



And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit trees yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is on the earth," and it was so. And the earth blossomed with grass, herbs and trees, and God saw that it was good. ~Bereshit 1:11-13

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What's Happening...

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Stacy Offner

January 9 - 10, 2009

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6 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and Program

(Reservation required for fish dinner, \$20 per person)

From a Distance: Lessons for Life and Leadership in the 21st Century

Celebrating Temple Israel's 130th anniversary, we will look at how Temple's own history and current endeavors are touchstones that, when viewed from a distance, shape our leadership models for the 21st century.



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 by Monday, January 5, to
 Wendy Schwartz, 612-374-0344,
 wschwartz@templeisrael.com**



Saturday, January 10

9 a.m. Torah Study and Service

Jacob's Dying Moments: Lessons for Facing Death and Honoring Life

Parashat Vayechi tells the story of Jacob's unfolding death. We will explore the mourning practices and ritual customs that consoled our ancestors in ancient days and see how our current Reform Jewish practices regarding death and dying have evolved, changed and continue to be transformed.

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn

(Reservation required for dairy lunch, \$12 per person)

My Synagogue is a Center of Spiritual Life

There is no institution in the world that has the power to touch our spiritual core the way the synagogue can. Come find this spiritual home as we consider the meaning of spirituality, explore the variety of ways in which our synagogue enables spirituality, and connect with each other to nurture our spiritual selves.



Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School Family Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, January 23, 2009

Shabbat Service at 6 p.m.

HMJDS Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a Shabbat service led by Temple members who are Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School students. This family Shabbat service includes worship, music and a story. Following the Shabbat service there will be a family Shabbat dinner for all Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School families.

Havdalah, Dinner & a Show with Sisterhood & Men's Club at the Guthrie Theatre

Saturday, January 24, 5 p.m.

Come for a night on the town with Sisterhood & Men's Club. We'll meet at 5 p.m. at the Guthrie's Level Five Cafe for Havdalah and an a la carte dinner. Then we'll proceed to the Wurtele Thrust Theater for the 7:30 p.m. performance of *The Two Gentlemen from Verona*.

Please purchase play tickets on your own at www.guthrietheater.org. Questions? Email us at sisterhood@templeisrael.com or call Christine Levin at 612-481-6107.

Kabbalah Sparks

Mondays, January 26 & February 23, 7 p.m.

Gather for study and meditation on Kabbalistic themes with Rabbi Sim Glaser throughout the year on the fourth Monday of each month.

Kol Isha: Temple Israel Sisterhood Women's Weekend

Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1, 2009

Join the Temple Israel Sisterhood for a weekend to celebrate our Jewish identity and spirit, for intelligent conversation and a fun way to connect with new and old friends. For more information, contact Julie Zimmerman Berg at juliezb@aol.com.

TIKKUN OLAM: Issues of Social Justice from a Reform Jewish Perspective

Sunday, February 1, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for this Men's Club forum led by Rabbi Jared Saks. Reform Judaism has had a long history in the work of social justice. Our movement's relationship with God is rooted in the ethical teachings of the prophets including texts like, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8) and "Let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

Join us for this conversation with Rabbi Saks about the pressing social justice issues of our times and how the principles of Reform Judaism are helping to effect change in our world. Breakfast, as always, is courtesy of Men's Club.

Tu BiSh'vat Seder

Saturday, February 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Tu BiSh'vat - The Holiday of the Trees - The Jewish Earth Day - with a joyful, musical, inspirational, global conscience-filled Seder.

Embrace Jewish wisdom and worship celebrating our natural world. Delight in a delicious vegetarian lunch including the traditional fruits, juices and nuts of the Tu BiSh'vat Seder ritual. Learn vital and interesting information about sustaining our planet with Terry Gips; sing and study Kabbalistic sources with Rabbi Sim Glaser.

For all those who love our blue and green earth, and are concerned with the future of our physical world, this is a Jewish holiday celebration you don't want to miss. RSVP to Barb Nesheim at 612-374-0315.

Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award Nominations Due

Friday, February 13, 2009

The Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of Temple Israel members.

See back page for details or contact Miriam Seidenfeld at 612-374-0305 or mseidenfeld@templeisrael.com

Clergy Voice



Rabbi Sim Glaser

Dear Congregants,

Though not as world famous as some other Jewish celebrations, Tu BiSh'vat is a joyous Jewish tree planting holiday. It is named after the day on which it falls, the 15th (tet-vov) of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat. This year the holiday corresponds with the 9th of February which inevitably causes a chuckle or two from the Jewish Minnesota farmer. Come on, planting trees in February? Well, in the Middle East, where Tu BiSh'vat had its origins, it is indeed time to think about the future of nature and the planting of saplings and sowing of seeds. You may remember at one point or another having contributed to a Jewish National Fund forest by purchasing a tree to be planted in Israel as a gift, or to honor somebody.

