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FROM RABBI ROSSOFF . . .

A TASTE OF JUDAISM: FAMILY STYLE

You probably know of a family that fits this profile: Mom and Dad are of different religions. Each has a deep feeling about their own heritage, but what they actually do to live it out is nominal. Children have come along, but with the exception of a tree on Christmas, a menorah on Chanukah, and Passover and Easter dinners with extended family, religion is largely ignored in the household. Each parent wants to give the children an exposure to his/her own religion, but not too much as to upset the other spouse.

In different shades and nuances, this describes many interfaith families who live in religious limbo. This describes, not so much the families who have chosen to affiliate with a particular congregation (be it Jewish or Christian) but those who have, for whatever reasons, not settled into one religious "home." Perhaps it is a neighbor, a son or daughter of our own, the child of a friend, or part of the extended family. The number of families in limbo is growing.

As you may know, we at Temple B'nai Or have long had a practice of assuming that the children in our congregation are being raised as Jews and teaching accordingly in the Religious School. Our School is not a place to "expose" children to Judaism; it is a place where Jewish children are brought to understand, appreciate and love Judaism and being Jewish. Last year, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations endorsed this stance as well.

But what about those who are not quite there?

I have long felt that since we ask parents to make a choice as to the religion of their children, we need to offer opportunities for them to learn about Judaism and show them what Jewish life is all about, should they choose to walk through our open door. We are fortunate to be the home of the PATHWAYS Program, sponsored by MetroWest Federation, a two

year Sunday afternoon religious school experience for interfaith families in the process of making a choice. I have also facilitated the Reform Movement's TIMES AND SEASONS Program, a seminar for interfaith couples in search of understanding and A TASTE OF JUDAISM, a three week introduction to Judaism course. What I feel is needed, however, is a program which brings together the sensitivity of TIMES AND SEASONS, the "packaging" of TASTE OF JUDAISM and the family approach of PATHWAYS. And it should be in a short time frame. which asks, at this first, very delicate stage, a minimal time commitment.

With the help of PATHWAYS Director, Lynne Wolfe, we will be offering, for the first time anywhere, a new program for interfaith families called A TASTE OF JUDAISM: FAMILY STYLE. "T.O.J.F.S" will be a gathering of Intermarried Families to learn about Judaism in a non-judgmental setting and to acquire tools for their future decision making.

This program will take place on Saturday, March 1, from 9:30 AM to 2:15 PM. It will include family projects as well as separate study sessions for parents and children, all designed to share with them a little of the joy and the depth available within Judaism. All we will ask is a commitment to come and stay the day.

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN! We will be advertising A TASTE OF JU-DAISM: FAMILY STYLE in the local papers and within the interfaith community identified by MetroWest. But I know that you know someone who may just be interested in such an exposure. Please pass along this flyer to someone you know – leave it in an open spot for someone to see, or give it to that someone who can give it to that certain someone else. Again, we are neither asking for nor expecting any further commitment to be made. We will be satisfied if we can touch some fami-

lies and plant Jewish seeds which may not come to bear fruit for some time to come. Perhaps only a fraction of those who come will choose Judaism as their family's religious identity, but if we can bring but a few (as our tradition puts it) "under the wings of God's presence" – it will have been well worth the effort.

Rabbi Don Rossoff

FEBRUARY SHABBAT CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

Friday (February 7) at 7:30 PM Candle Blessing: Roberta Berman Introduction to Kiddush:

Howard Berman

Kiddush: David Berman

Saturday (February 8) at 11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service David Berman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Friday (February 14) at 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service Candle Blessing: Sari Zarpentine Aliyah: Joel Kesner

Friday (February 21) at 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service Alivah: Dian & Jeff Weisman

Aliyah: Dian & Jeff Weisman Anniversary Blessing

Friday (February 28) 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Kiddush: Dr. Michael Barnett

Aliyah: Jim Roiter

President's Message

Recently you received two mailings from Temple: one regarding the court-yard and one concerning the Goods and Services Auction. I hope you read both letters carefully and have or will respond favorably.

