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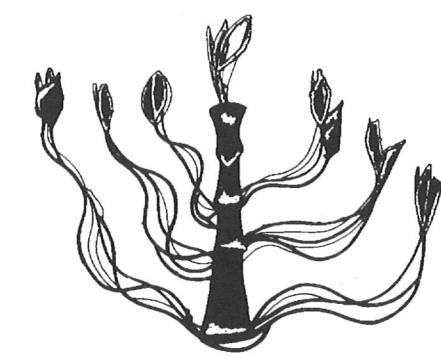
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Worship Services

Thursday, March 28
 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Matzah and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.

Passover Service

Friday, March 29
 8 p.m.

Sermon
 Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
 the Women of Reform Judaism

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

10:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Service

Torah Portion
 Exodus 33:12-34:26

Wednesday, April 3
 Conclusion of Passover
 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor
 Torah Portion
 Exodus 14:30-15:21

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April At Temple



A Time
 To Plant -
 To Grow -
 To Blossom



(worship, continued)

Friday, April 5
7 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

8 p.m.

**Adult Learners Shabbat
and
Yachad the
Traveling T'Fillah Band**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
Veronica and Steve Danon
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah
of their daughter and by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 6
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Jessica Corine Danon
daughter of Veronica and Steve Danon

Torah Portion: Shemini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Early Worship Service

**Friday, Erev Shabbat, April 26
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.

**Look for your
Mitzvah Day
Sign-up Sheet
In this Tidings.**

Mail it today!

Friday, April 12
8 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi David Ellenson
**"One Rabbi's Perspective on
Judaism - A Personal Response
to Jewish Faith in the
Modern World"**

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the family of Brandon Thomas
in honor of his Bar Mitzvah and by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 13
9-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books
Rabbi David Ellenson
**"The Origins of Modern
Jewish Religious Movements:
A Look at the Sources"**

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Brandon Thomas
son of Andrea Gordman
and Paul Thomas

Torah Portion: Tazria/Metzora
Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Welcome

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

Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Jacqueline Cohn**
who has recently chosen Judaism:

May she go from strength to
strength!

**Birthday Blessings
Family Service**

April 26 7:15 p.m.

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

Friday, April 19
8 p.m.

**Israeli Solidarity Service
and
Israeli Oneg Shabbat**
sponsored by Karen and Bob Lepp
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah
of their daughter and by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 20
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of
Kelsey Lynn Lepp
daughter of Karen and Bob Lepp

Torah Portion: Achare
Mot/Kedoshim
Leviticus 16:1-20:27

Friday, April 26
5:30 p.m.

**Early Worship Service
Union Prayer Book**

7:15 p.m.

Family Service

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by
the Women of Reform Judaism

Saturday, April 27
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Bagels and Sacred Books

10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of
Aaron Parsow
son of Margo Parsow and
the late Dr. Jay Parsow

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

**Mitzvah Day, April 21,
is For Everyone**

It has become a tradition at Temple
to spend a day, as a congregation,
performing mitzvot throughout the
community. This year, *Mitzvah Day*
will be on Sunday, April 21.

Flyers (see insert) list the places and
organizations that are in need of
volunteers' time and help. They will be
able to choose their first and second
choices and then are asked to return
the forms to Temple.

Some of the choices are: helping
homeless families; volunteering at the
Humane Society; beautifying the
grounds of Temple Israel's Cemetery;
spending time at a retirement home or
at Quality Living, a home for
physically disabled persons, and
repairing and refurbishing low-income
homes.

Maria Neesman, chairman of the
Mitzvah Day Committee, promises to
try to honor as many first choice
selections as possible.

"*Mitzvah Day* is for everybody — all
ages, families, and individuals can
participate," Maria added.