We rabbis are always messing with metaphors. Planting trees and sowing seeds are among our favorites. Part of our work here at Temple is to anticipate the needs of our religious community well into the future, and to propose changes that will potentially grow into lasting traditions that, as they say in the agri-biz, will take root. Ideally, these new traditions will be those keeping our people whole and spiritually energized.

Our decision to embrace the movement's wonderful new prayer book, Mishkan T'filah, is such a seed. The Jewish people are evolving and

our liturgy must too. The planning that has gone into restructuring our Shabbat morning worship service into more of a community event is also an investment in the future. The energy our adult education leadership has put into offering an array of Jewish learning opportunities and speakers this year is a way of saying that a people with deep roots in Jewish knowledge are like a tree that cannot be easily toppled by the winds of time. And the joy our wonderful teachers here bring to our children in Hebrew and Religious school has the marvelous effect of planting seeds of rich blessings

we hope every child experiences and associates with being Jewish their entire lives.

According to God's plan, ripened fruit that falls releases seeds that in turn become species of a similar variety, perhaps even richer in quality than their progenitors. Like just about every

other organic aspect of life, the effort and imagination we put into projects, dreams, visions and goals for our Temple community will produce their yield accordingly.

Garden in, garden out, I suppose you might say. The future forests aren't a guarantee, and neither is a rich spiritual energetic Jewish community. The seeds are sown, nourished and protected by us.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Sim Glaser

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a Tu BiSh'vat Seder
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Executive Director Message



Karmit Bulman

Strengthening our Congregation during Difficult Financial Times

I admit it; I am an optimist. I believe we can strengthen our congregation even during these hard economic times. With the economy in crisis, congregations around the country are cutting expenses at the very moment

many members need help with food, heating bills and gasoline. I know that financial issues are impacting most of our congregants. I know this will impact Temple's finances. But I also know that if we stay true to our mission, we will ride this storm and will provide crucial resources, connection and caring for our congregants.

Recently I read that economists are examining how religious affiliation serves as a kind of "insurance" during difficult financial times. Looking at spending before and after income goes up or down, the economists found that religious households have less volatile consumption. Their spending fluctuates about 30 percent less than spending by similar, nonreligious households. The economists also found that religion actually softens how you react to negative shocks. They found that just stating a belief is not sufficient; one needs to actively participate in a religious organization to get happiness insurance.

So heed the economists, as well as listening to your religious leaders. If you come to Temple to worship or participate, it will make a positive difference during these hard times. A synagogue is a communal framework dedicated to helping each other not only in times of joy, but in challenging times as well.

Temple Israel is a place where Jews choose to put their trust. During troubling economic times, it is good to know that the place you trust will be there for you and for those you love.

The realists around me are telling me that it is to be anticipated that congregants' falling income and assets will lead to a drop in Temple contributions. However, twice as many congregants did what they could to help Temple during our Yom Kippur appeal. And we all laughed so hard during Lily Tomlin's performance (our annual fundraiser) and managed to bring in more contributions than ever before. I think we can conclude that people who are firmly connected to Temple Israel do the most remarkable things during difficult times. I truly thank all of you for that on behalf of the congregation.

In order to meet the pressing needs of congregants, we may have to shift priorities for a while. Our rabbis may need to increase the resources devoted to taking care of the needy individuals who show up at our doors. We will keep sheltering homeless families, assisting those who face mortgage foreclosure and keep feeding the hungry. We will support those who lose their jobs and those who feel frightened about what the future may bring.

Hard times are when we Jews show our true colors. That may sound naïve; yet our tradition tells us that all Jews are responsible for one another. This year, more than ever, I am confident that our members will both look for and find support and security in this synagogue community.

B'Shalom,

Karmit Bulman, Executive Director

Lighting the Way

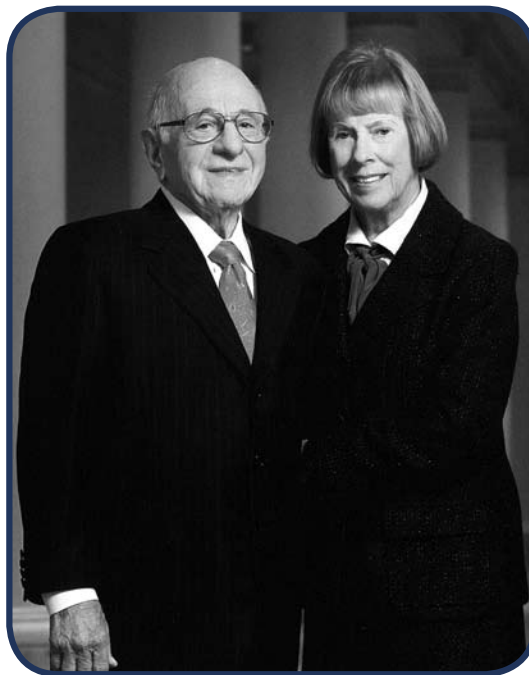
Leo and Doris Hodroff Opening a Door to the Jewish Community

The five wooden doors that open to the back of the Temple Israel sanctuary have special meaning for Leo and Doris Hodroff.