There are those among you (few in number, I hope) who feel we do too much fundraising, spend too much money, or don't feel they get anything for their money. I strongly disagree with such assertions. In order to serve our membership we must provide a good place to worship, to educate our children and our adult members, qualified and able teachers, and maintain the physical plant so that it is both useful and appealing. In order to fulfill our principal religious mission we need clergy. We have been fortunate to have as our Rabbi and Cantor two people who perform their jobs with a great deal of professionalism as well as with great humanity. They are much more than adequate and I would go so far as to say they are excellent. I would hope our members are entitled to the best and we try to provide it. All of this costs money. Through careful budgeting and good fiscal planning we no longer run at a deficit and have had some surpluses the last few years. These surpluses have helped us to do things to ensure your continued comfort, safety, and, of course, to retain our excellent staff both lay and

The courtyard is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and one we cannot afford to pass up. This is an area which has suffered greatly during our lean times and holds such great potential. Thanks to the generosity of AT & T and with your help, we will be able to attend to this problem. We will all benefit from the renovations and will be able to put this beautiful area to full use. A well deserved thank you to Jordan Byk, Michael Knapp and the rest of the people who have worked so hard to bring this project to near fruition.

The Goods and Services Auction is an effort to raise money the easy way. This does not mean putting together this event is easy. On the contrary, it is a lot of work. What is easy should be getting people to contribute goods and services and then coming out to Temple, having a good time and spending some money to actually receive a tangible item while knowing the money you spent is going to help Temple. Only with your support will events like this succeed. Success breeds success and keeping our Temple in the black, as well as creating a reserve so that when the rainy days come we will be prepared, is one of the principal jobs of any Temple president. Thanks to Dick Hyken, Marilyn Piermont and their committee for all of their work so far.

One last money item everyone should be aware of is our Endowment Fund. Yes, it does exist. There are many ways to donate to this fund. Direct donations may be made at any time of cash, stock, bonds, etc. In the alternative, please keep Temple in mind when doing your estate planning. Why not make us a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or remember us in your will. A strong endowment fund will help ensure the continued well being of Temple B'nai Or. Temple is here for you when you need us. Won't you please be here for us when we need you.

Fack Piermont

From the Desk of the Administrator. . .

Reminders:

As Winter is all around us now, please be especially careful walking to and from the parking lot. We try hard to keep the area cleared, but slippery areas are possible. Also, please park in designated spaces.

If a meeting is scheduled at Temple during a bad snow storm or warning, we will try to reach you to cancel the meeting if that becomes necessary. If you have not heard from us, please call and check before you come. Your safety is always our first concern.

Information for our monthly bulletins and our mid-month mailings are due in the office by **the first** of the month preceding the date of publication.

If you know of someone in our Temple family who is ill, please call the Temple office so that their name can be included on our Healing List.

If you have any suggestions or questions please call me.

Carole Goldberg

From the Cantor

AN OPEN LETTER TO TEMPLE B'NAI OR

This has been the second year in our program to revitalize the Temple Senior Youth Group. For those of you who are wondering how we are doing, we wanted to provide an update.

Membership is nearing an all-time high. The new program is attracting many of our teens to make the Temple their second home. Interest in joining is growing. This is due in no small part to the guidance of Ellen Cookler and the Youth Committee. Thanks, El!

Active membership is swelling. This year we are averaging 15—18 members per meeting and we're doing stuff.

Our Youth group, as many of you are aware, was honored to be chosen to host the Regional Homecoming Dance in November. After all monies were counted, we rejoiced in the knowledge that we had raised more money for the Mitzvah Corps through our dance than had ever been raised before. No one has ever raised what our Youth Group did. I wish I could have shared my enormous sense of accomplishment and pride as six (YES, six) of our T.Y.G.ers, were honored with an astounding hoot and holler from their peers at Winter Conclave a few weeks ago.

We also want to extend our extreme gratitude to the Temple Board and the Boards of the Men's Club and Women of Reform Judaism in helping us reach our goal and then some... And then there is Rabbi Rossoff, who quietly stands behind everything we try and everything we do. The Youth Group and I could have no stronger support or shoulders to stand on.

In conclusion, mirroring the growth and vitality that is happening in the Temple, we are exploding with energy, loaded with leadership and won't stop. If you have a teen, or are a teen, who needs a place, NFTY has always been that place. We are getting revved up now for a totally new and amazing Purim carnival in March. Plan to join us.

Call for information relating to any of this. We're here and ready.