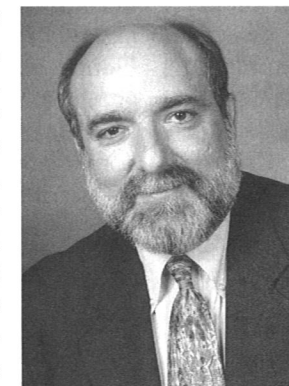
A project of Temple's Social Justice
Committee, *Mitzvah Day* is "a way to
get our congregation to perform
mitzvot together," Maria explained.
"The long term goal is to encourage
everyone to continue to do mitzvot
throughout the year."

Toby Fellman and Magda Peck have
been working with Maria to organize
Mitzvah Day. Anyone else who
would like to help them is encouraged
to call Maria Neesman at 496-9143.

There will be a family prayer service
at 11:30 a.m. at Temple to begin the
Mitzvah Day activities which are
expected to last until approximately
4 p.m. Women of Reform Judaism will
provide lunch for everyone at Temple
before they take off for their *mitzvot*
destinations. Congregants are asked to
provide their own transportation.

Participating in *Mitzvah Day*, Maria
remarked, "is a great feeling of
accomplishment, of unity, and of
community."

Rabbi David Ellenson
President of HUC-JIR
Scholar-in-Residence April 12-14
"Judaism Resurgent"



positive Judaism," Rabbi
Ellenson said.

Unusual for a Reform
rabbi, Rabbi Ellenson's
academic expertise is in
the evolution of modern
Orthodox halakhah. He
indicated that he knows as
much Talmud as "any
scholar studying at the
(Jerusalem ultra-Ortho-
dox) Mir Yeshivah."

A leading scholar on the
evolution of the Jewish
community, Rabbi Ellenson
emphasizes the interplay
between Jewish reli-gious
tradition and modern
society. Author or co-
author of four books and
co-editor of another, Rabbi
Ellenson's latest volume is
entitled "Between Trad-
ition and Culture: The
Dialectics of Jewish
Religion and Identity in the Modern
World."

He has also written more than 150
articles and reviews for diverse
academic and religious journals and
has lectured at Charles University in
Prague, Ben Gurion and Bar Ilan
Universities in Israel, Haverford
College, Harvard, Yale, Brown, and
the Jewish Theological Seminary.
This is Rabbi Ellenson's fourth trip to
Temple Israel.

He will also be the guest lecturer at
Temple's 62nd Annual Rabbi Sidney
H. Brooks Institute on Judaism for
Clergy.

One of the rabbi's goals is to
"create a critical mass of more serious
liberal Jews." The best way to do that
is to promote a Judaism which is
"passionate about texts," enthusiastic,
relevant and as free as possible of guilt
and angst. "Mine is an affirmative and

A second-generation American,
Ellenson's grandparents were
traditional Eastern European Jews
whose religious and social identity
were "like many Jews of that era, one
and the same, something you were
born into." Originally intending to
follow his father into law, he was
ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1977.
He has been described as "bursting
with energy - a happy rabbi who
wants to inspire and bolster the ranks
of Reform Jews, 'but without shoving
ritual down anyone's throat.'"

Rejecting the notion that ritual is
key to Jewish survival, Rabbi Ellenson
remarked, "If that was true, most
American Jews would be Orthodox
today, because their immigrant
Russian great-grandparents were. The
Jews didn't just leave the ghetto," he
said. "They ran. And we're not going
back."

Friday, April 12 8 p.m. Sanctuary

*"One Rabbi's Perspective on Judaism -
A Personal Response to Jewish Faith in the Modern World"*
Oneg Shabbat following

Saturday, April 13 9 a.m. Milder Center

Bagels and Sacred Books

*"The Origins of Modern Jewish Religious Movements:
A Look at the Sources"*

Shabbat Services follow in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. Social Hall

"American Judaism Today - Where We Are, Where We Are Heading"
Bagel Brunch

All events are open to the public.