Each door represents a book of the Torah – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. But to the Hodroffs, these doors represent even more – family, community, the past, the future, and the cycle of life.

“As the owner of a funeral home, my father and the ushers would stand by the back doors of the sanctuary,” said Leo Hodroff, whose family founded Hodroff Funeral Chapels in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Over many years, the Hodroffs felt the sorrow and joys of many families, and experienced the hopes and dreams of an entire community from their posts at the sanctuary doors.

Today you will find a plaque next to the doors, dated 1979: “Sanctuary Doors in Memory of Abe A. & Lena Hodroff, and William Hodroff, by Leo A. & Doris Hodroff.” This commemoration to Hodroff’s father, mother and brother is a fitting memorial to a family that has played an integral and personal role in the lives of Temple Israel’s families since the Depression years.



Leo and Doris Hodroff

Leo Hodroff influenced and guided the family’s relationship with Temple Israel and the Twin Cities Jewish community from an early age.

When Leo was 12 years old, his father and uncle went into the funeral business in St. Paul, where there was no Jewish funeral home. This business was quickly successful, and the Hodroff family decided to open a second location.

In Minneapolis, Jews held funerals in their homes, or funeral arrangements were made by Orthodox or non-Jewish funeral homes. There was a niche to fill, and the Hodroffs

made their first connection with Temple Israel by renting the former Temple Israel building (then the congregation was called Shaarai Tov) at the corner of 10th Street and 5th Avenue. It wasn’t an up-to-date or modern facility and, unfortunately, the new Minneapolis funeral home struggled through the Depression.

“On school days, I played hooky and went to the funerals to usher. The principal helped me out by arranging a study period for me in the afternoon so I could get away,” Hodroff said.



At the same time, to start earning money for college, 14-year-old Hodroff secured three newspaper delivery routes. He'd get up at 3 a.m., bicycle downtown, and get to work. One of his paper routes was around Franklin and Stevens Avenues, where he noticed that a beautiful residence designed by prominent local architect, Edwin H. Hewitt, was in foreclosure. Hodroff was convinced that moving the funeral home to this new location and into this stately building would change the family's business fortunes. The young Leo convinced his reluctant father to talk with Hewitt, and today the business is still there.

Once the new building was remodeled, families from Temple Israel, Adath Jeshurn and the North Side began calling. "The image of the funeral changed around this time. Eulogies were added, and funerals became much more peaceful, quieter. People stopped crying in anguish, and the pace slowed," Hodroff said. Rabbi Albert Minda, from Temple Israel, liked the modern-style funeral the Hodroffs espoused and often referred families to them.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota as the first licensed Jewish mortician in the State of Minnesota, Hodroff started manufacturing embalming fluids in the basement of the family funeral home. He called his company the L.H. Kellogg Chemical Company, and later he added the Kelco Supply Company, which sold embalming supplies and equipment.

"Everything was sold by direct mail because I had to stay home and help my dad," Hodroff said. Later, Hodroff's two companies would become the largest of their kind in the country.

With his knack for business, Hodroff was soon in charge of running the funeral home, as well. "I liked my relationship with the rabbis and the people. I took care of and promoted the business, while my dad did most of the ushering," he said. "I got to know Rabbi

Max Shapiro from the time he first came to Temple Israel in 1955. We developed a close working, and personal, relationship. Whenever he needed something to be taken care of, I'd take care of it."

Meanwhile, a competent young woman with a background in journalism joined Hodroff's chemical supply business as secretary. It didn't take long before Hodroff noticed Doris' skill and promoted her to advertising manager. Together Leo and Doris worked side by side, building the business, and as their relationship grew closer, Leo asked for her hand in marriage. She was converted by Rabbi Shapiro, and on December 29, 1965, they were married at Temple Israel.

Throughout the years, the Hodroffs have been exceedingly generous to Temple Israel and the Jewish community, as well as to the University of Minnesota. Not only have they devoted

their business and professional lives to the Jewish community, but they have also served on multiple boards, helped with many projects and provided significant philanthropic support.

During the Sanctuary Restoration Campaign of the early 2000s, the Hodroffs decided to tackle a significant need at Temple that was apparent during many funerals. Together with Miles (z"l) and Shirley Fiterman, the two families funded the construction of the two wheelchair ramps that lead from the sanctuary floor to the bimah, making the bimah accessible to countless people for the first time.

Asked why the family supports the community and has given so much to Temple Israel over the years, Hodroff replied: "The community is like a family to me. When I'm there (at Temple Israel), it puts my mind at ease. It gives me solace to think about the meanings of the holidays, and what they mean to my life and our community."