Canton Bruce M. Benson

Renaissance Times **Annual Renaissance Brunch**

Sunday, February 16, 1997, is approaching and everybody is awaiting anxiously (and, perhaps, even smacking their lips) for our forthcoming "Food Fest." After careful consideration as to the sumptuous edible selection and its price value, our Board has unanimously chosen the Hamilton Park Conference Center Hotel as the place to be honored by our presence for our annual brunch.

The Conference Center Hotel is located at 175 Park Avenue in Florham Park, across the street from the Exxon Corporation property. The Brunch will start at 11 AM and continue until 3 PM at \$18 per person, including tip.

Checks should be made out to Temple B'nai Or and mailed to the Renaissance Group, Temple B'nai Or, 60 Overlook Road, Morristown, NJ 07960-5800. Please have checks mailed by the first week in February, 1997.

For further information and reservations, call Dick Raffman at 201-377-4566, or Pat Tolkoff at 201-539-2827.

ANTIQUE GLASS COLLECTIBLES

If you should hear a "tinkling" sound at our March 16, 1997, gathering, there is no need to be frightened — it is not Tinker Bell coming for a visit. It is our unique exhibit of Glass Collectibles — and all of us are invited to participate, and bring your own most valuable (and even lesser valuable) glass collection. So polish up the crystal (please, don't use brillo!) and plan to attend this shining event!

Of course, it will take place at 9:30 AM in the Temple Social Hall and be preceded by our famous Continental Breakfast.

Blood Orive

Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in our recent Blood Drive. Forty-five units of blood were donated, the second highest donation in Temple B'nai Or's history. Barbara Wilson, of the Red Cross, said "one unit donated this time of the year is worth two in April." Blood is desperately needed now and there are too few donors.

Special thanks to the Mens' Club Board, Jeanne Burstein and Pamela Rodker for their work in making the drive a success.



By her works, shall ye know her...

Women of Reform Judalsm/ Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Or

Sisterhood's Shabbat was held on January 31st. It was a wonderful evening due to the participation of all those involved. Special thanks to Karen Anolick and Laurie Spiegel for organizing this event.

Coming Events:

Exercise Class Starting February, 1997. Our own Susan Benson has graciously consented to instruct a weekly class of students at Temple. Anyone interested, please contact Rosalind Guilis (201)267-1703.

Cooking Class on Monday, February 24. We will be presenting A Vegetarian Cooking Class for a Winter's Evening at King's Cooking Studio in Short Hills from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$20 for Sisterhood members and \$25 for non-Sisterhood members. Call Jill Katzman at 292-2912 for additional information.

Progressive Dinner, March 15. Join us to mingle with present and new members. Cocktail hour will feature music, unique appetizers and wine at Temple. Choose your special host house with a gourmet dinner catered by "Grandaffairs" of Livingston. Then on to the dessert extravaganza at the dessert house. Reserve your place early, contact Rosalind Guilis (201)267-1703.

Cradle Roll, March 22. Purim is the holiday and 9:30 AM is the time. Help the younger members of Temple learn about Queen Esther and Wicked Hamen! Contact Susan Aidekman at (201) 966-1969, to reserve a place.

> Barbara Bugen Co-President

Getting Marriage Going

A Premarital Workshop For Jewish Couples will be conducted on Sunday, March 30, from 1 To 5 PM at Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn. The workshop, facilitated by Rabbi Ralph Dalin and Meryl Nadell, SW, LCSW, will address such topics as: Becoming a Couple; The People Around Us; and Finances and Financial Priorities. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly (New Jersey Region) and Jewish Family Service of MetroWest.

The cost is \$25 per couple. For more information and registration, please contact Meryl Nadell at 201-765-9050.

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TEMPLE B'NAI OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHILDREN OF TORAH AND LIGHT

We are at the mid-point of this Religious School year.
Report cards have been mailed outlining the program and class performance of our students. It is at this juncture that parents are asked to review their child's achievements. If there are any questions or concerns, it is hoped that contact will be made with the child's teacher (s) to clarify what is taking place in the classroom and design strategies that would be beneficial to the student.

We want to strengthen the link between the classroom and the home. Some parents state that they have ambivalent feelings about their children attending Religious School. One reason often mentioned for this ambivalence is the parents' own negative experiences in Hebrew School.

