



“One whose wisdom is greater than one’s good deeds is like a tree with many branches but few roots. A wind will come and uproot it.

But one whose good deeds are greater than one's wisdom is likened to a tree with fewer branches and many roots, which no wind can uproot.”

—Pirkei Avot 3:17

Clergy Voice

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Rabbi Jared Saks

Friends,

When I was a child, my parents would go out with friends on New Year's Eve and my grandmother would come over to babysit for my brother and me. We always had 'pigs in a blanket' and other

treats. As I got older, New Year's Eve was a fun time to celebrate with friends and family. Still in spite of my fond memories and current enjoyment of New Year's Eve, I've realized that January 1st itself has little significance in my life.

As a student and as a teacher, I have counted the years from September to June, according to the academic year. As a Jew and as a rabbi, I count the years from Tishre to Tishre, the month containing Rosh HaShanah, according to the Jewish year. In recent years, I've stopped making New Year's Resolutions in January in exchange for teshuvah (repentance) in Tishre. I've found that making a personal pledge in connection with my spiritual reflection bears more weight than any promises I might make in January.

That being said, I acknowledge that New Year's Day still has significance for us as American Jews. As Jews, we don't need to reconcile ourselves to the idea that there is only one new year. Judaism has four new years. In Mishnah Rosh HaShanah, the rabbis teach that the first new year is the first of Nisan (the month of Passover in the spring); this is the new year for kings and festivals. The next one is the first of Elul (the summer month before Rosh HaShanah), which is the new year for tithing animals. The third is Rosh HaShanah, the new year for calendar years, as well as for produce. The last is Tu BiSh'vat, the 15th of the month of Shevat, which is the new year for trees, which usually occurs in February. As Americans, we also know that we don't need to reconcile ourselves to the idea that there is only one

new year. We are familiar with a variety of years: academic, fiscal, and even seasonal (like the time from one first snowfall to the next).

Judaism has always wrestled with what it means to be Jewish in a larger, non-Jewish context. Grappling with the secular new year is no different. New Year's Day as a day of celebration is nothing new to humanity and wrestling with Jewish involvement in it is nothing new to Judaism.

In *The Second Jewish Book of Why*, Alfred Kolatch explains that the Romans saw New Year's Day as a holiday for giving gifts. The purpose behind giving these gifts was to wish others a good year and good fortune. When the Romans invaded England in the first century BCE, they brought with them their custom of gift giving. It wasn't until the 5th century CE that New Year's Day was associated with Christianity. At that time, Christianity began observing New Year's Day as a celebration of the circumcision of Jesus; it falls on the eighth day following December 25.

As we mark the secular new year, we should consider what this moment means to us as Jews. In the 15th century CE, the German Jewish scholar Israel Isserlein noted that there was no real objection to Jews sending gifts to Christians on New Year's Day in accordance with the latter community's observance. It wasn't really a day of worship, but one for wishing others good luck. Nowadays, we do not need to avoid New Year's festivities, as we celebrate and wish one another, Jew and non-Jew alike, a good year ahead. But we know that the new year that really matters is the one that is still nine months off, or as American author Hal Borland put it, "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

B'virkat Shalom - With Blessings of Peace,

Rabbi Jared Saks



What's Happening

Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbis Zimmerman, Glaser and Saks, as well as occasional guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue. Come when you can! Torah Study is free and open to all. We welcome new participants to join us.

Men's Club Forum:

Temple Israel History and Behind the Scenes Tour

Sunday, January 10, 9:00 a.m.

Do you think you really know our beloved Temple Israel? Join Men's Club for a morning filled with Temple history and find out. Our forum will begin with Rabbi Zimmerman telling the story of 130+ years of Temple Israel (in less than an hour). We will continue with a walking tour of Temple led by Miriam Seidenfeld. Join us to see the basketball court with a four foot ceiling, go beneath the stars on Emerson Avenue, witness the coal chute in the furnace room, see the choir loft and discover other places inside Temple too secret to mention! As always, breakfast is courtesy of Men's Club and all are invited.

Food for Thought:

Downtown Jewish Study Group

Monday, January 11, 12:15 p.m.