~Written by Jeri Glick-Anderson, Development Director



Former location of both Temple Israel and the Hodroff Funeral Home

A Time to Learn



Tracy Bomberg
9th Grade Coordinator

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This year is an exciting time to be part of the 9th Grade Kallah Program! We have made some significant changes to the curriculum and the format based on input from parents and participants.

The new 9th Grade Kallah Program consists of a variety of events designed to help the teens become adult members of our Jewish community. The first kallah was geared towards creating a holy community, a kehillah kedoshah. The next three kallot focused on learning about needs within Temple Israel and educating the teens so they can serve our community. The themes cover Jewish views of death and dying; lifelong Jewish learning and Hebrew; and pikuach nefesh, the value of saving a life. Following study in all three areas, the teens will be prepared to select one service project tied to these themes and serve the larger Temple Israel community through the spring.

At the second kallah, the teens explored different beliefs about life after death and

This photo can be seen in the printed version of the January/February 2009 HaKol.

their responsibility as a community to support mourners. They visited Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel, where the teens learned with Rabbi Zimmerman and funeral director Jim Wardlow about the delicate process of caring for the deceased. The teens also discussed various ways to comfort mourners and deal with loss.

During the third kallah the teens examined the age-old tradition of study in Judaism. They explored Biblical texts at a new level, delving into the deeper meaning of Torah, and uncovering the story behind the story. The teens also learned different teaching techniques, so they will be able to pass on their knowledge to younger students in our community.

At the fourth kallah, the teens examined Judaism's beliefs about right to life issues and when one is required to preserve life. The teens were also challenged to take the Red Cross CPR class and are now certified to save a life.

Now that the teens have completed the first four kallot, they are prepared to serve our community in many different ways. The teens have chosen one of three service projects that will better Temple Israel and make our community stronger. The three projects include supporting mourners by attending daily worships services, assisting in the Hebrew school as advanced teaching aides, and serving as baby sitters at various Temple events. It will be quite special and exciting to see these teens give back to the place that has given them so much.

~Tracy Bomberg, 9th Grade Coordinator

Consecration 2008 Class Photo

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Upcoming Education Dates for January

- 1-4** Winter Break: No Hebrew or Religious School
- 5/6** Hebrew School resumes
- 7** Confirmation class
- 10/11** Religious School resumes
- 10** Pre-Kindergarten class meets
- 10/11** 4th Grade Family Education Program
- 10** 9th Grade Kallah @ TEKO (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- 11** 8th Grade ONLY Family Education Program (Noon – 3:00 p.m.)
- 14** Confirmation class (Trip Orientation and Family Education)
- 17-19** No Hebrew or Religious School: In honor of Martin Luther King
- 23-26** Confirmation Trip
- 25** 2nd Grade Family Education Program – Alef Roundup
- 25** 7th/8th Grade Program

Upcoming Education Dates for February

- 1** 7th Grade Family Education Program (No 8th Grade class, varied start times)
- 4** Confirmation class
- 7** Pre-Kindergarten class meets
- 7** 9th Grade Family Education @ Temple Israel (2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- 8** 7th/8th Grade Program
- 12-16** NFTY National Convention
- 14-16** No Hebrew or Religious School: President's Day Weekend
- 18** Confirmation Class

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Tips to Celebrate Tu BiSh'vat – Jewish Earth Day

By Melissa Rappaport Schiffman

You are not required to finish the task [of perfecting the world], yet you are not free to desist from it. -- Rabbi Tarfon PIRKE AVOT 2:21

Tu BiSh'vat—the New Year of the Trees—has been referred to as the Jewish Earth Day. Trees benefit us all socially, communally, environmentally, and economically. In the spirit of this Tu BiSh'vat, we thought it appropriate to once again list 18 tips that we can all do to help save our trees:

1. Use dishtowels instead of paper towels for drying dishes and kitchen spills.
2. Use cloth napkins for all of your meals.
3. Save previously used wrapping paper and use it again. Or, use swatches of fabric, newspaper, reusable gift bags or a cloth sack for gifts.
4. Keep cloth bags in your car, with your bicycle or by your front door for all your shopping needs instead of taking a paper bag or plastic bags (made of non-renewable sources).
5. Buy items with little or no packaging or in bulk that you can stock in your own containers.
6. Keep a commuter mug in your car, in your backpack, or at your office instead of taking a new, disposable, paper or plastic cup.
7. Avoid items made from rain forest woods such as rosewood, mahogany, teak, or ebony.
8. Make a commitment to purchase only wood products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC); ask for them at The Home Depot.
9. Pack a reusable lunch box or cloth bag; use reusable storage containers or food that needs no packaging (e.g., fresh fruit).
10. Send a virtual postcard to the US Forest Service at www.ourforests.org to support an effective policy to protect our national forests.
11. Reduce the number of catalogs you receive in the mail by registering through www.catalogchoice.org.
12. Use e-mail instead of paper memos; reduce the number of messages that you print out.
13. Set the default switch on your photocopier to double-sided or attach a friendly reminder on the machine.
14. Avoid using disposable plates and utensils.
15. Reuse paper that is clean on one side for in-house drafts, notes and photocopies.
16. Recycle office paper, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, colored paper and scrap wood.
17. Buy copier paper, paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper with at least 50% “post-consumer recycled content.” The higher the post-consumer content, the better.
18. PLANT A TREE! (To plant a tree in Israel, go to www.JNFtrees.com.)