Rabbi Ellenson's visit is sponsored by the Hermene Zweiback Center for Lifelong Jewish Learning

Four Cantors Concert April 20 – An Evening of Beautiful Music and Celebration

"Bringing together a decade of Temple Israel cantors is not something that happens very often," said Cantor Wendy Shermet. But that's exactly what will happen Saturday, April 20, when Cantors Jennifer Blum, Erik Contzius, and Karen Webber-Gilat return to Omaha to join Cantor Shermet for a concert at Temple. The 8 p.m. concert will be followed by a gala reception.

"It will be an eclectic mix of sacred and secular music," according to Cantor Shermet, and will feature liturgical, classical, and folk, as well as Broadway musical numbers. Julie Sandene will accompany the four cantors on the piano.

Although newly-invested when she came to Temple in June, 2001, **Cantor Shermet** had been a soloist in Seattle and Los Angeles area synagogues. Her secular experience includes work as a singer, actress, composer, arranger, pianist and music director.

Cantor Shermet's immediate predecessor, from 1998 to 2001, was **Cantor Jennifer Blum**, who said she feels like she's coming home. "It will be a wonderful reunion with my first congregation." Now associated with Mt. Zion Congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota, Cantor Blum said she is "looking forward to seeing many wonderful friends as well as making music with those who came before me and with my successor, Wendy."

Temple's cantor from 1995-1998 was **Hazzan Erik Contzius** who is now with Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. "It will be wonderful to be back amongst old friends," he said. "I'm looking forward to it," he added.

Cantor Karen Webber-Gilat, who was with Temple from 1990 to 1994, is returning to Omaha for the first time. She now serves Temple Israel in Dayton, Ohio. She lives near Cincinnati with her husband Ronen and their two children, Zeev, 8, and Ivy, 3. In addition to her work at the Temple, Cantor Webber-Gilat tutors B'nai Mitzvah students in her home. She organized a music minyan, and is involved in special programming as

well as Keshet which coordinates the inclusion of special needs children in activities such as religious school, youth groups, Jewish Community Center programs, and camps. "I'm very excited to see former students, friends, and colleagues," she commented.

Cantor Shermet said proceeds from the concert will benefit Temple's Music Fund and help to fund future programs such as bringing in outside musical groups. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for youth. There are also tickets for benefactors (\$100 for two), patrons (\$200 for four), and sponsors (\$300 for four). Tickets can be ordered by calling the Temple office at 556-6536.

"Congregants will be delighted to see their former cantors who worked so closely with their children, and I am looking forward to seeing colleagues and singing with them," Cantor Shermet said.



Danny Glazer came from the Land of Oz for Purim.

Yom HaShoah Community Observance

Wednesday, April 10
7:30 p.m.
Beth Israel Synagogue

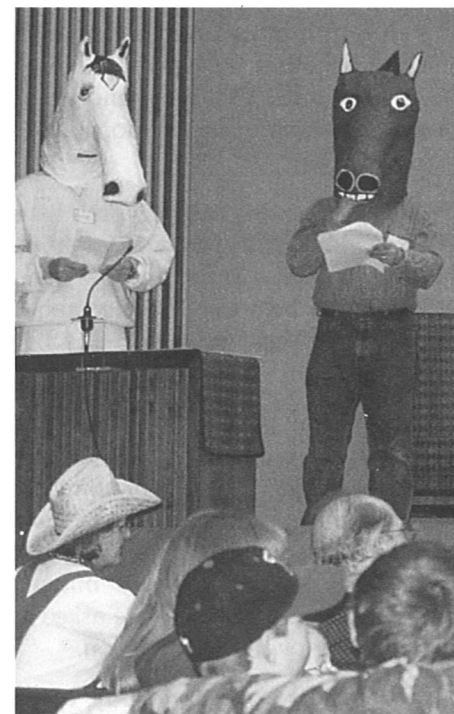
Speaker David Elcott is a Ph.D. in Holocaust Studies. Associated with the Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City, he is known as "a fabulous speaker."