1653C Hennepin County Government Center
Led by Rabbi Saks

Work downtown? Spend your lunch hour studying with the "Downtown Jewish Study Group." Sessions on a variety of topics are led by Temple Israel clergy, and other guest teachers. For more information or to be added to the e-mail notification list, please contact Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wschwartz@templeisrael.com.

Temple Israel Early Childhood Center Registration Begins

Monday, January 11 for the 2010-2011 School Year

Beginning on Monday, January 11, 2010, application forms for the coming school year will be available. Schedule a tour and see for yourself the wonderful classes available for children ages 16 months to 60 months (as of September 1, 2010). Please contact Trish Mintz, ECC Director, at 612-374-0334, for more information or to set up a tour. We offer discounted tuition rates to Temple Israel members.

"TIPTY's Got Talent" Show

**Auditions: Sunday, January 10, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. and
Monday, January 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Rehearsals: Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and
Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Performances: Saturday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. and
Sunday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.**

So you think you've got talent? Prove it. "Tipty's Got Talent" auditions are open to 7th - 12th graders. Auditions are on a first-come, first-served basis, and food will be provided on Sunday the 10th. If you aren't ready to show all you've got or you're more of a behind-the-scenes person, be a part of the crew and help with sound, lights, and backstage. For more information, please contact Laurel at lherold@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0349.

Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Shabbat Service led by the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School students, whose families are Temple members. 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. For more information please contact Deb at 952-591-9661.

Highlights in Jewish History

Saturday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Joe Goldman will lead a lively discussion, *The Protestant Reformation and Judaism: New Haters, Old Haters, and Jewish Emancipation*.

Congregational Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a congregational Shabbat morning service including the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Laden. All are invited to a Kiddush luncheon immediately following the service.

Gubernatorial Candidate Forum

Ending Homelessness: What do the Candidates have to say about Health, Housing and Jobs?

Sunday, January 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Temple Israel

The Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness invite you to a Candidate Forum. The focus is Ending Homelessness: What is the Role of Government in Meeting Basic Needs of Housing, Health Care and Jobs? How do our values inform our response? We are members of many faith traditions, all of which call on us to care for the vulnerable in our society. Join us for a lively dialogue.

What's Happening

Families Moving Forward

Sunday, January 24 - February 6

Temple Israel will be hosting our Families Moving Forward (FMF) friends for two weeks. We invite all of our volunteers from previous hosting weeks to join us. And, if you have not had the opportunity to volunteer and share your time and love with FMF, now is your chance! We need help cooking, serving and dining with our families, playing with the children, helping with homework and packing lunches, as well as staying overnight at Temple with our families and serving breakfast. Please e-mail Mark Ratner, at mratner@hotmail.com, if you'd like to schedule a date to do this wonderful mitzvah. Questions? Call Sue Tish McMorris at 612-669-5941.

Kabbalah Sparks

Mondays, January 25 & February 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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.

Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Zimmerman will lead our book club discussion of *Not Me: A Novel*, by Michael Lavigne. The Sisterhood book club is an informal gathering...we chat, nibble on sweets and talk about good books. Come join us! Please RSVP to Claudia Miller at 612-927-9140.

Torah Study 101

Saturday, January 30, 10:30 a.m.

Torah Study is for the curious and the inexperienced. We will study Torah and its significance in our lives today while gaining some basic skills and background in Torah study. No prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills necessary.

Tu BiSh'vat Seder

Saturday, January 30, 11:00 a.m.

Come celebrate Tu BiSh'vat at a beautiful seder celebrating the Jewish New Year of the trees, led by Rabbi Glaser and Terry Gips. 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. Please RSVP to Barb Nesheim at 612-374-0315. This event is free and open to all.

Sisterhood New Member Brunch

Sunday, January 31, 9:30 a.m.

A warm welcome to all of our new sisters who have joined Temple Israel's Sisterhood. Mark your calendars and join us at Temple Israel for a delicious brunch in your honor. You will meet other Sisterhood women, learn more about our fabulous organization and its many activities and opportunities.

RSVP by Monday, January 25 to Ellie Zimmerman, at 952-929-4813 or ellie.zimmerman@gmail.com, or Jan Saffron-Johnson, at 763-559-9360 or jansaff@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Sunday, January 31, 1:00 p.m.

