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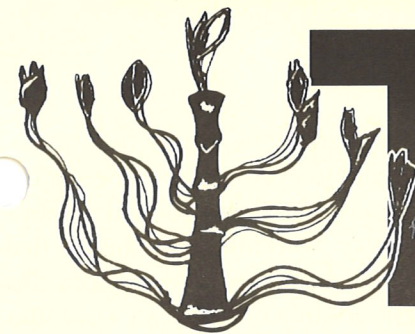
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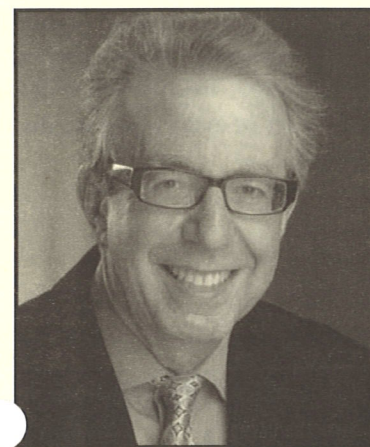
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Celebrate Israel's 60th on Erev Shavuot Sunday, June 8, 7 p.m.



We celebrate Shavuot to commemorate God giving the Ten Commandments to the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai. Written on two tablets of stone called *luchot*, these laws form the basis for living together in peace and are the essence of Torah.

We also rejoice on Shavuot to mark our ancestors' entrance into the Promised Land, the Land of

Israel. We read from the Book of Ruth about a young Moabite woman who left her land and her people to go with her Jewish mother-in-law to the Land of Israel.

This year, we have an added reason to celebrate Shavuot. This is the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. In honor of this landmark, the 31 members of Temple's congregation who are also turning 60 in 2008 have been invited to participate in the service.

Dr. Jonathan Adelman, who was also born in 1948, will be Temple's guest scholar on Shavuot. His topic will be "The Rise of Israel: How Did the Miracle Happen and What Happens Now?" Dr. Adelman is a professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at the university of Denver. He has written 12 books including *The Rise of Israel: A History of a Revolutionary State*, published in London this year. A popular speaker on Israel for The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, United Jewish Communities, the Jewish National Fund and Hillel, Professor Adelman has been sent by the U.S. State Department on 15 international speaking tours

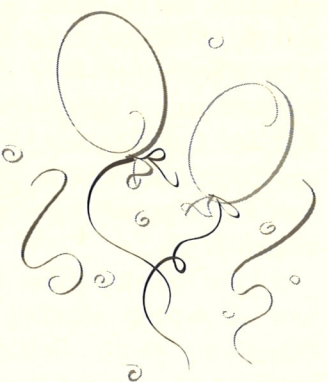
to more than a dozen countries including China, Japan, India, Russia and France.

Dr. Adelman, who has taught at Hebrew University and the University of Haifa, was Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's doctoral dissertation adviser and has conferred with her on policy issues.

Following the service, Professor Adelman will give a taste of the *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, an interactive discussion. He'll examine how Israel has gained the strength to overcome great obstacles and become a serious regional power in the Middle East. He provides a fresh perspective to view one of the most controversial states in the world and avoids the highly charged ideological descriptions that sometimes plague such discussions. Understanding the rise of Israel can help explain a lot about the Middle East today.

So in the spirit of Shavuot, finish counting the omer (the 49 days between the second night of Passover and Shavuot) and talk to your children about the Ten Commandments. Then spend an evening at Temple to hear Dr. Adelman's message on the creation and flourishing of Israel. Following the service, there will be a traditional dairy Oneg featuring cheesecake and root beer floats.

On Monday, June 9, the Temple office will be closed, but there will be a service at 10:30 a.m. Omaha Symphony principal flutist Maria Harding will play and Yizkor will be recited. Please call the Temple office, 556-6536, by Thursday, June 5 to add a name to be read at the service.



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Looking forward to 2008-2009

Jon Meyers, President

So many positive things have happened this past year that it is not possible to expand upon them in this edition of the *Tidings*. I went into much detail in my report at the annual meeting on June 3. Please log on to our website: <http://www.templeisrael-ne.org/aboutus/LEADERSHIP/> and click the link to annual speeches to read my report. If you do not have internet access and are interested in a copy, please call the Temple office, 556-6536, and ask that one be mailed to you.

During the next year, my efforts and those of our board will be focused in three areas: youth, worship and the new building project.