"Madame F" to be Performed April 11 at Creighton

To commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Week, Creighton University Campus Ministry is sponsoring "An Evening with Madame F," performed by Dr. Claudia Stevens of the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

This powerful depiction of the experience of women in concentration camps during the Holocaust will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 11 at Creighton.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 280-2779.



Len Burrell made the papier-mache' horse and muleheads he and Barry Grossman wore during the Purimspiel.

Summer Learning Opportunities from the UAHC Kallah program:

The Educators Track – Franklin Pierce College, June 25th-30th

A special course of study with some of the finest faculty, rabbis, cantors, and leaders in the Reform movement set in the scenic mountains of southern New Hampshire.

Beit Midrash: A Liberal Yeshivah in Jerusalem – HUC-JIR, Jerusalem, July 4th-20th

An exciting opportunity to study classical texts in Israel. Core classes in Bible, Midrash, Talmud, T'filah, and Contemporary Israel are taught in English with Hebrew texts in translation.

Synagogue Associate Programs – HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, OH, July 11th – 21st, or July 19th-26th

A specialized lay-training program to help synagogue leaders develop skills to assist clergy in the sacred work of the synagogue.

Outreach Fellows Program – HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, OH, August 7th – 11th

An intensive course of study and worship for lay leaders who would like to mentor fellow congregants on the path to conversion.

For more information, contact Rosie Zweiback, Program Director at Temple, at 556-6536, or e-mail ajgrowth@uahc.org.



Joan Cooper, Claudia Sherman, Dorothy Spizman, Elyce Azriel, Stephanie Grossman, Rabbi Azriel, Cantor Shermet, Rosie Zweiback and Rabbi Stiel – residents of Shushan on the Prairie – the 2002 Purimspiel locale.

Temple to Present Dr. Ronald A. Brauner

Scholar-in-Residence
May 3 to 5

"4000 Years and Still Going Strong: Jews and Judaism in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"

Dr. Brauner is President of the Foundation of Jewish Studies, Inc., and Professor of Judaic Studies at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies.

Mark your calendars now because this will be another outstanding, stimulating weekend sponsored by the Ida and Samuel Kaiman Memorial Fund at Temple Israel.

You will receive more details in the mail.

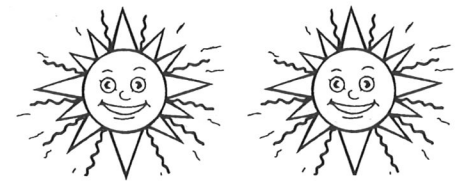
Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2002

Come Celebrate Israel's 54th Year of Independence!

Sunday, April 14
12:30-3:30 p.m.
J.C.C.

This year's theme is the JCC Maccabi Games and we'll have lots of sports-related activities, along with the B'nai B'rith Trivia Quiz, inflatable moonwalks, obstacle course, arts and crafts, Israeli food and music.

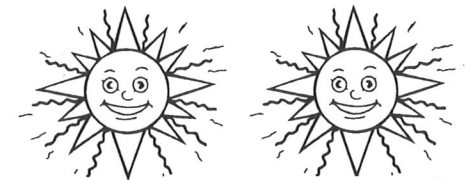
**And featuring:
The Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band**