Let's Play Mah Jongg! Bring a snack to share. Please RSVP to Marcy Frost at frostm@moss-barnett.com or 612-877-5338.

Hamantaschen Orders Due

Pre-orders are due by February 7

Hamantaschen Baking Day, February 21

See page 8 for more details.

Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award Nominations Requested

Nominations Due Friday, February 12

Please see the back cover for more information.

Men's Club Forum: Searching for Mazal: Kabbalah, Cosmology and the Origin of the Universe

Sunday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.

Come join Professor Larry Rudnick and Rabbi Sim Glaser at the Men's Club Forum as Jewish mysticism and science meet to contemplate the great beginnings.

Explore the fascinating parallels in thought and the questions posed through the ages: When did it happen? Are earth and humanity at the center of the universe? Is there a designer?

The origin of a delicious breakfast that morning will be our gracious Men's Club. All curious seekers welcome!

Purim Service and Megillah Reading

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Grab the entire family and throw on your costumes for a Purim Service and Megillah reading, led by our clergy. Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish Calendar.

During this fun-filled service you will laugh as our clergy perform the Purim schpiel and recount the story of Esther and Mordechai. You won't want to miss this celebration!

Family Purim Carnival

Sunday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the 2010 Purim Carnival for food, games and prizes. It's a treat for the whole family! More details to follow. Watch for our Purim postcard and more information in E-News.

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 1

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28–50:26

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 8

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1–6:1

10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Friday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Torah Study & Service—Va-eira, Exodus 6:2–9:35 followed by a Kiddush sponsored by Men's Club

Friday, January 22

6:00 p.m. Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School
Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—Bo, Exodus 10:1–13:16

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Laden

Friday, January 29

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—B'shalach, Exodus 13:17–17:16

9:15 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Adam Belzer

11:00 a.m. Tu BiSh'vat Seder

11:15 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Toffler

FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 5

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—Yitro, Exodus 18:1–20:23

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service

11:15 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Graham Colwell

Friday, February 12

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service, Sermon by Rabbi Sim Glaser:
*Darfur Update – A New Positive Approach to
Healing the Genocide of our Age*

Saturday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1–24:18

10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Friday, February 19

6:00 p.m. Caring Connections Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Torah Study & Service—T'rumah
Exodus 25:1–27:19 followed by a Kiddush
sponsored by Men's Club

11:15 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Berman-Jolton

Friday, February 26

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Torah Study—T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20–30:10

11:15 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Blumenthal

The Temple Israel Early Childhood Center still has a few openings in our Toddler, Preschool and Pre-K classes. Come be a part of all the fun and excitement as we laugh and learn together.

Please contact Trish Mintz, ECC Director, at 612-374-0334, for more information or to set up a tour so you can see our wonderful school in action.

We offer discounted tuition rates to members of Temple Israel!



Upcoming Youth and Education Dates for:

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

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| <p>1 - 3 No ECC, Religious or Hebrew School:
Winter Break</p> <p>4 ECC Resumes</p> <p>4/5 Hebrew School Resumes</p> <p>9 9th Grade Kallah
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Temple Israel</p> <p>9/10 Religious School Resumes</p> <p>4th Grade Family Education Program</p> <p>10 8th Grade ONLY Family Education
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
No 7th Grade Class Today</p> <p>13 Confirmation Class</p> <p>18 No ECC or Hebrew School:
In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>23 Pre-Kindergarten Class</p> <p>24 7th/8th Grade Program</p> <p>27 Confirmation Class with Bet Shalom at Temple Israel</p> <p>29 4th Grade Friday Evening Service and Dinner</p> | <p>2 ECC: Tu BiSh'vat Seder
2 and 5 day classes</p> <p>3 ECC: Tu BiSh'vat Seder
3 day classes</p> <p>Confirmation Class with Bet Shalom at Bet Shalom</p> <p>7 2nd Grade Family Education Program:
Alef Round-Up (All 2nd Grade Families Attend on Sunday)</p> <p>7th Grade ONLY Family Education Program
No 8th Grade Class Today</p> <p>10 Confirmation Class</p> <p>13 9th Grade Kallah Family Education Seminar
2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Temple</p> <p>13 - 16 No Religious or Hebrew School: President's Day Weekend/Mid-Winter Break</p> <p>15 No ECC: President's Day</p> <p>17/18 Hebrew School Resumes</p> <p>20/21 Religious School Resumes</p> <p>21 7th/8th Grade Program</p> <p>24 Confirmation Class: Family Education and Trip Orientation
Parents required to attend. This class is required of all students whether or not you are attending the trip.</p> <p>25 ECC: Purim Parade
2 and 5 day classes</p> <p>26 ECC: Purim Parade
3 day classes</p> <p>27 Pre-Kindergarten Class</p> <p>28 Purim Carnival following Religious School</p> |
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Scholarship Information