Initiative: Youth Our education program is second to none. Our Religious School continues to be one of the PRIMARY reasons families join our congregation. We have created a learning environment for our children and have tried many innovative ways to excite our high school aged kids to keep them involved at Temple through the 12th grade and beyond. We have many committed congregants, who spend much of their valuable time teaching in our Religious School. ALL of them are owed a huge debt of gratitude for the work they do. Along these lines, our YOUTH GROUP has had a tough stretch. This group of recently graduated seniors has had four Youth advisors. They have done a remarkable job through it all. I would especially like to thank Sarah Bleicher and the OTYG board for the work and perseverance they have demonstrated this past year. I am delighted that Amy Katz has agreed to step into the role as our Youth Group advisor. She has a great start on things and I know she will do an incredible job.

I have initiated a task force to look into all aspects affecting our youth. Education, youth Group, volunteer involvement, and the Function of the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE. The RSSC has been chaired by Katherine Finnegan this past year. She, along with Sally Kaplan will

lead this task force that will explore the many issues that face our youth and will review our internal structures to help us accomplish our goal of educating and involving our youth from cradle through college Graduation.

Initiative: Worship During the past year, we welcomed *Mishkan T'Filah*. After helping the CCAR pilot our new prayer book, we were one of the first URJ congregations to adopt it. New music, guest composers, musicians and vocalists, inspired B'nai Mitzvah, and personal D'var Torah's during the summer Shabbat services. These are just a few of the many ways our clergy and staff have tried to create more inspirational worship. Even with all of this, I have initiated a task force to look at our worship service. We will look at everything from music, to prayers, to service times and more. Our goal is to create a meaningful worship experience that is moving and inspirational.

Initiative: New Building The third area of focus will continue to be the new building project. This has been a top priority for the last four or five years. This has been a very difficult and complex journey thus far. Honestly, this has been all about REAL ESTATE. You would think that should be simple...IT'S NOT. In the last five years we have looked at more than 25 sites and made six serious, time consuming efforts to obtain the right location: the Renstrom property, the property just South of Linden Estates II, Miracle Hills, Boystown, 168 & Western, 168 & Dodge, and 184 & Burt. One of these sites, 168 & Western, we were successful in gaining control. We were NOT SUCCESSFUL, however, in raising the necessary money to make that site a reality for us. No matter what your personal opinion of that or any site has been, or your opinion of our progress or lack thereof, you should be proud that we are going about this in the right manner. The process has been fair and democratic. The board and committees involved throughout have made good

decisions given the facts at the time. I have implored everyone to be patient. Intelligent, well-intentioned people have been working more hours than you could imagine on this project. Our congregation has spent an enormous amount of time meeting and dreaming. We have preliminary concepts of what this vision will be. We have never stopped looking for the right site.

I pledge to you that I will continue to do my best, to give 100% effort to any and ALL of the AMAZING things we do here at Congregation Temple Israel and specifically these three areas outlined here. I hope you will be there in support of everything we do at Temple Israel.

Welcome New Members!

Andrea Anderson

A linguist with the Air Force, Andrea was transferred to Omaha, in January 2008. She flies on the RC135. She spent the last six years overseas, stationed in England and Crete, with deployments to the Middle East. Andrea really misses the mountains of her native Colorado.

Louise and Ben Radler

Ben and Louise recently moved to Omaha to live near their son, David Radler, after many years in Los Angeles. They are taking full advantage of the J.C.C. and semi-adjusting to life at Remington. Louise claims she is "on probation" but Ben is a "model citizen." They are delighted to be here with David, Gretchen and their granddaughters, Bela and Hannah.

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee Presents:

A Card Making Party

Tuesday, June 24

9:30 a.m. - Noon, Milder Center

Join us for a morning of making cards to celebrate new babies, to send birthday wishes and to show we care during illness and times of mourning. We provide the supplies, the refreshments and the inspiration. You bring good scissors, double sided-tape and a willingness to help. Creativity is optional! Sitter Service is available. A \$1 donation per child is appreciated. To RSVP, please contact Sherrie Saag, Caring Cards chair, 505-3767 or sherriesaag@cox.net.

New Temple Board Elected

Wendy Goldberg, president of Temple from 2005-2007, announced the new board members: Jon Meyers, president; Jan Schneiderman, president-elect; John Lehr and John Waldbaum, vice presidents; Jeff Schweid, treasurer; Katherine Finnegan, secretary; Wendy Goldberg, past president. Board members to serve three-year terms are Ted Friedland, Jill Idelman, Mike Norton and Rob Reiss. Board member to serve two-year term is Susan Rothholz.