Ambivalence does not mean not caring. Parents clearly want their children to have a sense of Jewish history, culture and ethics. Parents send their children to our School so they can "use" their Judaism at "appropriate" times and places such as at a brit, weddings, services, funerals, and other life-cycle events. Parents often mention how they want their child to feel good about being Jewish.

If we look beyond the surface of what parents are saying, we might conclude that the real message is that they want their own Jewish past healed. They want to feel good about themselves as Jews and do not want to be embarrassed by their own Jewish inadequacies.

The bottom line seems to be that parents want a strong bond with their family to Judaism. They want to belong to the Jewish world at large, but may feel that modern life styles create an ambivalence as to how to transmit Judaism to their children appropriately when they themselves do not fully participate in a Jewish life (interpreted as Jewish ritual).

We – the school and the family – need to unite to provide the stability required to support our children becoming knowledgeable in the Jewish faith while building a strong commitment to living Jewishly. We are partners in an involved process that has many Team members: Rabbi, Cantor, teachers, parents, lay leadership, extended family, and so many others. We all need to become experts in Jewish matters and work together to provide for our children a deep understanding, love, and appreciation of Jewish knowledge. To do this the school cannot teach Judaism and then have our children never experience it outside the Temple. We need to live Jewishly to be truly successful.

Contacts with our teachers will show the children that their parents care as much about how they perform in our school as they do in their public school. It will "say" that Religious School education is very important. We need to be united in bringing outstanding Jewish education to our children.

David 7skovitz

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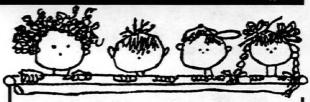
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Contact Cantor Benson at Temple (201-539-4539)



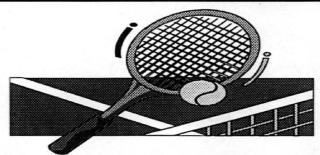
NURSERY SCHOOL

January brought 1997 and lots of activity in our Nursery School. Parent/teacher conferences are always an exciting challenge for our staff. At the tender ages of two, three and four years old, we look at children in our school setting and try to share with parents a special glimpse into the classroom, into their child and into their daily lives away from home. There are always parents who hope we'll predict great SAT scores and "happy ever afters." Most parents realize that our part is a significant one in setting the stage for growth, progress and healthy interaction with peers and adults. We can report observations and progress. Our crystal balls are not so clear for future predictions. But what we see and hear and learn from these wonderful children makes our lives richer and gives us hope for the years ahead. To know that our influence encourages progress and growth is to know that, perhaps, in a small, but very special way, we've touched the future.

Registration for the 1997-1998 school year is in progress. Substantial tuition discounts are available for Temple B'nai Or members. Join us as we progress and grow to ever greater strengths.

Dee Cohen





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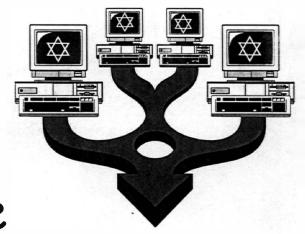
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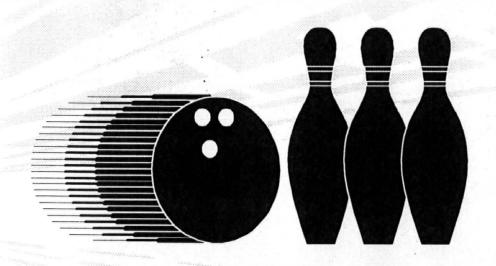
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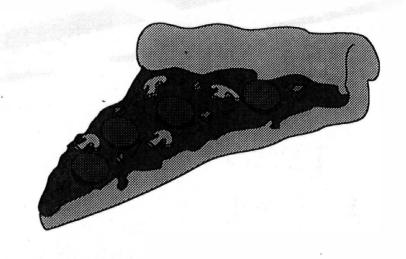
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6th Grade Breakfast	Facilities 7:30 pm	Men's Club Board 8 pm Clothing and	a Linen Drive	Nursery School Committee 7:30 pm	Shabbat Service 8 pm	

TBO Mini-Minders

5757 High Holy Day Sermons:

In response to many requests, and a generous donation from a congregant, a booklet of Rabbi Rossoff's 5757 High Holy Day Sermons has been completed. The booklet will be mailed to each member during the next few weeks.

