Anderson; Elyce and Rabbi Aryeh Azriel; Leora Azriel; Phil Azriel; Lori Bennett; Jill and Bruce Baron; Lynn and Jonathan Beha; Rose and Stu Beha; Sandy and Joel Bleicher; Barb Brehmer; Becki and Doc Brenner; Helen Burns; Cantor Wendy Shermet and Len Burrell;



Willie Clark; Dennis DePorte; Sue and Tom Friedman; Robyn and Bob Freeman; Debbie and Scott Friedman; Edith Gamble; Linda Gates; Orly Gilat; Katherine Finnegan and David Gilinsky; Donna Givner;

Hollis Glaser; Cindy and Bruce Goldberg; Wendy and David Goldberg; Mark Goldstrom; Rosie Zweiback and Mace Hack; Mendy and Mike Halsted; Patrick Jensen; Debbi Josephson; Kate Kaminsky; Josh Katelman; Amy and Dick Katz; Colleen Kennealy; Jenn and Matt Kirshenbaum; Nikki and Adam Kirshenbaum; Sandy and John Lehr; Susan Lehr; Joanie and Marty Lehr; Bette Evans and Mike Makoid; Rabbi Craig Marantz; Deb and Dan Marburg; Julie Martin; Joe Meyers; Denise and Jon Meyers; Maria and Steve Neesman; Susie and Mike Norton; Allison Latenser and Lou Pachman, Ellen and Jeff Platt; Gretchen and David Radler; Jane and Harlan Rips; Linda and Rod Sadofsky; Lisa Scheet; Deb Sherman; Ruth Sherman; Ricki and Jeff Skog; Debi and Jeff Smedlund; Dorothy Spizman; Gayle and Jim Spooner; Louri and Charlie Sullivan; Sherry and Jeff Taxman; Michele Marsh and John Terry; Maya Wertheimer; Lonnie Williams; Amee and Ted Zetzman; and Speedy Zweiback.

Temple Students Help Set Record Entries for Elinor Whitman Book Appreciation Contest

Congratulations for a great job to all of the following students who entered the contest: Yaniv Azriel, Jonathan Baker, Olivia Baker, Madison Baron, Wil Beach, Courtney Bierman, Madison Bierman, Megan Bucher, Alex Coakley, Josh Cohen, Zoe Cohen, Lauren Cooper, Cameron Davis, Anna Eirinberg, Madison Eisenberg, Zane Fletcher, Alex Fox, Laura Gilinsky, Abbey Giller, David Glazer, Grant Glazer, Sophie Goldberg, Noah Grossman, Abby Hack, Joe Hack, Molly Helm, Jordan Jensen, Ariel Kohll, Jacob Lehr, Jessica Levinger, Vince Long, Sophia Miller, Bailey Newman, Ben Noodell, Hannah Perry, Noah Placzek, Sarah Prescott, Sydney Robinson, Caroline Rockman, Oliver Rockman, Mallory Rogers, Cleo Rogers-Marcovitz, Abigayle Schondelmeyer, Sonia Schrager, Sierra Simpson, Lauren

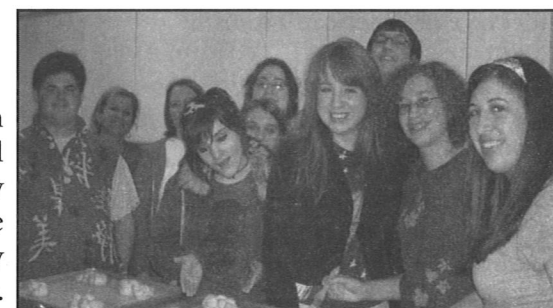


Pictured (l to r) Mallory Rogers, Sophia Miller, Rabbi Craig Marantz, Abby Hack, Caroline Rockman, Lydia Sklarsky and Joe Hack received awards for their entries during the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on Sunday, May 7.

Sklarsky, Lydia Sklarsky, Talia Simon, Katherine Slosburg, Libby Slosburg, Max Slosburg, Rachel Sullivan, Lindsey Thomas, Emma Workman and Rylee Zimmerman.

Karing Kids Create for Caring Community

Temple students have been preparing food during the school year with Caring Community Chairman Lisa Epstein to share with people in the community who have been ill or need a visit. These "Karing Kids," a new club which will officially get underway next fall, also created greeting cards which the Caring Committee will distribute.



Three youth from Lincoln's South Side Temple joined Ben Ozeroff, Lisa Epstein, Don'L Dacey, Ashley Bernstein, Haley Burns, Aaron Bleicher and Sarah Bleicher in Temple's kitchen.

Our Religious School Needs YOU!



Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Tompkins Kirshenbaum talked with Hillary Fletcher about all the opportunities available in Religious School. The volunteer program was formalized for the 05/06 school year by Jordana Glazer and Louri Sullivan. To find out how you can have a positive role in the success of our school, contact Jenn at 445-4632 or jennk@cox.net, or co-Coordinator Wendy Vann at 391-5595 or wmvann1970@cox.net.

Your Vote Mattered! ARZA Achieved Victory in WZO Elections

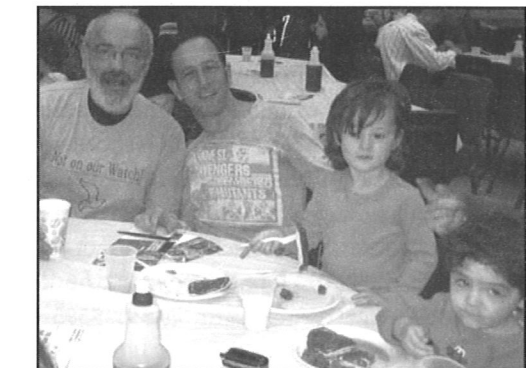
ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) carried 38 percent, the largest proportional percentage in the World Zionist Congress elections. Voters chose clearly in favor of the Reform Movement. This historic victory sends a strong message that American Jews are committed to a Jewish state that supports religious pluralism.

ARZA's win would not have been possible without your commitment. Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism stated, "We take great pride in the success of the Reform Movement in the WZO election. It demonstrates that our message – love of Israel, devotion to Zionist ideals, and commitment to policies of moderation and religious pluralism in the Jewish state – has become the dominant voice of American Zionism."

Pancake Man a Flapjacking Good Time



The WRJ-O sponsored pancake breakfast is a highlight of Sunday Religious School! Pictured (counterclockwise): Larry, Hannah, Sophie and Aleia Budwig shared the meal before school started. Rabbi Azriel and Jeff, Harper and Zev Gordman schmooze after cleaning their plates. Karli Newman and Allison Latenser kept the o.j. and milk flowing.



It Only Takes Ten Minutes a Day

Since 2003, the Union of Reform Judaism has been sending out an email five days a week on a topic of Jewish interest. Topics range from Torah study on Mondays, holocaust and humanity on Tuesdays, Israel connections on Wednesdays, building a Reform Jewish community on Thursdays, and the Jewish world and social action on Fridays. You can sign up for any number of these topics. Choose all of them or just the ones in which you're interested.

Just a smattering of the daily selections have included articles on Ilan Ramon and Daniel Pearl, John Kerry's Jewish background, child slavery, gay and lesbian equality, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, hunger, stem cell research, and many commentaries on Jewish holidays.

It's easy to subscribe to Ten Minutes of Torah. Just click on the link in your weekly eTidings from Temple. Or go to URIJ.org/torah/ten/. It's free, it's easy, it's enlightening and thought-provoking, and it fulfills the Jewish obligation to make Jewish study a fixed occurrence in your lifelong journey.

Senator Hagel Urges Nuclear Weapons Lock Down

The United States has "to deal with issues from a global perspective," emphasized U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (at right) speaking to an interfaith crowd at Temple Israel on May 9.

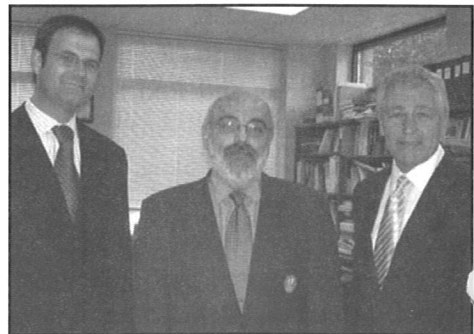
"We must be wise in exercising our power," he said, pointing out the need for "understanding how the rest of the world views us."

Alistair Millar (at left), Vice President of Fourth Freedom Forum, showed a trailer from the film, "Last Best Chance" after Senator Hagel spoke. The film's essential message, clarified Millar, is that we are in "a race between cooperation and catastrophe" in reducing the danger of nuclear weapons.

Faithful Security, a national religious partnership on the nuclear weapons danger and a sponsor of the event on May 9, advises that citizens raise awareness about the urgent need to lock down nuclear weapons by contacting elected officials and writing letters to the editor or op-ed articles.

For more information, visit Faithful Security's website at www.faithfulsecurity.org, Safer World Action Network at www.safeworld.org, and Nuclear Threat Initiative at www.nti.org/donate.

In addition to Temple Israel and Faithful Security, other sponsors of the conversation on May 9 were the Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska and the Nuclear Threat Initiative.