If you would like to be involved in the Ner Tamid Task Force for Sustainability, please contact Lissie Rappaport Schiffman at LRSchifman@comcast.net.

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printed version of the January/February 2009 HaKol.

Temple Israel ECC

Recently, I was asked to comment on what it was like to be a Jewish parent with children in a Jewish Early Childhood Center. We have two children who are currently enrolled at Temple Israel Early Childhood Center (TI ECC) after making a transition from another pre-school last school year. Our transition was late in December, after what felt like the 100th Christmas holiday art project sent home with our children by the well-intentioned non-denominational pre-school. My husband and I realized we could not ignore that nagging feeling that this was not helping to create the Jewish identity we were hoping for with our children.

At ECC the classrooms are able to mirror the customs and traditions that we are celebrating in our home. Holidays have become more meaningful since they are connected to what is being discussed in class. The days of the week have more context since it is the buildup each week to Shabbat with the celebration in the Sanctuary and back in the classroom. The children love bringing home the fresh challah each Friday and saying the blessings at home as well. Birthdays now include “Yom Huledet Sameach” immediately after the traditional Happy Birthday song. All of these small, yet significant, connections are building blocks to the Jewish identity.

This is not to imply that an ECC education is the only way to build a Jewish identity, as our family knows firsthand. I was not raised in a Jewish home and my older daughter experienced a

different bridge to her Jewish identity. Her Jewish education was initiated later in grade school and she struggled with it at times. However, she recently had her Bat Mitzvah and we have seen the connection to Judaism truly solidify. She has commented multiple times how lucky her younger siblings are to be learning the traditions from an early age when it occurs so naturally.

Beyond the Jewish curriculum and wonderfully committed teachers, we find it tremendously rewarding that our children are learning within the walls of the Temple. As we arrive at school and make the transition from the chaotic commute we are able to enter the Temple, pause with our greeting to Lilly, and then journey down the hallway through the President’s Gallery and the Rabbi’s Gallery. As we walk toward the ECC wing I always peek into the Sanctuary and reflect (even if only for a moment) and feel reassured of where I am leaving my children. This hallway signals the transition that we are now in a safe place physically, spiritually and educationally which all align together to nurture the children for the day.

TI ECC excels on many levels – the quality of care, flexibility with family schedules, enrichment offerings, link to the neighborhood community and the commitment of staff to name a few. At Temple Israel we can be thankful that our families experience a wonderful combination of a Jewish preschool education while also achieving a high level of age appropriate care and development.

~Leslie Hines, TI ECC Parent



TIPTY's Stephan Larsen Wolf Memorial Meals-on-Wheels a Great Success

On November 26 hundreds of volunteers came together at Temple Israel for the 31st annual TIPTY (Temple Israel Program for Temple Youth) Meals-on-Wheels program. Nearly 350 meals were packed and delivered to families who, otherwise, would have been without a Thanksgiving meal.

As always, Anne and Allen Wolf's many friends and family members joined our TIPTY youth and other volunteers from Temple Israel and the community at large to honor the memory of their son, Stephan Larsen Wolf. The Wolfs have sponsored this successful program in Stephan's memory since 1992; their generous contribution ensures that Meals-on-Wheels will last for many years to come.



All of us at Temple Israel are grateful to Anne and Allen for their heartfelt enthusiasm and efforts aimed at building a sense of community and strengthening the spirit of caring and belonging to celebrate Stephan's life. Our sincere "thank you" goes to TIPTY for organizing this wonderful event and to all volunteers who donated their time and efforts.

Welcome Home from Israel: Rabbi Zimmerman & Temple Congregants

In celebration of Israel's 60th birthday, Rabbi Zimmerman and many of our Temple congregants participated in the Minneapolis Jewish Federation Community Mission to Israel, November 6 - 16, 2008. They explored both modern and historic sites and got an up-close experience of life in Israel. We were pleased that so many of our Temple members participated in this historic trip. Sharing in this memorable experience were...



Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman
Denise Edelstein
Jill Field
Bruce Goldstein
Kay Goldstein
Diane Kaplan

Howard Kaplan
Roz Kloner
Marvin Schwartzman
Joel Locketz
Sheila Gittleman Locketz
Kris MacDonald

Micki Naiman
Mort Naiman
Barry Ross
Francie Ross
Dana Rubin
Bob Weil

Mary Moos Weil
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Sheldon Weitz
Howard Zack
Kathy Zack

130th YEAR CELEBRATION: Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Stacy Offner



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Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Free and open to all

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by our rabbis. Come when you can!