Save the Date for a Pre-Spring Fling in Sunny Spain

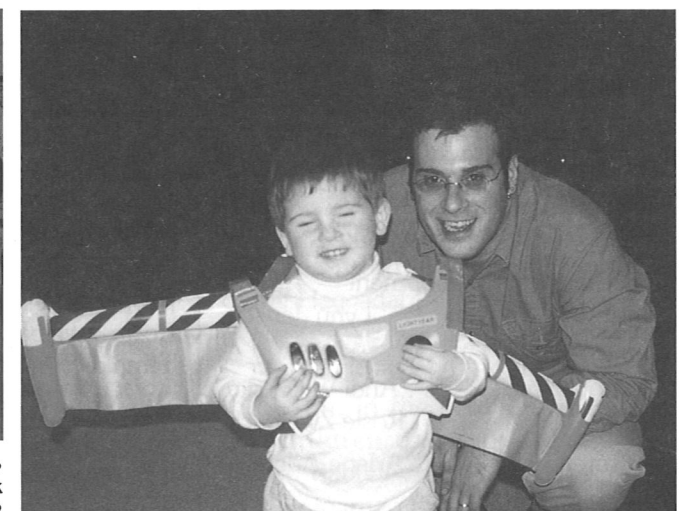
Dust off your high school Spanish books and make sure your passport is current! Temple Israel is sponsoring a tour of Jewish Spain: **February 27 – March 9, 2003**. With Guy Matalon as our history teacher and Rabbi Azriel as our spiritual guide, we will experience the beauty and the mystery of the places where our Sephardic ancestors flourished.

Please call the Temple office at 556-6536 to get on a list to receive more information about this exciting journey!



Seminars On Sunday

Professor Guy Matalon's series entitled "I'm Dead, Now What?" continues on Sunday mornings April 21, April 28, and May 12 at 10 a.m. in the Milder Center.



Jacob Wigodsky (Buzz Lightyear) and his Dad Andrew.

WRJ-O's April Meeting

An Invitation to **all** women in our congregation:

For those of you unable to attend the Women's Retreat in February: do you wonder what all the buzz was concerning the WRJ-O Women's Retreat? Have you heard the phrase, "What color are you?" and wished you knew? Here is your opportunity to find out.

For those of you who participated: have you been aching to process the retreat and spend more time with some of the amazing women you met there? Come have lunch with the whole gang who experienced the Women's Retreat and share some of what you learned at the retreat with those who couldn't make it.

Tuesday, April 9th at 11:45, we will gather in the Milder Center for lunch and friendship. Please send your \$7, payable to WRJ-O, by April 4th, to Temple Israel, or call the Temple Office, 556-6536, to reserve your spot. Child-care is available, \$2 per child, with reservations.

The Following Slate Will Be Presented for Election April 9

President Stacey Rockman
Vice-President Public Relations Linda Saltzman
Vice President Religious Living . . . Michelle Bucher
Vice President Education Debbie Stiel
Vice President Religious Action . . . Wendy Goldberg
Vice President Development and WRJ Projects . . . Lynn Jensen
Vice President Membership Andi Willensky
Rosie Zweiback
Treasurer Arlene Adelson
Recording Secretary Allyson Wilczewski



**Donor Tea
1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30**

**Guest Speaker is
Katherine Finnegan**

A member of Temple Israel and a Second-grade teacher in the Religious School, Katherine will tell us her deeply personal story about "What I Have Learned Since September 11." Watch your mail for an invitation.

Adult Learners Shabbat and T'fillah Band Coming April 5

Approximately 100 adults are enrolled in adult education courses at Temple. Just about any day of the week, adults are learning with the clergy, other Temple staff members, and other instructors. Many classes are in the evenings, but there are several offered in morning and afternoon time slots, too.

In addition to these classes, adults are attending scholar-in-residence events, retreats, Bagels and Sacred Books (before Saturday morning Shabbat services), Seminars on Sundays, and Outreach programs.

To celebrate and recognize the adults who are taking advantage of all of these learning opportunities at Temple, the Adult Education Committee has planned a special Shabbat service April 5 that will be dedicated to adult learners. "We thought a service would be a wonderful forum to emphasize how important learning is to the Jewish people and to our community," said Rosie Zweiback, program director at Temple.