Many families are receiving brochures for summer camps and trips to Israel. We want to remind you that there are scholarships available for Temple Israel members. For additional community scholarship information or more detailed information, please contact each individual organization directly.

Temple Israel Scholarship

Contact: Barb Nesheim at 612-374-0315 or bnesheim@templeisrael.com.

Deadline: May 1

Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS)

Contact: Laurie Moser at 952-542-4843 or lmoser@jfcsmpls.org.

Deadline: End of March

Minneapolis Jewish Community Foundation

Contact: Ann Kaner-Roth at 952-417-2343 or akaner-roth@mplsfed.org.

Deadline: February 1

Temple Israel Religious and Hebrew Schools are beneficiaries of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation





Julia Elizabeth Laden
January 23, 2010

Bo Julia is the daughter of Laurie & Bill Laden; granddaughter of Esther & the late Louis Laden, Mel Conviser and the late Pat Gordon; sister of Rachel. Julia enjoys playing tennis and helping the elderly. She enjoys eating matzah ball soup during Passover. When she grows up, Julia wants to become an emergency room doctor. At Hopkins North Junior High School Julia's favorite subjects are Spanish and science. When asked about her Bat Mitzvah, Julia said, "I can't wait to share this special day with my family and friends."



Adam Marcus Belzer
January 30, 2010

B'shalach Adam is the son of Susan & Joseph Belzer; grandson of Joy & Don Belzer, and Genevieve & Delbert Wells; brother of Aaron and Bryan. Adam enjoys playing hockey and baseball and going camping. When he grows up, Adam wants to become a hockey player and an architect or an engineer. He takes pride in attending the Judaica class at Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, Adam said, "I like to discuss history and Torah with my mom, dad and teachers."



Jacob M. Toffler
January 30, 2010

B'shalach Jacob is the son of Sarah & Jeff Milligan-Toffler; grandson of Marcia & Jerry Sansby, Janet Storti & Edward Toffler, and Carol & Patrick Milligan. Jacob loves tennis and has won several tennis tournaments. He likes ping-pong, theatre and hanging out with friends. He takes pride in learning about the Jewish faith. At Lake Country School Jacob enjoys science, social studies, philosophy and woodworking. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, Jacob said, "I am excited and honored to take on the responsibilities and privileges of a young adult in the Jewish community."



Graham Maxwell Colwell
February 6, 2010

Yitro Graham is the son of Robert Cowell, Robin Colwell & John Steger; grandson of Joan & John Colwell, and Penny Veffler & Charlie Stall. Graham likes geography, basketball and all sports in general. At Valley View Middle School Graham enjoys geography, history, and math. He was proud to take part in the Math Olympiads program in 5th grade. When he grows up Graham wants to become an architect. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, Graham said, "I've had my ups and downs over the years but overall I found my Jewish education to be very worthwhile in my growth towards becoming a successful adult."



Jacob Louis Berman-Jolton
February 20, 2010

T'rumah Jacob is the son of Carolyn Beth Berman & Joseph Jerome Jolton; grandson of Eva R. & Stanley M. Jolton, and Bruce & the late Reyna S. Berman; brother of Rey Albert Berman-Jolton. Jacob likes playing Frisbee, Legos and video games. He also enjoys Godzilla movies, skiing and reading. He takes pride in working as a teaching assistant in the Temple Israel Religious School on Saturdays. At Hopkins North Junior High School his favorite subjects are math and science. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, Jacob said, "I'm nervous."