Hebrew Study Group

Every Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Free and open to all, there is a fee for the text

This lay-led group is open to adults at all levels of Hebrew proficiency who want to study Biblical and Siddur Hebrew. Come when you can and as often as you like.

Food for Thought:

Downtown Jewish Study Group

Thursday, January 8, 12:15 p.m.

Free and open to all

Led by: Rabbi Saks

1653C Hennepin County Government Center
For more information or to be added to the e-mail notification list, please contact Wendy Schwartz.

Hold the Date for our next Scholar-in-Residence

Ruth W. Messinger

President of American Jewish World Service

Thursday, March 26 – Saturday, March 28, 2009

Highlights in Jewish History

Free and open to all

Instructor: Joseph Goldman, PhD

January 24 & February 28, 10:30 a.m.

January 24: The "Falwell Legacy:" Protestant Evangelicalism, Pulpit Politics, and "Love the Holy Land" without Judaism and Jews

February 28: Rosa Luxembourg: Socialist, Communist, Feminist, Jew - The Path from Radicalism to Sorrow and a Shameful Death

Kabbalah Sparks

January 26 & February 23, 7 - 9 p.m.

Free and open to all

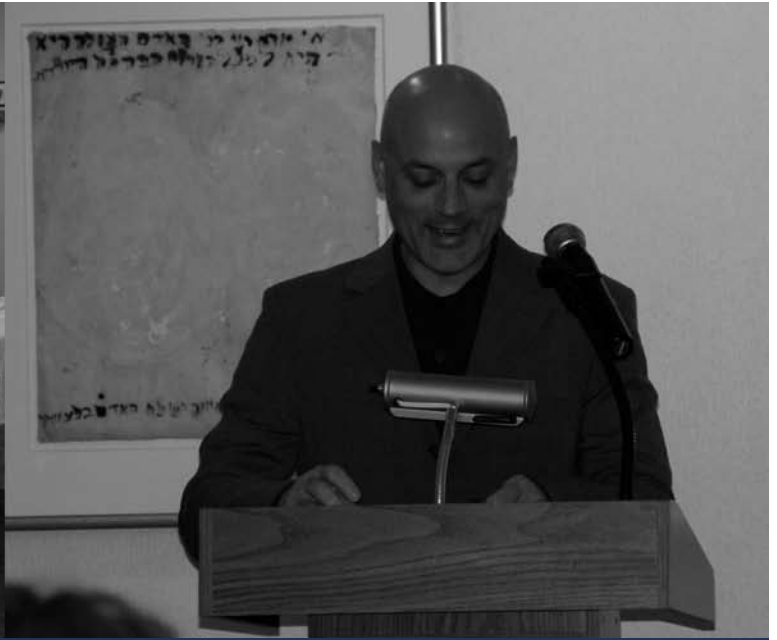
Instructor: Rabbi Glaser

Join us for a monthly study and meditation on Kabbalistic themes with Rabbi Sim Glaser. Some familiarity with the basics of Jewish mysticism is encouraged, but all inquisitive seekers are welcome. Come continuously, once in a while, often, never, or eternally, as fits your desire and schedule.

Please refer to the Adult Jewish Learning Brochure on our website, <http://www.templeisrael.com/AdultLearning.htm>, for full descriptions of our classes and other adult learning opportunities.

For more information, or to register, contact **Wendy Schwartz**, Adult Learning Coordinator, at **612-374-0344** or wswartz@templeisrael.com.

Holocaust Remembrance Program



Our thanks to the Grodnick Family for their support of the Temple Israel First Holocaust Remembrance Program. This program featured Daniel Mendelsohn, author of "THE LOST: A Search for Six of Six Million."

Sponsored by the Irving and Regina Lee Holocaust Remembrance Fund



Havdalah, Dinner & a Show with Sisterhood & Men's Club at the Guthrie Theatre

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Please purchase play tickets on your own at www.guthrietheater.org. Questions? Email us at sisterhood@templeisrael.com or call Christine Levin at 612-481-6107.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Looking for a Wedding Gift?

A Present for Yourself?

Bar or Bat Mitzvah Gift?

The Temple Gift Shop features Israeli national and local artists. All proceeds benefit Temple Israel's Sisterhood programs that help support Temple and the community.

SISTERHOOD DEDICATED FUNDS

RUTH & LYLE LEBOWSKY EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Amos Heilicher

In memory of Manny Swatez

Ruth & Lyle Lebowsky

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In memory of Jon Marker's grandmother

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In honor of Sonny Zukerman's special birthday

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Julie Sinykin & Buck Strifert

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Doris Rosen

In honor of Sherri Feuer's Installation

Sheri Yarosh

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In honor of Josh Kaplan's marriage

Sheri Yarosh

SISTERHOOD FUND

Wishing good health to Arlene Leibovich

Janice Kalin & Tory Stempf

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In the December issue of HaKol the High Holy Day Floral Fund Donation contributed by June & Alvin Perlman was incorrect. The dedication was to read:

In memory of our parents

June & Alvin Perlman

We apologize for our error.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Hamantaschen for Purim



Order delicious homemade hamantaschen from Sisterhood this Purim! Flavors choices are poppyseed, mixed fruit, apricot, and chocolate.