In addition to celebrating adult learning, Yachad, the Traveling T'fillah Band from Kansas City, will lend their musical talent and spirituality to the 8 p.m. service that evening. Yachad's

Temple's Wish List

Travel Money for Youth
High Holy Days Octet
Musicians for Holidays/Shabbat
Musical Artist-in-Residence
Jewish Enrichment Trips
Fund for Resource/Special Needs Teacher
Jewish Software for Computers
Books for Sitter Service
Air Conditioning in School Rooms
New Stage Curtains
Telephone System for Shut-ins for Worship Services
Computer Scanner
Portable CD/Cassette Player
High Quality Tape Recorder
Religious School Listening Center
Head Sets

In The Mail



Dear Rabbi,

... The positive comments from the Temple congregation after Shabbat Shira were numerous ... The opportunity to work with the Kol Rina singers under Cantor Shermet's leadership is always a thrill. The Temple Israel congregation is indeed fortunate to have such a great gift in her musical abilities. Wendy is a professional with a marvelous sense of collegiality...We will look forward to our next opportunity for an interfaith experience... **Jerry Brabec, St. Paul United Methodist Church Minister of Music**

A sample of notes received after the "Taste of Judaism " series:

I want you all to know how much I enjoyed and appreciated the Judaism—Are You Curious class. It was seeker – friendly and informative. This was a great idea and I hope you have more classes like it...Thank you for helping us to understand who you are and what you believe.

Thank you for the informative, entertaining "Taste of Judaism." Your scholarship and presentation made the series very rewarding...

Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend "A Taste of Judaism." The topic is fascinating and the presentation was delightful.

Rabbi Azriel received 49 notes from students at Bellevue West High School. Some excerpts follow:

I would like to thank you for taking time out of your day to enlighten us young people...For us it was a very good experience and I am now more open-minded.

...I would like to thank you for straightening out some myths about the Jewish faith...

...I found your lecture very informative and very well worth our time. You are a great speaker and seem like a great person. Good luck in everything you do...

...I enjoyed your humor when you answered our questions. I learned a lot from you and I've shared what you taught to many people...

Between Us Rabbi Debbie Stiel

I have known for months that I am leaving the congregation. Ever since I made that decision to leave, I have felt that I should write a column in the Tidings with a bit of explanation. Omaha has become not just a city that I came to in order to work, but home. And you have become much more like a family than the word "congregants" could ever suggest. So I felt that I would like to share with you why I decided to step down as a rabbi of a congregation.

At first, I did not write my official piece because I was still working out my next position and I wanted to be able to include that in my column. Now I know what I will be doing next, but still this column is hard for me to write.

First I want to say that it has really been an incredible honor to be a rabbi of this congregation. I feel blessed to have been part of such an amazingly caring and top-notch staff. I have learned so much from so many people here, and I relish all the experiences we have shared. Instead of staying here just a few years, as most assistants do at their first pulpits, I stayed longer because I had no reason to want to leave!

Yet, it is funny how life sometimes leads you in directions you cannot

foresee. As I started my eighth year here this fall, I began to sense internally that it was time for me to find a new position. I surely cannot say that I have mastered being an associate rabbi(!), yet I felt developmentally that, after eight years, I needed to stretch myself in new and different ways.

I also wanted to make sure that I have plenty of time with my kids while they are young. Steve and I feel fortunate to be staying in Omaha for now. We will certainly want to remain active members of this wonderful congregation.

Thanks to a grant from the Livingston Foundation, I will be working half time as a Jewish educator/rabbi for the JCC's Child Development Center. At the CDC I will provide some additional Jewish training for the teachers, create parent programs, work on curriculum development and be involved with the children. As one who loves working with little kids and adults, I think this will be a fun and exciting new position. I will probably also do some additional rabbinic work at the JCC/Federation campus as needed.

I look forward to continuing my relationship with all of you, and I thank you for eight wonderful years.

Honor Our Social Justice Champions!

Nominations for the second annual Social Justice Champion Award are due at the Temple office by April 21. *G'milut Hasadim* (acts of loving kindness) and *Tikkun Olam* (healing the world) are fundamental to Temple Israel's striving to be a holy congregation.

Do you know someone who has made an extraordinary contribution toward helping us achieve this part of our Mission? Nomination forms are available in the office. Questions? Call Social Justice Committee Chairman Magda Peck at 558-5151.