Eliana Joy Blumenthal
February 27, 2010

T'zaveh Eliana is the daughter of Peggy & Harlan Blumenthal; granddaughter of Ardis & Fred Blumenthal, and Barb & the late Henry (Fritz) Sikorski; great-granddaughter of Shirley Goldberger. Eliana enjoys arts & crafts, dance and volunteering at a local food shelf. She takes pride in attending Religious School at Temple Israel. At Minnetonka Middle School East Eliana is on the "A" honor roll and enjoys art, choir and Spanish. When asked about her Bat Mitzvah, Eliana said, "I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and to recite my portion for my family and friends."

Sisterhood Dedicated Funds October and November

This information can be found in our printed version of HaKol.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop

We are featuring the works of Sandra Brick

From kipot to mezuzot, challah covers to tallit, her goal is to produce high quality heirlooms to express beauty and spirituality in everyday life.

Sandra's work has appeared in national and international juried shows. Locally, the Minneapolis Institute of Art owns a piece of her Judaica in it's permanent collection.

Sandra does custom work too. The design possibilities are unlimited and you can participate in the design process.

Gift Shop Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fridays: 1 hour before services

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please call 612-377-8680 to confirm hours.

Save the Date for These Upcoming Sisterhood Community Service Activities

Sunday, January 24

Sisterhood hosts dinner for Families Moving Forward at Temple. To cook, set-up, serve or visit with our guests, please contact Liz Mack at 952-942-5912 or hemimack@aim.com.

Sunday, March 7

Sisterhood Blood Drive at Temple. To volunteer contact Debbie Donaldson at 612-810-5690 or alumate@aol.com

Sunday, May 9

Join the Sisterhood Friends and Family Race for the Cure Team! Help us make it the biggest team in Sisterhood history and reach our goal of 500 registrants to fight breast cancer. Details will follow in March Hakol.

Order your Hamentaschen for Purim

Order delicious homemade hamantaschen from Sisterhood this Purim. Flavor 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 a dozen, but sell quickly, place your pre-order today! **Pre-orders are due by Sunday, February 7.**

Hamantaschen orders can be picked up at the Sisterhood Gift Shop on Sunday, February 21 after 12:00 p.m. and on February 22 - 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please note: we cannot mail or freeze orders for later pick up.

Hamantaschen baking day is Sunday, February 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come join with your favorite sisters to bake Hamantaschen. Bring a friend or make new ones. Call Gayle Deshong at 612-203-2422 to schedule a shift or with questions.

2010 Temple Israel Sisterhood Hamantaschen Order Form

Please return this form with your payment (make your check payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood) to Aviva Weisberg, 3609 Grand Avenue South, Apt. 201, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Poppyseed How many dozen? _____ ½ dozen? _____

Mixed Fruit How many dozen? _____ ½ dozen? _____

Apricot How many dozen? _____ ½ dozen? _____

Chocolate How many dozen? _____ ½ dozen? _____

Lighting the Way

Cindy Ginsberg Family Assistance Fund

Providing Help When Illness Strikes

This story is about Cindy Ginsberg, beloved member of Temple Israel from birth till her death at age 57 this past September. The story starts with her first son, Andrew, and her daughter-in-law Emily.

Three years ago, Andrew was working at a non-profit in Chicago, Emily was working at a library, and they were enjoying raising their 4-month-old son Eli, when Emily was diagnosed with cancer. Suddenly, their world turned upside down. Down to one salary and dealing with chemo treatments, medical bills, supplements, protocols to return to health, daily expenses and child care, they found themselves struggling to pay the bills.

“We looked for help but there was almost nothing out there,” Andrew said. “We didn’t want to have to turn to our parents, and we were able to get some help with rental assistance and prescription medicines. But we needed help for day-to-day living – just to follow all the protocols, live a healthy life and return Emily back to health. We realized a gazillion dollars is spent on cancer research, but where’s the money to help people live?”

When Andrew’s mother, Cindy, heard about Emily’s illness, she was beside herself. She talked about Emily constantly and just wanted her to get through this. “It bothered her to no end when anybody



Cindy and David Ginsberg with their sons, about 1988. Andrew is seated in front. Back L-R: Adam, Todd and Charlie.

suffered needlessly, and especially her family,” Andrew said.