Alistair Millar, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and Senator Chuck Hagel

Shabbaton Spirit and Fun Undampened by Rain

Despite a "drought-busting" rain, Temple Israel's Environmental Shabbaton at the Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center in Ashland was "a wonderful program," according to Marty Ricks. "We love the outdoors. I'm a big fan of Mace Hack, and I like to support Temple programs. I also wanted to see Rabbi Fink."

"I thought it was outstanding," said Deb Chasen. She came to see Rabbi Fink again, to get away with her husband, and for spiritual reasons. She described the day as "informative and back-to-basics without phones and electronic devices to bombard you."



Above: Paul and Amy Rabinovitz enjoyed the early morning birdwatching hike in spite of the cool, damp weather.

Nominations Presented for Board of Trustees

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for approval at the 135th Annual Congregational Meeting. Officers to serve one-year terms: President: Wendy Goldberg; President-elect: Jon Meyers; Vice Presidents: Sally Kaplan and Jan Schneiderman; Secretary: Meeme Zetzman; Treasurer: John Lehr. Trustees to serve three-year terms: Gary Marshall, Stacey Rockman, Stacy Simon and Dorothy Spizman.



Above: John Gallagher, Alex Pachman, Joe Goldberg and Molly Goldberg learned how to recycle paper into artful stationery.



Above: Jenny Henrickson from the Omaha Raptor Team introduces the group to Fred, the red-tailed hawk.

Annual Dinner for Stephens Center an Interstate Event



Joan Marcus, Social Justice Coordinating Committee Chairman, and Laurie and Allan Rathsam cooked 30 pounds of brisket and 40 pounds of chicken for Easter dinner at the Stephens Center. Mr. and Mrs. Rathsam, from San Diego, CA, were visiting their son Jonathan for Passover.

Voices From the Pews

"Denny and I grew up at Beth Israel and got married there," commented Lisa Lewis. "But we've been members of Temple Israel since the late 1970s." Over the years, she has noticed "more religiosity, more use of Hebrew, more traditional observances at Temple." She also sees "more involvement by the membership in attendance at services and activities, education at all levels, and more adult education and speakers."

"I feel personally invested in my Judaism at Temple and by being a Reform Jew. It's not just going to services but things I do on a daily basis in the community, *tikkun olam*."

One of Lisa's favorite moments at Temple occurred during her son Travis's *Bar Mitzvah*. "We had invited a lot of friends who are not Jewish. I remember seeing Travis come out to read his first prayer and then sit down, relieved. Rabbi Azriel took his hand" which moved some of her friends in the pews to tears. "The warmth exhibited between Rabbi and our son was noticed by those in attendance. It's a wonderful memory which expressed the warmth and involvement of Temple."

Jeff Smedlund has belonged to Temple more than 25 years, and has also noticed the increased use of Hebrew. "I really enjoy the service, because I am part of the service. The congregation is fulfilling the service."

"Both Debi and I can be equally active at Temple" as a member of the Board of Trustees, Men's Club, and the Religious School Committee—at many levels. Debi has been active in Sisterhood and on projects behind the scenes," Jeff said.

Their daughter Becki's *Bat Mitzvah*, about six years ago, brings back some favorite memories. Jeff also recalled that "Becki made us promise that we'd continue to house kids for conclaves after she graduated high school." True to their word, Jeff and Debi recently hosted teens who attended the NFTY Spring *Chavurah* at Temple.

Our Sympathy

*The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of...*

Kenneth Below, uncle of Dennis Howe;

Esther Stein Canar, mother of Michael G. Canar, and aunt of Linda Patton;

Shirley Fogel Greenberg, mother of Marcia Kahn and Martin Fogel, and stepmother of Midge Bowers;

Edith Jacobson Cohen, mother of Richard Jacobson, sister of June Goodbinder, and aunt of Keith and Larry Josephson;

Ellen Joseph, sister of Michael G. Canar, and cousin of Linda Patton;

Sharyl Pistulka, mother of Lesley Slutzky;

Hazel Turchen, mother of Phyllis Aronson, Virginia Becker and Michael Turchen, and grandmother of Lisa Jo Brunkhorst and Jody Vinci;

Jean Weil, mother of Kathy Simon, and grandmother of Lesley Myers and Dan and Jim Simon

*...and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.*



Tree of Life

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

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Sol Yaffe

From
Mim Breslow
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In Honor of
the 80th Birthday of
Stanley Katelman

With Love,
Gary & Lorrie, Debbie,
Gretchen & Families

In Celebration of
the Life of
Hubert N. Laudin
Kind & Loving Husband,
Father & Grandfather

In Appreciation of
Rabbi Craig Marantz
Compassionate Rabbi
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Your contributions to the following funds ensure the continuation and support of many vital activities of the Temple. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

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

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