Join Rabbi Azriel for "Matzah and Sacred Books" March 28

Thursday, March 28, the first full day of Passover, Rabbi Azriel will teach Matzah and Sacred Books, a special class on the prayerful passages of the Haggadah.

The one-hour class will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Milder Center. As the children of Israel crossed the desert, Rabbi Azriel will lead his group as they journey through the prayers of the Passover story.

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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 90th Birthday
Leo Nogg
From
His Loving Family

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with
sorrow the deaths of:

Harold Dickstein, brother of
Suzy Rubin;

Helen P. Meyerson, wife of
Leo I. Meyerson, and mother of
Darlynn Fellman and Larry
Meyerson;

Donia Temple, wife of Lorin
M. Temple, and mother of
Catherine Engstrom and Frank P.
Temple;

Paul Robert Rosen, husband
of Joanie Rosen, father of John
Rosen and Adam Rosen, son of
Rose Rosen, and brother of Bill
Rosen;

Justin Lee Ban, husband of
Rita Ban, father of Amy Allsdach,
Moe Ban, Joel Ban and David
Ban, brother of Doris Cohn and
Arnold Ban, and brother-in-law of
Eileen and Harold Scheling

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

Yizkor

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

Please! Handicapped Parking



Only For The
Handicapped

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Rachel Jordan Morros, daughter
of Carolyn "Cari" Cohn-Morros and
Mark Morros. Grandparents are the
late Alice "Beanie" Cohn and Ronald
Cohn, and Ros and Jack Morros,
Mission Viejo, CA.

On the Engagement of:

**Kimberly J. Broder and Justin
V. Shur.** Parents are Anne and Bruce
Shackman, Barry A. Broder, and Erica
and Rudy Shur, Long Island, NY.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slutzky.
Mrs. Slutzky is the former Jaynie
Smeerin. Parents are Norman
Smeerin and the late Temette
Smeerin, and Charlotte Slutzky Koom
and the late Dr. Ben Slutzky.

Thanks from...

Louri and Charlie Sullivan for the
Uniongrams received on the occasion
of the birth of their son, Tommy.

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.

What's Happening in Religious School

Joan Cooper, Elementary School Coordinator

No School or Keep-Up March 31, April 2, 3 & 4
Classes resume for grades PK-6 on Sunday, April 7, Daylight Savings day.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting Sunday, April 7
At 10 a.m., Second grade parents will meet with Rabbi Azriel and Joan Cooper to discuss ways to help their children succeed in Third grade, which marks the beginning of mid-week attendance at Religious School.

Grade 3 To Blumkin Home Sunday, April 7
Parents are invited to join us at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Each year our 3rd grade class is invited to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with the residents of the Blumkin Home. Please remember to call Joan (556-6536) if transportation is a challenge.

New Torah Tots Friday, April 12
A new Torah Tot session begins. Lynne Jensen provides a variety of activities with Jewish topics for parents and toddlers age 18-48 months to explore together. Call 556-6536 for additional information.

Grade 5 Model Wedding Sunday, April 21
Fifth graders will participate in a model wedding and reception . This event will serve to highlight 5th grade studies of Jewish wedding customs, history, and religious practice. Students will play the roles of bride and groom and their families and friends. The reception following the model wedding will feature Jewish wedding dances performed by Fifth graders. Refreshments will be provided by Fifth grade parents. Friends and family of Fifth graders are welcome to attend.

Family Worship Assembly Sunday, April 21
Parents are encouraged to join the Religious School to worship (11:30 a.m. to Noon) together and "kick off" Mitzvah Day!

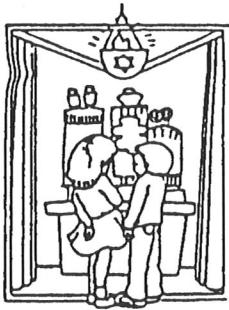
Grade 3 Shabbat Dinner and Service Friday, April 26
The congregation is invited to participate in the 7:15 p.m. Family Service that will be conducted by the 3rd grade students. Sitter service is available during the worship services by advance reservation.