Today, thankfully, Emily is back to full health. But now the family is dealing with another blow.

Cindy herself was diagnosed with uterine/endometrial cancer in August 2008, and she died in September 2009.

Upon her death, the outpouring of support from family, friends and the community was tremendous, said Cindy’s husband of 32 years and Andrew’s father, David Ginsberg. The family set up a fund at Temple Israel to receive the many donations made in Cindy’s memory.

Originally, the family planned to call the fund the “Cynthia Ginsberg Women’s Cancer Fund.” But the name evolved to the “Cindy Ginsberg Family Assistance Fund” to better reflect the family’s intent – that any person or family experiencing financial hardship due to serious illness of any kind should be able to get help. Financial assistance from this fund will be allocated at the discretion of a member of the clergy.

“My mom always put everybody before herself,” said her third son, Adam. “No matter how sick she was herself, all she cared about was how other people were doing. This fund is in line with who she was.”

Added husband David, “Our entire family – Cindy’s parents Beverly and Paul Kunin, her sisters Wendi Tanner and Jennifer Kunin, as well as our sons, Andrew, Todd, Adam and Charlie – wanted to find a way to keep Cindy’s memory alive and help people in her name.”

The family created an endowed fund, which means the fund is invested through the Temple Israel Foundation and only up to 5% of the principal plus interest is used each year, so the fund will last forever.

“Our plan is to grow this fund so there will be significant assistance available annually to help struggling families,” David said. “This is something Cindy would have liked.”



Cindy and David.



Cindy with Andrew upon his college graduation.

How To Help

The family of Cindy Ginsberg has set up a fund at Temple Israel to provide assistance to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship due to serious illness. The assistance will be granted at the discretion of a member of the clergy. While the dollars available are limited at this time, the family would like to grow the fund to provide significant help to distressed families. To make tribute gifts through this fund, please send to the following address. For tribute gift donation forms, go to www.templeisrael.com and select “Donations.”

Cindy Ginsberg Family Assistance Fund
Temple Israel
2324 Emerson Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Green Corner

It Takes a Year

As we wrap up the first decade of the second millennium CE, what kind of future are we going to have? Is it sustainable for our children and their children to have a healthy, happy life? Are we doing as much as we can?

The Ner Tamid Task Force for Sustainability has been offering up ways to go green by relating four Jewish holidays to different aspects of sustainability. What I like about this is that not only does it give us all a religious context in which to go green, but it also breaks it down into smaller, more manageable chunks:

Quarter 1: Tu BiSh'vat - New Year of the Trees.

Help save our trees by reducing, reusing, and recycling paper and paper products.

Quarter 2: Passover - Spring Cleaning.

Reduce toxic chemicals in your home and improve indoor air quality by using environmentally-friendly cleaners, no-VOC paints and adhesives, and non-toxic lawn and garden supplies.

Quarter 3: Sukkot - Festival of the Harvest.

Buy locally and organically grown food—it is healthier for you and usually tastes better, too.

Quarter 4: Chanukah - Festival of Lights.

Reduce electricity consumption by switching out incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent or LED lights and/or getting a home energy audit.

This year, if you do have a new year's resolution to make a healthier, greener home, do not try to tackle everything all at once. It can take a year, at least!

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

Brought to you by the Ner Tamid Task Force for Sustainability. If you would like to get involved, please contact Lissie at LRSchifman@comcast.net



2009 Temple Israel Book Fair

The 2009 Book Fair to fund the Temple Israel Library was held the weekend of October 31 and November 1. I would like to thank all who helped throughout the weekend.

Marge Mark, Lilly Matson, Michelle Solomon and Kathy Zack unpacked the boxes and priced all the books.

The Book Fair created a “Mitzvah” opportunity for a few of Heidi Tarshish’s 7th and 8th grade students: Gabe Cohn, Graham Colwell, Abby Counihan, Ella Counihan, Carmel Huppert, Max Klein, Molly Pobel, Gillian Singer and parent supervisors, Susan Levy Cohn and Kate Singer.