Each pre-ordered dozen is just \$11 and a half-dozen is \$6. Extras will be available for \$12 per dozen, but sell quickly, so place your pre-order today! **Pre-orders are due by February 20.**

Orders can be picked-up at the Sisterhood Gift Shop after 12 pm on March 1 and March 2—4 from 9 am—1 pm.

Please note: we cannot mail or freeze orders for later pick-up.

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING DAY is SUNDAY, MARCH 1 from 8 AM-5 PM.

Call Rita at 952.927.4928 to schedule a shift or with questions.

2009 Temple Israel Sisterhood Hamantaschen Order Form

Please return this form with your payment (checks made payable to *Temple Israel Sisterhood*) to:
Rita Stough, 2913 Princeton Ave S, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

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| Name | |
| Phone | |
| Email | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Poppyseed: | How many dozen? | ___ | 1/2 dozen? | ___ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed Fruit: | How many dozen? | ___ | 1/2 dozen? | ___ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apricot: | How many dozen? | ___ | 1/2 dozen? | ___ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chocolate: | How many dozen? | ___ | 1/2 dozen? | ___ |

Men's Club Corner

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Sunday, February 1, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

TIKKUN OLAM: Issues of Social Justice from a Reform Jewish Perspective.

Led by Rabbi Jared Saks

Reform Judaism has had a long history in the work of social justice. Our movement's relationship with God is rooted in the ethical teachings of the prophets including texts like, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8) and "Let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

Join us for this conversation with Rabbi Saks about the pressing social justice issues of our times and how the principles of Reform Judaism are helping to effect change in our world.

Breakfast, as always, is courtesy of Men's Club.

Sunday, February 8, 2009 12:45 - 3 p.m.

Men's Club Winter Family Fun - Snow Tubing at Elm Creek Park

A family fun event for only \$2 per person (regularly \$12). Men's club is sponsoring a trip to the snow tubing hill at Elm Creek Park. We will meet in the warming house at 12:45 p.m., and plan on tubing from 1 - 3 p.m. Elm Creek Park is located in Maple Grove, call 763-694-7894 for directions. Bring all your kids for a wild time on the hill. We will see you there. If you have questions, call Adam Olkon at 612-414-0707.

Sunday, March 1, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Men's Club Sunday Morning Sports Spectacular Forum with Mark Rosen

Mark Rosen is back! If you have not been to our annual sports spectacular with Mark, you are missing something special. "I don't care about the Twins, Vikings, Wolves or Wild" you say? Don't let that keep you away!

In past years, Mark has shared his memories of the "old" WCCO, growing up in St Louis Park, the changing face of television news, and his commitment to community matters - to name just a few items. And of course, there will be time for sports talk as well! And no matter what topic comes up, Mark always presents with a fun dose of wit and wisdom.

And, as in previous years, Men's Club will be awarding our assorted collection of sports memorabilia to those in attendance. Who knows what goodies we have to share this year?

All that, and breakfast too. You just have to be there! If you have any questions, call Lynn at 952-545-2509.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Cut out this portion and mail it to us (with your check made payable to "Men's Club"):
Men's Club, Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave
South, Minneapolis MN 55405

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

_____ \$36 (Basic Membership)
_____ \$36 (Camp Teko Project)
_____ Other (Mensch)
_____ Total

Remember, you do not have to be a man to support the programming of Men's Club.

Shabbat Schedule

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 2

- 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service
- 8 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 3

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
- 11:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group

Friday, January 9

- 6 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stacy Offner

Saturday, January 10

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group
- 10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Friday, January 16

- 6 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 17

- 9 a.m. Torah Study/Service
- 9:15 a.m. Stephanie Strifert Bat Mitzvah
- 10:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group
- 11:15 a.m. Joshua Margolis Bar Mitzvah

Friday, January 23

- 6 p.m. Shabbat Service with the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School

Saturday, January 24

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Highlights in Jewish History
- 11:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group

Friday, January 30

- 6 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 31

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group
- 10:40 a.m. Torah Study 101

FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 6

- 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service
- 8 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 7

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 9:15 a.m. Elayna Shapiro Bat Mitzvah
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
- 11:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group

Friday, February 13

- 6 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 14

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group
- 10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service
- 11:15 a.m. Jeremy Nowling Bar Mitzvah

Friday, February 20

- 6 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 21

- 9 a.m. Torah Study/Service
- 11:15 a.m. Sophie Marion Bat Mitzvah

Friday, February 27

- 6 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 28

- 9 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Highlights in Jewish History
- 11:15 a.m. Morgan Yesnes Bar Mitzvah
- 11:30 a.m. Hebrew Study Group