Caring Committee Update

The results of the Caring Committee survey in February yielded 35 new volunteers to help reach out to our congregants in times of need and celebration. Caring Committee veterans Lisa Epstein and Judy Josephson have been working diligently with in-coming Caring Committee chair Bonnie Pfrenger to find ways to involve the enthusiastic crew in this vital work.

A number of people have stepped forward to help lead smaller projects within the Caring Committee. With the job descriptions that Lisa, Judy and Bonnie have drafted, volunteers know what is expected of them and have the support they need to get the job done. Special thanks to Don'L Dacey, Jenny Meyerson, Amy Rabinovitz and Sherrie Saag for offering to chair the caring knitters, caring cards, soup, and the bereavement committees!

If you would like to get involved in the work of the Caring Committee, please contact Bonnie Pfrenger, 933-8658 or bpfrenger@cox.net or contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

Temple Israel Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 25
3-7 p.m.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have given blood in at least eight weeks (56 days). "Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, "healthy" also means that you are being treated and the condition is under control.

Other aspects of potential donors' health history are discussed as part of the donation process prior to blood collection.

Temple's Blood Drive Chair Ron Budwig requests signing up for a time to donate by calling the Temple office, 556-6536. Appointments will be made on the hour and half hour between 3 and 7 p.m. For additional information and to reserve a time on the Red Cross website (after Friday, August 15), click on <http://www.redcross.org/index.html>. You can also contact Ron, ronbud1@msn.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

Temple Israel Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, August 25

At Ironwood Country Club

Watch for registration information in your mail.

Preview of Next Year's Adult Education

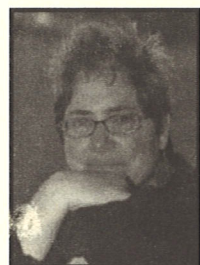
Three Special Guest Teachers and A Performer in 2008-2009

Cantor Karen Webber Gilat S'lichot

Saturday, September 20, 7 p.m.
"From the Heart to the Heart"

Preparing for the High Holy Days Workshop Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m.

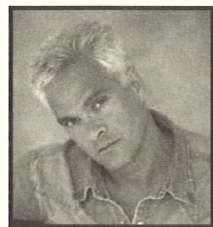
"Kahal Kodesh," creating a community of holiness and inclusiveness



Cantor Gilat's first position after her investiture in 1990 was with our own Temple Israel. She has also served at a state penitentiary, a small lay-led, gay congregation in Dallas, a Reform Jewish high school, the Miami University Hillel and a retirement community. These days, she is the interim cantor at Temple Ohev Sholom near Scranton, PA.

Craig Taubman in Concert Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m. At Beth El Synagogue

An American singer/songwriter and music producer Craig Taubman has produced 11 albums and performs regularly at concert events across the country. Originally a children's recording artist, Craig has branched out into more adult-oriented Jewish music in recent years. Co-sponsored by Temple Israel and Beth El Synagogue.



Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Aaron Panken March 20-22

Rabbi Panken teaches Second Temple and Rabbinic

Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, speaks widely throughout North America, and is involved in a number of leadership roles within the Reform Movement and the greater Jewish world. His ongoing research interests include the application of Rabbinic texts to modern reality and the intersection between science and religion.

Scholar-in-Residence



Dr. Ron Wolfson April 24-26

A visionary Jewish educator, Dr. Wolfson

is the dean of the Center for Jewish Education, which combines the resources and activities of the Fingerhut School of Education at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and the Whizin Center for the Jewish Future. His interest in synagogue life began when he was growing up in Omaha where his family belonged to Beth El Synagogue. Co-founder of Synagogue 2000 and currently president of Synagogue 3000, Ron's influence now spreads across North America.

You Don't Have to Be a Kid to Come to Religious School More Opportunities for Adults

Wendy Shalit Fall 2008

"Girls Gone Mild"

Wendy Shalit pulls no punches. Drawing on research and conversations with girls around the world,

she challenges the "bad girl" mentality that pervades contemporary culture, arguing that it can oppress rather than empower girls. Shalit is the author of *A Return to Modesty*, *Discovering the Lost Virtue*, *Girls Gone Mild*, and *Young Women Reclaim Self-Respect and Find It's Not Bad to be Good*.



Sharon Duke Estroff, M.A.T. The Four B's

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

Can I Have a Cell Phone for Chanukah?



Can I Have a Cell Phone for Chanukah? is a one-of-a-kind comprehensive Jewish parents' instruction manual that covers everything from

Barbie cell phones to Bar/Bat Mitzvah excess to extracurricular overload. With its combination of practical answers, solid philosophical foundation, and timeless Judaic values, modern Jewish moms and dads will have the information, advice, and encouragement they need to answer a lifetime of parenting questions. Sharon will be sharing her common sense answers on "Focus on the Big Picture of Jewish Parenting" to "Parenting in Cyberspace."