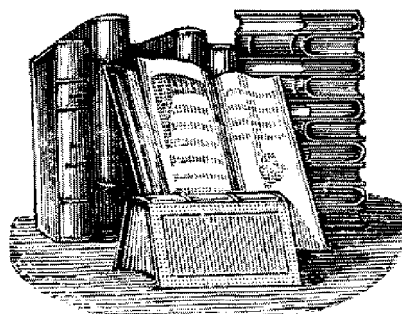
Sandra Friedman, Rachel Muntean and Jayne White were willing and wonderful helpers Saturday and Sunday.

Special thanks to Darcy Schnitzer, Administrative Director of Education, for scheduling time so every class had a chance to look at and pick books for their Chanukah “wish list.”

And many thanks to Georgia Kalman, Librarian extraordinaire!

Thank you all for your excellent help and, as I say every year, “We couldn’t do the Book Fair without you!”

~Alta Harris, Library Chairperson



Union for Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism 2009 Biennials

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Biennials are gatherings of Reform Jews from all over North America. The Biennials included learning, prayer and inspiration for the Reform Movement. Both the URJ and WRJ Biennials were held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and many members of our Temple family were able to attend.



*Back Row (L-R): Mark Weitz, Marcy Frost, Forrest Yesnes, Esther Schak
Middle Row (L-R): Howard Kaplan, Sherri Feuer, Myra Giesener,
Julie Zimmerman Berg, Mark Bloom, Denise Fogel
Front Row (L-R): Diane Kaplan, Muffy Rudnick, Carol Weitz,
Miriam Seidenfeld, Athena Feldshon*

URJ Nachshon Award

During the Biennial Temple Israel was awarded a 2009 Union for Reform Judaism Nachshon Award for the L'Dor V'Dor, Intergenerational Conversation program with Daniel Mendelsohn. L'Dor V'Dor was a part of the 2008 Holocaust Remembrance Program which was sponsored by the Irving and Regina Lee Holocaust Remembrance Fund.



Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the URJ, presenting the URJ Nachshon award to Rabbi Zimmerman and Muffy Rudnick, Temple President.

Second Phase of our Website

The second phase of our website development is nearing completion. This phase will allow you to login to a VeriSign™ secured “Members Only” area of our website.

You will soon be able to login to your Temple Israel account and update your member contact information, add or change child information, make a donation, register for Temple events, add or change yahrzeit information and much more.

In the spring we will be sending you a letter with more information about how to access your account.

All beginnings require that you unlock a new door.

—Rebbi Nachman of Breslov

– Save the Dates – Have Your Voice Be Heard

Temple Israel Strategic Planning Town Hall Forums

Learn about Judaism's 21st century trends!

Help to shape the future of Temple's ritual practices, educational programs, facilities, finances and more.

Join us during the morning or afternoon of **Sunday, March 7** or the evening of **Wednesday, April 7** to share your ideas and your dreams for Temple Israel.

Please contact Dan Ribnick (952-843-4440), Ellie Zimmerman (952-929-4813) or strategicplanning@templeisrael.com with questions or comments.

More information will follow in the March HaKol and in E-News.

P.S. Mark Your Calendars Now.

Sharing Our Lives

January Anniversaries

5th	Sheila Gittleman & Joel Locketz	1/1
15th	Harvey Filister & Ted Bair	1/13
25th	Luda & Alexander Epshteyn	1/5
50th	Merilyn & William Abrams	1/17

February Anniversaries

20th	Susan & Joshua Schneck	2/17
25th	Karen & Bruce Simon	2/16
30th	Julia & Bart Friske	2/13
30th	Marina Tankilevich & Gennadiy Bakman	2/16
35th	Randi & Alan Birk	2/8
35th	Judi & Richard Tice	2/15
40th	Pamela & Timothy Chandler	2/21

New Members

Yvette Baudelaire	Barbara S. Levie
Archelle Georgiov & David Feldshon	Adam Seymour
Denise Leary	

In Memory

Condolences to our Temple families who have recently lost a loved one.

Ginda Afremov, *Aunt of Michael Afremov*
Bernard Braun, *Father of Susan (Rand) Gottlieb*
Marie Czerepak, *Grandmother of Cynthia (Marvin) Gurewitz*
Judith Gracemen, *Sister-in-law of Mimi Gleekel*
Irving Herman, *Father of Jeffrey Herman*
George Horvath, *Father of Janet Horvath*
Evelyn Nathanson, *Sister-in-law of Marian Halpern*
Bernard Pasternak, *Uncle of Rabbi Zimmerman*
Russell Zakariasen, *Father of Emilee Markman*

Mazel Tov To...