CLOTHING AND LINEN DRIVE:

During the week of <u>February 23 through March 1</u>, Temple B'nai Or will be holding its *Almost Spring* Clothing and Linen Drive. Please feel free to donate any *usable*, *clean* clothing and linens (towels, sheets, etc.). We only ask that items be bagged and labeled as to their contents, i.e., boy's clothing, size 4, or sheets for twin beds.

Due to storage constraints, we will be accepting items from Sunday, February 23, through the early morning of March 2. No items of clothing/linens will be accepted at the Temple after the morning of the 2nd.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to **help** sort and distribute the clothing on Sunday morning, March 2nd, please call Ronnie Kaufman at 201-267-0433.

COMMITTEE INTEREST FORMS:

YOUR TEMPLE NEEDS YOU! Our Temple Family has grown. Our needs are varied and <u>your</u> interests and skills are varied. Interests change. Skills increase. Time availability fluctuates. We are asking you to help us NOW by updating us on your <u>CURRENT INTERESTS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE</u>.

Enclosed is a Temple Committee Interest Form. Please complete it and return it to the Temple Office. Tell us of any specific committee you would like to join. Make note of which subjects you would want us to be able to ask YOU about when we need advice on a specific question. Do you have a desire to grow into a leadership role for your Temple Family?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. It is appreciated!!

MITZVAH DAY -- APRIL 13th

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Have prayers and their purposes changed over the centuries?

What are some prayers familiar to Jewish life?

Thursday, February 6
"Prayer in Tanakh"

Focus: The Psalms

Thursday, February 13

"Prayer in the Mishnah"

Focus: Keva and Kavanah

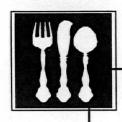
Thursday, February 20
"Prayer in Jewish Mysticism"

Focus: Hasidic Prayer

Please pre-register for one, two or three sessions by calling Temple at 201-539-4539

Coming in March:

"The Jewish Short Story" taught by Dr. Terry Kroloff Wednesday, March 12, 19, and 26





Temple B'nai Or Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood presents:

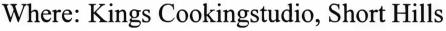
A Vegetarian Cooking Class for a Winter's Evening

Menu



Southwesten Style Barley Risotto
Portabello Mushrooms topped with
Indian Spiced Lentils

Winter Root Vegetable and White Bean 'Cassoulet"
Orange Hazelnut Torte with Chocolate Grand
Marnier Glaze



When: Monday, February 24, 1997

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Cost: \$20 Sisterhood Members

\$25 Non-Sisterhood Members

Limited enrollment, please detach and send the bottom portion by <u>February 14th</u>
with a check payable to Temple B'nai Or Sisterhood to:
Jill Katzman, 5 Carton Road, Morristown, N.J.07960
For additional information, call Jill at (201)292-2913.

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Familu Education Activities

As 1997 begins, we are off to a wonderful start! Some ongoing and upcoming events are:

Shabbat Dinner Book donation project: In keeping with Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah theme "It takes a Temple to raise a Jew," we would like our Temple families to help the new Jewish immigrant families who have settled here in our community. Please bring used or new children's books to your child's grade level Shabbat Family Dinner, and they will be distributed by Jewish Family Services in East Orange. This is a great tzedakah opportunity for children, since they can help donate books they have outgrown.

Kindergarten and First Grade Parent Connection Reading Program: The Parent Connection is a Jewish reading program for parents and children. Starting in January, each Kindergarten and First Grade student will bring home story books that have a judaic theme. These books contain parent guide cards, which give ideas of different questions and activities for families to do together that tie into the books' themes. We hope that by the end of the school year families will have benefited from the wide variety of literature and enriching activities suggested by this program.

When a Child Asks: This is a parent's' seminar on some of the difficult issues our children confront. The two classes "When a Child Asks about God" and "When a Child Asks about Death" will be led by Rabbi Rossoff and will be offered during Sunday School sessions. These sessions started in January, and the last one will be held on Sunday, February 2, from 10:00—11:15 AM. That class will be "When a Child Asks about Death." These classes are open to the public, and are free of charge.