Teacher Appreciation Day Sunday, April 28
Our wonderful teachers will begin their morning with breakfast sponsored by WRJ. Anyone interested in helping with this special tribute, please call Joan at 556-6536, ext. 255.

Grade 5 Parent Meeting Sunday, April 28
At 10 a.m. 5th grade parents will meet with Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, Cantor Wendy Shermet and other professional staff in preparation for their child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah during the 2003/2004 year.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 go to JCC Sunday, May 5
Temple Israel students will join the students from Beth El from 10:15-11:45 a.m., to watch an engaging play called "Doing The Right Thing." This production offers our children a chance to reflect on their own behaviors as bullies, bystanders or targets, and offers practical steps for addressing real-life bullying and harassment in schools. For more information please contact Joan (556-6536).

Grade 6 Give Project Presentations Sunday, April 28 & May 12
As a highlight of a year of history studies and research, 6th graders will make presentations of their individual research projects for their families. Each student presentation will include a speech and a visual or audio display about a Jewish hero.



Tot Shabbat Services

Friday, April 5
and
Friday, May 3

7 p.m.

Livingston Chapel

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



Cradle Roll

Sunday, April 21

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.

Congratulations to OTYG
whose successful Annual
Spaghetti Dinner and
Auction raised nearly
\$15,000
(not \$1,500 as
previously reported).

April 2002 – Adar/Nisan 5762

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remember Set Your CLOCKS Forward April 7			MARCH 27 No Religious School First Seder	28 Matzah and 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.
31 No Religious School	APRIL 1	2 No Family School "The Divine in Judaism" 7-8:30 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12 Step 7:30 p.m.	3 Passover Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m.	4 Beyond Basic Hebrew 9:15-10 a.m. Adult Study with the Clergy 10-11:30 a.m. No Religious School Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	5 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	6 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Danon Outreach Program @ Glazer Home 7 p.m.
7 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 2 & Grades 4-6 10-Noon Grade 3 @ Blumkin Home 10:15-11:45 a.m. Grade 2 Parent Meeting 10 a.m.	8	9 WRJ-O Meeting 11:45 a.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m.	10 Religious School Grades 7-12 @ Beth Israel 7:30 p.m. Yom HaShoah Community Service @ Beth Israel 7:30 p.m.	11 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. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	12 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Ministers Institute 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	13 Bagels and Sacred Books 9 – 10:15 a.m. Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Thomas
14 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 6 10-Noon Scholar-in-Residence 10 a.m.	15	16 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.	17 Religious School & Dinner Social Justice Club 5-6 p.m. Grades 7-11 6-8:30 p.m. Conversations with Judaism II 6:45-8:15 p.m.	18 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. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	19 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m.	20 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Kelsey Lepp 4 Cantors Concert 8 p.m.
21 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 6 10-Noon Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m. Grade 5 Mock Wedding 10:15 a.m. Cradle Roll 10:30-11:30 a.m. Family Prayer Assembly 11:30 a.m. Mitzvah Day Noon	22	23 Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	24 Religious School Youth Group Dinner 6-6:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.	25 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.	26 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Livingston Plaza 3:45 p.m. Early Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m.	27 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Parsow
28 Religious School Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 6 10-Noon Grade 5 Parent Meeting 10 a.m. Seminars on Sunday 10-11:30 a.m. OTYG Taste of Judaism 2-4 p.m.	29	30 WRJ-O Donor 1 p.m. Family School 6:15-8:15 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers 12-Step 7:30 p.m.	MAY 1 Religious School Grades 7-12 @ J.C.C.	2 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. Kol Rina Choir 7:15-9 p.m.	3 Torah Tots 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7 p.m. Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence	4 Bagels and Sacred Books 9:30-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Allison Levinger Scholar-in-Residence 5 p.m.