- **Lilly J. Barron** on the birth of her granddaughter, Aislinn Bella Rose Hanner, on November 11, 2009. Aislinn is the daughter of Lilah A.R. Schurstein-Hanner & Cody W. Hanner.
- **Judith & David Bennett** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lila Rose Bennett Dinces, on October 22, 2009. Lila is the daughter of Sarah Ariel Bennett & Michael Dinces, and sister of Owen Samuel Bennett Dinces.

- **Karen and Jeffrey Bland** on the birth of their daughter, Colette Flora (“Coco”), on August 21, 2009. Coco is the granddaughter of Rhonda & Sheldon Bland.
- **Janis Sue Blindman Uffenheimer**, daughter of **Joanne & the late Bruce Blindman**, will receive her Au. D. Doctor of Audiology degree from Salus University George Osbourne School of Audiology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is currently working as an audiologist in Mission Viejo, California.
- **Mark Bloom**, on the release of his newest album *Holidays in Bloom*, a two-disc set.
- **Marvin Borman**, on receiving the 2009 Scoutmaster of Philanthropy Award from the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- **Carole & Mark Confeld** on the birth of their grandson, Jack David Stillman, on November 8, 2009. Jack is the son of Nancy & Craig Stillman and the brother of Madeline, age 6, and Chloe, age 3.
- **Michael Donohue and Carol Shapiro** on their appointment to the Alzheimer’s Disease Working Group, established by the 2009 Legislature and appointed by the Minnesota Board on Aging. The group will examine the services available to meet the needs of people diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and the capacity of the state and current providers to meet their needs.
- **Bruce Goodman** on being appointed to the Board of Advisors for the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of St. Thomas. This college includes the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning and the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center.
- **Jessi & Jeff Heidelberg** on the birth of their son, Jacob Ethan Heidelberg, on Thursday, November 19, 2009. Jacob is the grandson of **Jill & Bob Edelstein**, and the great grandson of **Jay & Joan Binder**.
- **Pam & Steve Krekelberg** on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Mac Krekelberg, on October 19, 2009.
- **Lindsay & Dana Litman** on the birth of their daughter, Nora Jane, on October 27, 2009. Nora was welcomed home by her brother Ethan, age 4.
- **Alyssa Lubov**, daughter of **Janet & Bill Lubov**, on receiving her Master’s degree with honors in Global Ethics from the University of Birmingham in England.
- **Jen & Mark Moreimi** on the birth of their son, Jacob Bennet Moreimi, on November 11, 2009. Jacob is the grandson of **Nanci Bloom, Mark Bloom**, and **Eva & Jack Moreimi**.
- **Sheryl M. Snitkin** on graduating from the AssistU Virtual Assistant training program.
- **Jean Quam** on being named Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

Camp TEKO 2010

Register Today!

Early Bird Discount
Half-off Registration Fee if
Application is Postmarked
On or Before 03/01/10.

Discount will be applied at time of first billing.

Pre-Early Bird Discount

No Registration Fee if
Application is Postmarked
On or Before 02/01/10.

Discount will be applied at time of first billing.

Day Camp (Entering grades K-6)

Session Alef: June 21 - July 2

Session Bet: July 5 - July 23

Session Gimmel: July 26 - August 13

Overnight Camp (Entering grades 3-6)

2 Weeks Day Camp and 1 Week Overnight Camp

Chalutzim Bet: Day Camp July 5 - July 16,

Overnight Camp July 16 - July 23

Chalutzim Gimmel: Day Camp July 26 - August 6,

Overnight Camp August 6 - August 13

Specialty Week (Entering grades K-6)

August 16 - August 20

Questions about Camp TEKO??

To learn more about Camp TEKO,
 please visit the website at www.teko.org.

Contact Camp Director, Tracy Bomberg,
 at 612-374-0321 or tbomberg@templeisrael.com.



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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 our annual meeting in June 2010.

Please submit nominations for the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award, before February 12, 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 _____