Some Enchanted Evening '97 **Goods and Services Auction**

We are receiving a wonderful response to our request for donations to our Goods and Services Auction that will be held on Saturday evening, May 10, 1997. The committee would love to hear from all of you. Come on! Start thinking! You are multi-talented. There is something you and your family could do, or donate. How about cooking a specialty dish, or a favorite dessert? Get together with friends and create an "evening of fun" to auction off. Maybe dinner, a movie and babysitting! Play an instrument? How about an hour of music as part of a dinner party?

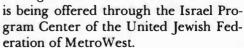
If you would like to donate some money toward the purchase of a special auction item, that would be great too! The important thing is to help out with something. Participate in this Temple-wide event. Plan to attend and bring your non-Temple member friends with you.

Invitations will be in the mail next month with ticket information. Circle your calendars now. Talk to your friends and family. Talk to the people whose businesses you frequent. Seek donations for dinners/lunches from your favorite places. Your support will make all the difference.

Have any questions? Have some suggestions? Call Marilyn Piermont (201) 267– 8493 or Dick Hyken (201) 644-3206.

Israel Trip for College Students

A special five-week program of work and study in Israel for college students during the summer of 1997



Participants spend three weeks as a counselor in an Israeli Day camp and tour the country for two weeks. The Kefiada (Israeli Day Camp) program is subsidized by the United Jewish Federation of Metro West, so the cost for students is only the airfare and a nominal restoration fee. Since only 12 students are selected each year, early applications are advised.

For information, contact Yael Gal-Or at 201-884-4800, ext. 167.

Caring Community: The Senior Project Temple B'nai Or's Outreach to Our Older Members and their Families

What programs would appeal to you? How can we at Temple help you confront challenges you face now - or will in the future? Come on out to Temple on Sunday, March 2, 1997, at 10 AM for a hot cup of coffee, a "nosh," and a brainstorming sessison on ways we can foster "connectedness" among the different age groups in our Temple family. Become part of our planning for learning how to deal effectively and lovingly with our aging parents, and look ahead to our own needs as older members of the commu-

Call Temple at 201-539-4539, or Phyllis Feinblum or Nancy Ellis, and say "Yes, I'm interested in the Senior Project!"

Junior Youth Group News

The Junior Youth Group started off 1997 with a fun-filled day skiing at Shawnee Mountain in the Poconos. A special thanks to Bob Mayer and Frank Weitzman for chaperoning and driving. Everyone had a wonderful time!

For those of you who enjoyed rock climbing at the New Jersey Rock Gym last year, we are offering this popular event again on February 22. Watch your mailbox for details.

Kudos to our Junior Youth Group Committee for great programming ideas!

Judaism On



A PRIMER IN JEWISH PRACTICE & THOUGHT WITH RABBI DON ROSSOFF AND GARY AIDEKMAN

FIFTH IN THE SERIES - 5757 (956-97)

THE BOOK OF ESTHER FOR ADULTS

The Book of Esther is really not a children's story. Learn about the story in all its adult detail.

What is this story, which never mentions God, doing in the Jewish Bible?

Was Esther an early feminist or tool of a male dominated society?

How do we deal with the violence of the story?

What does the story teach us about the potential dangers of living in Diaspora?

Sunday, March 2, 11:30 AM — 1:15 PM

Join us in the Multi-purpose Room at Temple B'nai Or, Morristown Baby sitting available ONLY if you call Temple office to reserve (539-4539)



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RABBI ROSSOFF'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi Rossoff