Adult Education

Temple Tapestry Says It All: One Synagogue, Many Stories

In a project that began about two years ago, there are nearly enough blocks completed by congregants now to stitch together the first 18-block tapestry/art quilt. This work of art and family history will then be hung at Temple to be admired for generations to come.

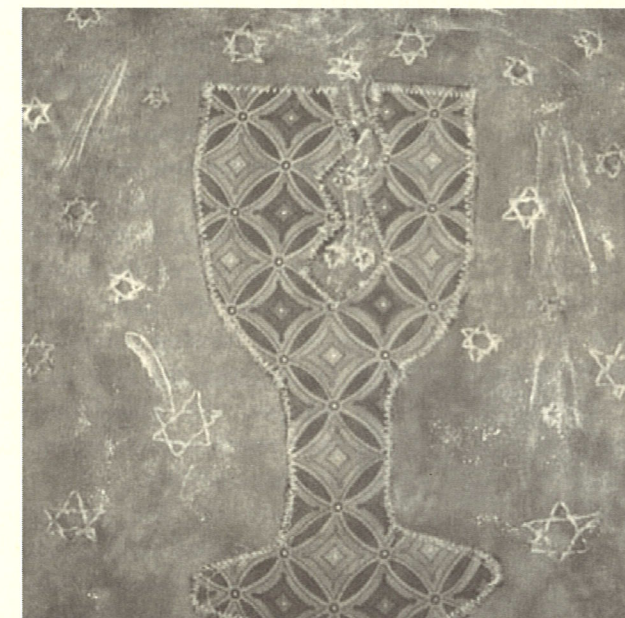
There have been numerous techniques used, including needlepoint, petit point, piecing, fusing (gluing), photo transfer and beading, used to make the blocks. "Every one is unique," said Marge Bresel who has chaired the project. Doris Alloy, Ducky Milder, Lee Needelman, Sandy Passer and Rosie Zweiback have assisted Marge.

"The blocks really do represent the families that are doing them," Marge commented. Marlen Frost had one of her children photo transfer three Judaica stamps from her husband's (the late Murray Frost) collection. There is also a block of a Ner Tamid from an Omaha synagogue that's no longer in existence. Jane Brooks, widow of Temple's Rabbi Sidney Brooks, designed a block and sent it to Omaha to be included.

"I can't imagine the amount of work that went into these blocks," marveled Marge. "People seem to be pretty creative. Ten people can use the same technique and all the blocks would be different. It's been a joy to see them coming in and see the different ideas and stories."

This is an ongoing project. To participate, contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback at Temple, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com. An \$18 donation is suggested, and you don't have to know how to sew. Questions can be directed to Rosie or Marge, 553-2667 or breselms@cox.net. "Keep 'em coming!" she emphasized.

And The Temple Tapestry Continues To Grow...



This block was made by John and Don'L Dacey. "This tapestry is a collaboration between John and me to reflect the story of 'Repairing the World.' He helped me simplify my idea so that it made sense. One of the first stories that stayed with me early in my conversion studies was the story of the vessel that was unable to contain the light. The vessel shattered, scattering shards everywhere. Our task is to find those shards and replace them in order to repair the world. While John and I converted, our daughters have not. Yet, all of us have chosen 'helping' professions and

I feel our daily lives as a family reflects our attempts to 'repair the world' and replace the shards. The Stars of David reflect the shards. Some of the stitching is deliberately imperfect, reflecting our imperfections as people with the hope that all of the shards of the vessel will someday be found and the vessel repaired."

Shabbat Summer Speakers Series Know Thyself, Know Thy Neighbor

Once again, Temple Israel is hosting an array of speakers from across the congregation and across the decades to enrich our Friday evening Shabbat worship services. This year's line-up includes a professor, an aspiring chef, a storyteller and more. **Meet your Temple neighbors at 6 p.m. on Friday nights followed by a savory nosh.**

Speakers

June 13 – Gary Marshall - "Representing the Diaspora, or, How My Mother Learned to Cook Middle Eastern Food"
followed by a no-host dinner at the Greek Islands, 3821 Center Street. Please RSVP to the Temple office, 556-6536 or mkube@templeisraelomaha.com.

June 20 – Omaha Temple Youth Group Service - "Low Watt Shabbat"

June 27 – Jan Goldstein - "California Dreamin' to the Promised Land"

July 4 – Cantor Wendy Shermet

July 11 – Jan Schneiderman - "My Father's Gift"

July 18 – Jim Farber - "My Journey"

July 25 – Rita Paskowitz - "OY!"