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 7 Shevat Men's Club Forum 9:15 a.m. Beginning Hebrew 10:30 a.m. Intermediate Hebrew 7th Grade Family Ed (varied start times) Sisterhood Kol-Isha Event (Off-Site) | 8 Shevat 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Anshei Mitzvah Class Introduction to Judaism | 9 Shevat | 10 Shevat 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. ECC Book Club Confirmation Class | 11 Shevat | 12 Shevat 6 p.m. 8 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service Shabbat Service Candle Lighting: 5:09 p.m. | 13 Shevat 7 9 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2 p.m. Torah portion: B'shalach Torah Study Elayna Shapiro Bar Mitzvah Cong. Shabbat Morning Service Hebrew Study Group Tu B'Sh'vat Potluck Sealer 9th Grade Family Ed |
| 14 Shevat 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 p.m. 1 p.m. Beginning Hebrew Intermediate Hebrew 8th Grade Program Sisterhood Mah Jongg | 15 Shevat 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Anshei Mitzvah Class Introduction to Judaism Tu B'Sh'vat | 16 Shevat | 17 Shevat 4:30 p.m. ECC Open House | 18 Shevat | 19 Shevat 6 p.m. Shabbat Service Candle Lighting: 5:19 p.m. | 20 Shevat 14 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Torah portion: Yitro Torah Study Hebrew Study Group Jewish Renewal Service Jeremy Nowling Bar Mitzvah No Religious School |
| 21 Shevat No Religious School | 22 Shevat No Hebrew School President's Day | 23 Shevat | 24 Shevat 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting Confirmation Class | 25 Shevat | 26 Shevat 6 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service Candle Lighting: 5:29 p.m. | 27 Shevat 21 9 a.m. 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Torah portion: Mishpatim TEKO Parent Open House Torah Study/Service Hebrew Study Group Sophie Marion Bar Mitzvah |
| 28 Shevat 9 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1 p.m. TEKO Parent Open House Beginning Hebrew Intermediate Hebrew Sisterhood Mah Jongg | 29 Shevat 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Kabbalah Sparks | 30 Shevat | 1 Adar 6 p.m. ECC Book Club Confirmation Class | 2 Adar | 3 Adar 6 p.m. Shabbat Service Candle Lighting: 5:39 p.m. | 4 Adar 28 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Torah portion: T'rumah Torah Study Highlights in Jewish History Morgan Yesnes Bar Mitzvah Hebrew Study Group |



Save the Dates

Day Camp (Entering grades K-6)

Session Alef: June 15-June 26

Session Bet: June 29-July 17

Session Gimmel: July 20-August 7

Overnight Camp (Entering grades 3-6)

2 weeks day camp & 1 week overnight camp

Chalutzim Bet:

Day Camp June 29-July 10,

Overnight Camp July 10-July 17

Chalutzim Gimmel:

Day Camp July 20-July 31,

Overnight Camp July 31-August 7

Specialty Camp (Entering grades K-6)

New for 2009!

August 10-14

Early Bird Discount: Postmark your registration by March 1 and get a \$30 discount for each session you register for.

Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award Nominations Requested

The Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of Temple Israel members, both within Temple Israel and in the community at large. The award is an expression of appreciation for and recognition of those who meet the following criteria:

- Whose actions personify Jewish values, the essence of community and volunteerism at Temple Israel and/or in the community at large.
- Whose actions influence others to engage in lifelong learning, meaningful worship, and/or participation within the Temple community or the community at large.
- Whose exceptional and/or innovative service to Temple Israel and its community has spanned ten or more years.
- Who has, through his or her years of volunteer service, garnered the respect and admiration of the Temple Israel community.

The award recipient will be honored at a recognition Shabbat service in the spring.

Please submit nominations for the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award before February 13, 2009 by completing the following information and returning it to Temple Israel or by contacting Miriam Seidenfeld at 612-374-0305 or mseidenfeld@templeisrael.com.

Your Name & Phone Number _____

I nominate _____ for the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service

Award because _____ .



Save the Date for these Temple Israel 130th Year Celebration Events

March 26 - March 28, 2009

Scholar-in-Residence
Ruth Messinger

May 3rd, 2009, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The Little Show
with Rabbi Glaser

May 15, 2009

Pre-Oneg and Special Shabbat
Honoring Founding Families
and those at Temple 50 years +
or three or more generations;

Scholar-in-Residence
Naomi Levy

May 29, 2009

Look Who's Turning 50,
A Night to Celebrate
Rabbi Zimmerman
and Cantor Abelson's
20 years in Rabbinate and
30 years in Cantorate

June 5, 2009 Annual Meeting

June 6, 2009
Torah Study and Lunch with
Past Temple Israel Rabbis

June 7, 2009 Block Party

June 12, 2009
Pre-Oneg and Special Shabbat
Honoring Past Presidents
and Past and Current
Board Members