*Nadine Milberg and James

Rubenstein

Our daughter, Lauren, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

*Linda and Bill Blatt

Marriage of our son, David, to Amy Sarasohn

*Susan and Marc Spurr

Marriage of Amy Sarasohn to David Spurr

Joan and Jon Brody

Marjorie becoming a Jew By Choice *Marjorie and Alan Dubov

Sandy Rems' speedy recovery Bobbie and Joel Feinblatt

John Nelson's speedy recovery llene and Bruce Jacobs

Milton Gerber, beloved husband

*Lenore Gerber

Leonora Klein, grandmother of Carol Tobias Ruth and Hersch Zitt

Jesse Tyroler

Eleanor and Ray Goldstein

Gershon Baruch Chertoff

Jackie and Larry Hom

CANTOR BENSON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of

Naming of our daughter, Micaela Rose Sandi and Michael Schaffer

In memory of

John Epstein, son of Seymour Epstein

Harold Kolovsky, stepfather of Michael Mintz

Maxine and Harry Riskin

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

John Nelson's speedy recovery

Wendy and Peter Fried and family

Phyllis and David Feinblum

Judy and Eliot Steinberg

Marriage of Barbara Sward and Brian Gontarski

Barbara and Ted Kalina

Marriage of Amy Sarasohn and David Spurr

Joy and Justin Stone's 40th wedding anniversary

Shari and Steven Leviss

COLLEGE CONNECTION FUND

In honor of

Lynn and Don Siebert's 50th birthdays

*Nancy and Tim Tweed

DEFICIT REDUCTION FUND

In honor of

Marriage of David Spurr to Amy Sarasohn

Lena and Spencer Shaps

HOLLANDER MEMORIAL GARDEN

In memory of

Miklos Neufeld, father of Paul Neufeld Sylvia and Joel Askinazi

HOUSING THE HOMELESS FUND

In honor of

Birth of granddaughter, Melissa Leigh, to Carylon

and Steve Koestenblatt

Vicki and John Nelson

Arthur Ginsburg

John Nelson

Daniel Schorr becoming a Bar Mitzvah

*Barbara and Roger Schorr and family

John Nelson's speedy recovery

Connie and Harvey Rubin

In memory of

Herbert Schnayer, father of Norman Schnayer

Phyllis and David Feinblum

Jeff Wacks

Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z.

David Levy

Nan and Ken Kanengiser

JASON LEWIS FUND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

In honor of Milton Litwin's 85th birthday

Leonora and Marvin Flowerman

LIBRARY FUND

In honor of

Len Szerlip's speedy recovery

Fay and Arm and Kaplan

Charlotte and Jay Abberman's hospitality

Anita, Jack and Glenn Swotinsky

In memory of

Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z.

David Levy

Fay and Armand Kaplan

Julie and Michael Israel

Jeffrey Wacks

*Fay and Armand Kaplan

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

In honor of

Dee Cohen, Director, Nursery School

Debby Morris, Teacher Assistant

The Toddler Class

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In honor of

John Nelson

Vicki, Sarah and Rachel Nelson

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Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z.

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Joséphine and Gerald Aresty

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In honor of

Engagement of Lisa Northridge and David

Eisenfud

The Tarutz Family

In memory of

Daryl Lynn Gehr Rosenfarb

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"Val and Charles Riback

SHABBAT SHIRA FUND

In honor of

John Nelson's speedy recovery

Linda and Bill Blatt

Vicki Nelson's election to UAHC Board

Linda and Rick Haan

Happy Holiday to Margaret M. Murray Pat Tolkoff

In memory of

Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z. David Levy

Anita and Jack Swotinsky

Judy and Eliot Steinberg Shirley and Nat Rose Jerry Schreiber Pat Tolkoff

TEACHER ENRICHMENT FUND

In honor of

Sandy Rems' speedy recovery Linda and Bill Blatt

Charlotte Frank

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Charlie Blatt

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Scott Bissinger and family

Rhonda Levinson

Josh Bissinger and family Haya Gartner

Hilde Spain

Oyer Family

Rivka Shacham

Haya Gartner

Jana Rubenstein and parents Lauren Brooks

In memory of Jeffrey Wacks, son of Linda and Edward Wacks

Judy and Paul May

JUSTIN WAYNE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Franziska Zucker

Rose Weinschenk

Joseph Stem Rhoda Levy Reasenberg, sister of Rabbi Z.

David Levy

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YAHRZEIT FUND

In memory of

Samuel Lieber

Lois and Simon Leventhal Harry Shevin

Joan and Jon Brody

Samuel Farben Sandra and Barry Efros

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Dorothy and Milton Gold Rose Mayer

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Barbara, Stuart, Jonathan and Eric Rayvid

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Claire Kurland

Joy and Leon Kurland

Ida Gozonsky

Dee and Irving Gozonsky

Tributes (Continued)

Harold Arens

Margo and Robert Siroty Bertha Polifka

Julie and Geoff Kantor

Doris Orgel

Phyllis and David Feinblum

Florence Bruskin

Laurie and Richard Bruskin

Alfred Mazer

Cecile Lieberman

Judith and Lester Lieberman

Vicki Feinblum

David Feinblum

Rose Kesselhaut

Arlene and Martin Kesselhaut

Alex Aidekman

Susan and Gary Aidekman

* Denotes a donation of \$50 or more Denotes purchase of a prayerbook

IN MEMORIAM

When cherished ties are broken. our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.

The Congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

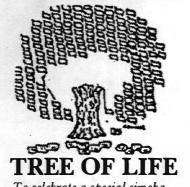
Milton Gerber, brother-in-law of Norma and Morton Beer

> Louis Flatt, father of Linda Carleton

John Epstein, son of Seymour Epstein

Harold Kolovsky, stepfather of Michael Mintz

Herbert Schnayer, father of Norman Schnayer



To celebrate a special simcha, you are invited to purchase a stone or leaf on our Tree of Life. For information, please call Larry Leibowitz at 201-635-4694.

Highlights of Board Minutes December 1996

PRESIDENT: Jack Piermont reported negotiations with AT & T for the Courtyard granite have been completed, and the fundraising part of the project will now go forward. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Tony Lubowe, is accepting nominations for positions on the Board of Trustees.

TREASURER: Bill Blatt reported our November statements have us back on track.

RABBI: Rabbi Rossoff updated the Board on the current political situation in Israel, and urged all to write letters of protest. The Rabbi reported the Salvation Army Angels program has proven to be enormously successful, and our members are being extremely generous.

SISTERHOOD: A report was provided on past events and the Board members were urged to attend the Sisterhood Shabbat Service on January 31, 1997. A dairy pot luck dinner is planned.

FACILITIES: Debby Dixler reported her Committee has completed work on a book of rules for renting our facilities. A marketing brochure is currently being developed.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Phyllis Feinblum reported the Fall Family Festival was a fun and unifying experience, and was well attended. Registration forms for 1997/1998 will be mailed out in January.

YOUTH GROUP: Jack Piermont reported the recent NFTY dance went well and was well attended. A convention and conclave are coming up soon.

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Discussion was held regarding alternative programming for Yom Kippur due to overcrowding. Plans are being reviewed which may include three services.

Music for Violin and Piano

Lynn Laitman Siebert, on the violin, and Anita Gordon, on the piano, will be featured in a concert at the Browne Theatre at Drew University on Monday, February 3, 1997, at 8:00 PM. Admission is free.

Rebecca Conviser's Tapestry on Display

The B'nai Brith-Klutznick National Museum in Washington, D.C., is borrowing a tapestry created by Rebecca Conviser for display. The tapestry, "Homage to the 10 Lost Tribes," is owned by the Mid-Westchester YM-YWHA of Scarsdale, New York. Participation in this exhibit is by invitation from the museum only. The tapestry will be shown from February 12 through April 4, 1997. If you are in Washington, stop by to see this magnificent work created by one of our Temple B'nai Or Family members.

Cantor Benson Honored

Cantor Benson has been named Dean of NFTY-GER Summer Conclave to be held at Kutz Camp this coming August. He is the first Cantor to be so honored.

MARRIAGE OF:

Brian Gontarski to Barbara Sward daughter of Janet and Sanford Sward

ANNIVERSARY:

40th wedding anniversary of Joy and Justin Stone

BIRTH OF:

David Benjamin son of Kristin and Gene Berkinsky and grandson of Marilyn Kustoff

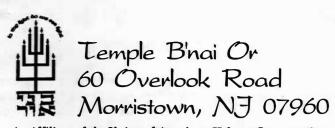
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Shalom to New Members of our Temple Family

Linda Bubeck Morristown



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March 2 JOOF: The Book of Esther for Adults

March 8 Tennis Party!

March 15 Progressive Dinner

March 12, 19, 26 Adult Jewish Academy

March 16 Glass Collectibles (Renaissance Breakfast)

March 23 Megillah Reading & Purim Carnival

April 13 Mitzvah Dav

May 10 Goods and Services Auction!

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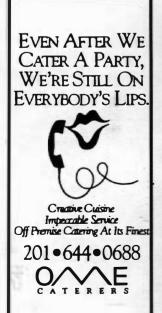
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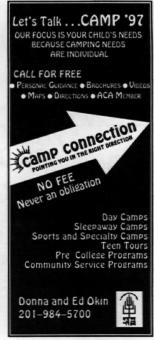
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