August 1 – Brandon Thomas - "It's Not a Cliché. There's No Place Like Home"

August 8 – Hugh Levin - "Is Vermont the Capital of New Hampshire?"

Youth & Education

Teens of Three Faiths Build Understanding and Friendship

Continuing the theme of celebrating their similarities and differences, 21 teens from Temple Israel, the Omaha Muslim Youth Organization, and All Saints Episcopal Church, hosted each other at their respective places of worship on April 26. The Tri-Faith event



(Above) Sixteen Episcopal, Muslim and Jewish teens took an afternoon of diversity and turned it into fun.

began at Temple Israel where Rabbi Eric Linder introduced the non-Jewish teens to an informal course in Judaism 101.

Next, the group went to the Islamic Center of Omaha, toured the mosque and learned about the daily prayers and rituals of the Muslim community.

Throughout the visit to the mosque, the girls covered their heads out of respect to Muslim tradition.

Back on the bus, the group headed to All Saints Episcopal Church where they talked to the priest who discussed his personal journey leading him to become a member of the clergy.

Before parting, the teens planned their next event for Saturday, June 14, when they'll gather at the Habitat for Humanity house.

Wendy Vann to Chair Religious School Steering Committee



Wendy Vann is the new chairperson of the Religious School Steering Committee (RSSC), succeeding Katherine Finnegan who became the head of RSSC three years ago. Wendy has been a member of the RSSC as the Family School liaison for the past two years.

"I like to spend my time on things that have a direct effect on my children in some way," Wendy said. She's usually around to lend a helping hand at Religious School. "I admire people who can teach our youth. So if there's something I can do to make the job easier, then I am game. I was co-chair of parent volunteers with Jennifer Tompkins Kirshenbaum for the last two years."

Wendy thinks of RSSC as "a think tank. I hope that parents see it as a place to come with any concerns, ideas, or input that affect the Jewish education of their children. I hope the staff and clergy see it as a place where we can all come together and build a web of education, experience, and safety that enables all of our kids to become strong Jewish adults. It's about instilling Jewish values into their core so they don't have to think about being Jewish most of the time; they'll 'just do it.'"

The RSSC is open to all Religious School parents. Mark your calendar with these meeting dates and plan to get involved!

- Thursday, August 28, Noon
- Thursday, October 23, Noon
- Thursday, December 18, Noon
- Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.

Making the Most of Their Summer Vacations

Summer can be a time to kick back, take it easy, and sleep late for some students. But not all.

Fifteen-year-old Emily Katz is finishing her freshman year at Westside High School and looking forward to being a counselor at Camp Rainbow for seriously ill children near St. Louis, Missouri, this summer.

She's interested in Camp Rainbow, "because I think it's a good cause and I like working with children. I go to camp every summer and love it and think this will be fun."

Emily will also join fellow *madrachim* Zane Fletcher, 13, and Grace Hack, 14, at Temple this summer. They'll be cleaning classrooms, working on bulletin boards and helping prepare books and materials for each classroom for the upcoming Religious School year. Emily and Grace are saving their *madrachim* money for their junior year when they will participate in the EIE Semester in Israel program.

Kyle Baines, Jessica Danon and Jamie Skog are going to Israel as Kefiada camp counselors in the Western Galilee at the end of June for a month. They'll be in Nahariya working with fourth through seventh graders at a day camp helping them improve their English and leading other activities.

Kefiada is a program offered through Partnership 2000, which is chaired by Temple congregant Stacey Rockman. We would like to thank the Jewish Federation of Omaha, the Center for Jewish Education, and Rabbi Azriel's Temple Israel Discretionary Fund for subsidizing the travel costs so that our youth could take part in this wonderful opportunity.

Honorable Mentions

Our apologies for omitting Jill Folsom and Stacie Spies-Matz from our list volunteers in the last *Tidings*. We are very grateful for their work in making the Grade 2 Very Special People seder a fun success!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					6	7 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Radler
8 Shavuot Service 7 p.m. Erev Shavuot	9 Office Closed Service & Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Shavuot	10 From Generation to Generation 7 p.m. AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Adult Study with the Clergy 10 a.m.	13 Shabbat Comes to You @ Swanson Towers 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Comes to You @ Remington Heights 4 p.m. Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	14 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
15	16	17 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 OTYG Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	21 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
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29	30	1 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Office Closed Shabbat Service 6 p.m. Independence Day	5 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.
6	7	8 AA, Alanon & Gamblers' 12-step 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Shabbat Service 6 p.m.	12 Sparks Beneath the Surface 9:15-10:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Friday~June 6

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday~June 7

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Radler

Daughter of Gretchen and

David Radler

Torah Portion: Naso

Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Friday~June 13

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Comes to You

@ Swanson Towers

4 p.m.

Shabbat Comes to You

@ Remington Heights

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Gary Marshall:

Representing the Diaspora, or,

How My Mother Learned to Cook

Middle Eastern Food

followed by a no-host dinner

at the Greek Islands

Saturday~June 14

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 20

6 p.m.

OTYG Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Omaha Temple Youth

Group: *Low Watt Shabbat*

Saturday~June 21

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

Friday~June 27

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Jan Goldstein: *California*

Dreamin' to the Promised Land

Saturday~June 28

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Korach

Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

Friday~July 4

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Cantor Wendy Shermet

Saturday~July 5

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Chukat

Numbers 19:1-22:1

Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

Friday~July 11

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

D'var Torah - Jan Schneiderman:

My Father's Gift

Saturday~July 12

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sparks Beneath the Surface

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Balak

Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

Yizkor

If you would like to have names of your loved ones read at the Morning Yizkor Service, **Monday, June 9**, please call the Temple office, 556-6536, with the names by **Thursday, June 5**.

Birthday Blessings

Friday, June 13, 6 p.m.

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

Sitter Service

is available...

- Wednesday evenings during Family School hours so that parents can take advantage of adult education opportunities;
- each Friday evening except when there is a Tot Shabbat;
- 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. Please email Maureen at mkube@templeisraelomaha.com for reservations. Young children, including infants, are welcome.

Meet the 2008-2009 OTYG Board!



(Pictured seated, left to right) Jordan Jensen, JYG Liaison; Haley Burns, Programming Vice President; Hannah Ferer, Membership Vice President; Susan Freeman, President; Emily Katz, Social Action Vice President; Adam Goldberg, Communications Vice President; and Grace Hack, Religious/Cultural Vice President. (Pictured, front) Sam Burrell, Mascot.

We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Thanks to tzedakah money donated in the pavillion the morning of the community Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration and by Temple Israel Religious School students and staff, over 100 Israeli soldiers were treated to some refreshing ice cream. PizzaIDE.org also delivers pizzas, burgers, donuts and more. Check out the website!



Mooove Over NFTY Penguin...

There's a New Mascot in Town!

Youth Advisor Amy Katz introduced the new OTYG mascot, a cow that will be named at the board retreat on June 4. Look for the cow at all youth events and school dinners!

Thank you to Sam Burrell for representin'!



A Beautiful Thank You From One of Our Vendors...



A TREE WILL BE PLANTED
IN ISRAEL IN HONOR OF
TEMPLE ISRAEL MADRICHIM
PLANTED BY
GREGG & DAWN WINSTON,
CHAI ON LIFE DESIGNS

Memo From a Child to Parents

Author unknown

1. Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I am only testing you.
2. Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It makes me feel secure.
3. Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.
4. Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes behave stupidly "big."
5. Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.
6. Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of values.
7. Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the painful ways sometimes.
8. Don't be too upset when I say "I hate you." Sometimes it isn't you I hate but your power to thwart me.
9. Don't take too much notice of my small ailments. Sometimes they get me the attention I need.
10. Don't nag. If you do, I hall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.
11. Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I should like. That is why I am not always accurate.
12. Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.
13. Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.
14. Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.
15. Don't ever suggest that you are perfect or infallible. It gives me too great a shock when I discover that you are neither.
16. Don't every think that is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.
17. Don't forget I love experimenting. I couldn't get along without it, so please put up with it.
18. Don't forget how quickly I am growing up. It must be very difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please do try.
19. Don't forget that I don't thrive without lots of love and understanding. But, I don't need to tell you, do I?
20. Please keep yourself fit and healthy. I need you.

Congratulations

On the Birth of:

Elizabeth Jane Brodkey, daughter of Stacie and Marc Brodkey. Grandparents are Vicki and Jerry Chesen, and Sandy and Sherman Brodkey. Great-grandmother is Edith Chesen.

Malcolm Charles Sebastein Edwards, son of Frances and Chris Edwards. Grandparents are Kathleen and Charles Lester, Ft. Thomas, KY, and Sherry and Don Edwards, Murray, KY. Great-grandparents are Margaret and Charles Lester, Alexandria, KY, Madaline and Bob Roder, Cincinnati, OH, and Janie Edwards, Murray, KY.

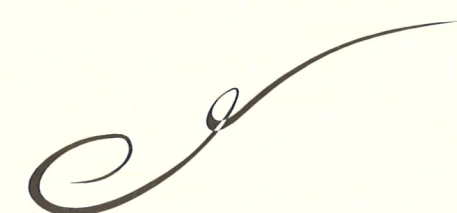
Margaret Emma Robinson, daughter of Julie and Arnold Robinson. Grandparents are Karen and Steve Westerfield, and Betti and Dick Robinson, Norfolk, NE. Great-grandparents are Letcha and Robert Pitlor, Lincoln, NE, Melba Westerfield, and Julia O'Brien.

Noah William Rosen, son of Kate and Daniel Rosen, Seattle, WA. Grandparents are Susan and Bob Koester, Chicago, IL, Margo Rosen and the late William Rosen. Great-grandmother is Rose Rosen.

Meredith Gillian Seeger, daughter of Cantor Jennifer Blum and Kevin Seeger, Plymouth, MN.

Ruby Genevieve Stoller, daughter of Sara and Asher Stoller.

Isla Reese Wear, daughter of Dana and David Wear. Grandparents are Susie and Marvin Cohn, and Maggie and Bob Wear. Great-grandmother is Rosalie Friedman.



Did You Know?

- The Ladies Sewing Society, founded in 1886, became the Temple Israel Sisterhood in 1903. In 1993, the name Sisterhood was changed to Women of Reform Judaism by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

- The gold-domed Byzantine Park Avenue Synagogue, Temple Israel's second home located at 29th and Park Avenue, was hailed as one of the most elegant structures in Omaha.

- A Thanksgiving service for congregants of the Universalist Church, Unity Church and the Congregation of Israel was an interfaith service sponsored early in Temple Israel's history on November 30, 1895.

Janis Yale Enrichment Fund Carries Out a Legacy of Devotion

Children were the center of Janis (Friedman) Yale's life. Born in Omaha, Janis grew up at Beth El Synagogue and attended religious school there. After marrying her husband Donald, they joined Temple Israel where they eventually became involved in activities that involved their five children.

"She took some adult education classes at Temple and pursued her interests in art, music and flowers," said Donald. They sponsored a musical series with Yehuda Chanani at Temple.

"Here was a woman, devoted to her family, and to her Jewishness," added Donald, "and it was cut short" when she died at the age of 47 in 1995. "She certainly left a legacy," he pointed out. When she was in the late stages of her life, she indicated that she wanted donations in her memory to be made to Temple Israel.

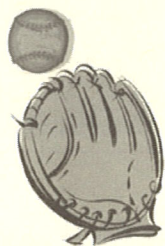
Donald and the Yale children - Adam who belongs to Temple with his wife Sarah; Alex who lives in New York; Andrew who will soon be moving to Las Vegas from Boulder, CO; Jason, a senior at Montana State University; and Laura who just graduated from the University of North Carolina - decided the donations would be used for enrichment and programming at Temple.

A fund was set up "to enrich the lives of Omaha Jews and non-Jews with a focus on Jewish values...to bring in speakers, facilitators for work groups and seminars, artists, musicians and others...to teach, to enhance knowledge and awareness, or to entertain members of the community." The Janis Yale Enrichment Fund has been used to subsidize the Rick Recht and Joe Black concerts at Temple as well as Religious School extra-curricular programs throughout the year.

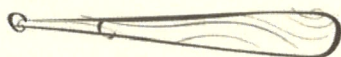
Janis and Donald were married for 27 years. Although she is gone, he sees their children are, "the next generation, getting involved in things that were important to Janis."

Men's Club

Keep Your Eye on the Ball...Softball That Is!



Temple Israel and Beth El Synagogue Men's Clubs are planning some games in an on-going friendly competition on the diamond. Dates to be announced.



A FEW Seats are Still Available on the Temple Israel Family Mission To Israel

December 21 - 31

Camels, the Kotel, Masada... Oh MY!!!

Join Rabbi Azriel, Elyce Azriel and Rosie Zweiback for the trip of a lifetime!

For more information, please contact Program Director Rosie Zweiback, 556-6536 or rzweiback@templeisraelomaha.com.

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 **Amanda Fisher** and **Alexandra Nunn** who have recently chosen Judaism:

May they go from strength to strength!



Tree of Life

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

The following leaf has been added to the Tree of Life:

Celebrating the Life of Willard Friedman From Barry Broder & Gloria Melman

Shop...Eat...Help Temple Israel, Too!

Gift certificates in denominations of \$10 to \$25 for Whole Foods, Baker's, Kwik Shop, Bag 'N Save and The Bookworm are available in the Temple office. Buy them and keep them handy for shopping at these stores which are gracious enough to return a percentage to Temple. The reimbursements are used for camp scholarships.



Summer Office Hours

From June 2 to August 15, office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Looking Back, Glancing Ahead

Jack Levin grew up in Norfolk, NE, and his wife Sallye was raised in Peoria, IL. As a new Northwestern University graduate, Jack worked for Sallye's father at Peoria Dry Goods, a department store. But Jack's short-lived career in Illinois was interrupted by World War II. The day he graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1943, Jack and Sallye tied the knot in Virginia. He remained in the Army for five years.

The Levins joined Temple Israel in 1955 while still living in Norfolk, NE. "We used to come in for the High Holidays," Jack said. "It was quite a deal. We had good friends we stayed with in Omaha, and we all went to Temple (the Park Avenue Synagogue) together."

Jack and Sallye moved to Omaha on New Year's Day in 1958 primarily so their children, David and Gail, could have a Jewish education. "My wife was insistent on that," Jack recalled. He owned Sallye's dress shops, which were located at Southroads Mall in Bellevue, and in Council Bluffs, as well as The Avenue at Crossroads. At one time, there were 18 stores in the Sallye's chain.

Fifty years ago, the Levins built a house on J.E. George Blvd. and Jack still lives there. Sallye has been a resident of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home for nearly a year. Their son David lives in Omaha while Gail is a television producer in New York.

Sallye was involved in Temple Sisterhood activities and participated in skits presented by the women.

They both were big fans of the late Rabbi Sidney Brooks and his wife Jane. Jack commented that "Rabbi Brooks was very much appreciated."

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

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IN HONOR OF RECOVERY OF: **Alan Cohen:** Lois and Mel Epstein, Janet and Jerry Slusky; **Edith Chesen:** Flora Telpner; **Dena David:** Susie and Jim Silverman; **Marcia Fox:** Barbara Frohman; **Sandy Kasner:** Barbara and Marshall Kushner; **Jerry Marburg:** Barb and Stan Widman; **Pete Milder:** Chris Krasne and Family; **Patty Nogg:** Linda Patton; **Dodi Redler:** Dora Goldstrom and George Walker

IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY OF: **Denise and Jon Meyers:** Judy and Keith Josephson; **Ducky and Mike Milder:** Terri and Dick Zacharia

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY OF: **Larry Albert:** Terri and Dick Zacharia; **Jerry Freeman:** Joie Simon; **Barbara Frohman:** Judy and Keith Josephson; **Cookie Hoberman:** Lois and Mel Epstein; **Ruth Goldenberg, Martha Lerner:** Lourdes Secola

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IN HONOR OF CHOOSING JUDAISM: **Alexandra Nunn:** Cindy and Steve Stein

IN HONOR OF THE B'NAI MITZVAH OF: **Reghan Goldberg:** Phyllis and Normand Roffman; **Joe Hack:** Debbi and Larry Josephson

IN HONOR OF 90 YEARS OF ALL MAKES: **Amee Zetzman and Jeff Kavich:** Heidi and Scott Schneiderman

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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 on 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.

Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of...

Aileen Eisenstatt, mother of Linda Luttbeg and Gail Machov, and sister-in-law of Joann Eisenstatt;

Jackie Christensen, wife of Gary Christensen, daughter of Yvette Roffman, sister of Randy Roffman, sister-in-law of Diz Christensen, Sherlyn Roberts, and Kay Schilling;

Willard Friedman, husband of Thama Friedman, father of Howard Friedman, Tom Friedman, Anne Shackman, and Sue Millward, brother of Minda Liberman, and brother-in-law of Robert Krasne;

Ronald David Garber, husband of Joan Garber, son of Rose Garber, father of Carla Garber, Elizabeth Garber, Mark Garber, Lynn Kirkman, and Cheryl Vacek, step-father of Timothy Main, and brother of Barbara Levitan;

John Edwin Perry, brother of Jay Perry;

Harold D. "Pete" Petersen, husband of Mae Petersen, father of Brenda Arnold, Patti Petersen, Ron Petersen, Scott Petersen, Susan Rybin, and Cheryl Woirhaye;

Helen Rosenberg, sister of Bernice Cohen;

Lester A. Sobel, father of Sharon Sobel;

John Sutin, brother of Suzanne Marcus;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.



Temple Funds

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.

Tree of Life leaves are \$300. Tree of Life Boulders are \$3,000. If you would like information on these donations, please call Dennis DePorte, Executive Director, 556-6536.

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