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Notes from the President

Warm up your winter at the Temple

By Scott Bram
President

It's the dead of winter. What a great time to sit, read, and reflect! I know of a great place to do this, or at least to start you off in the right direction. The Jane Henry Memorial Library/Chapel has some incredible books on Jewish history, humor, children's topics, plus magazines. Whenever

I am in there for a Temple function or service, I always browse the shelves. I have even borrowed some books. You will find books there that you may not be exposed to anywhere else. The library is a hidden treasure. Please take advantage of it.

As for curing the winter blues — come to services to warm your soul and socialize with friends.

Don't forget the Panera Bread Strip program. Buy fresh bagels and support the Temple at the same time. Please call Judy at the Temple office for details. There are also empty ink jet cartridge and food certificate programs that help raise money.

From the Rabbi's Study

An exciting journey to Israel awaits

At the time most people read this article, I will be in Israel. I am going on a seven-day mission just for rabbis sponsored by ARZA (American Reform Zionist Association) and the ARZA Rabbinic Council.

When I first saw the itinerary for this trip, just a few weeks ago, I got tired just reading it. It is filled with some very exciting and unique opportunities. Besides allowing rabbinic colleagues to travel, study, and pray together, it includes meetings with Israeli government and

military officials. We will be meeting members of the Israeli Parliament spanning from the left and right extremes of Israeli life. We will meet with average Israelis and learn how the current situation in Israel affects their day-to-day lives.

I am looking forward to seeing many of my Israeli colleagues and hearing about the progress they have made.

In addition, I am hoping to spend some time with Rabbi Maya Leibovich of Congregation Mevasseret Tzion, who lives just outside of Jerusalem. Mevasseret Tzion is the Israeli

congregation we have raised money for the past couple of Chanukahs. (This year's donations, however, were very disappointing.)

We will have the opportunity to visit our sister Reform congregations in Israel and share Shabbat with them. We will meet with first-year rabbinical, cantorial, and education students at the Hebrew Union College's campus in Jerusalem.

Overall, it should be a busy, but very rewarding week away.

I look forward to sharing my thoughts and impressions on this exciting trip with you over the coming

February Highlights

Friday, Feb. 4: Shabbat service, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5: Shabbat service, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 11: Shabbat with Grade 7, 7:45 (no dinner)

Sunday, Feb. 13: Men's Club, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 25-Sunday, Feb. 27: Artist in Residence Weekend

Saturday, Feb. 26: Mid-Winter Family Night, Havdallah and Tot Shabbat, 5-8 p.m.

Friday night services at 7:45 unless otherwise noted
Babysitting available at all services

**Mark your calendars for
the weekend of Feb. 25-
27!!!**

**Artist in Residence
Weekend**

*Bulletin sponsored by
Sylvia Schiff
in memory of my loving
husband, Leonard Schiff Jr.*



Sisterhood news

Mark your calendar for big upcoming activities

By Carol Freed and Karen Robinson

Hello from the Sisterhood! We hope everyone is enjoying their winter and staying warm.

Thank you to all who attended the RCOS & KZ Joint Sisterhood/Men's Club Breakfast at KZ. A good time was had by all! Thank you for supporting this wonderful event.

Mark your calendars for Feb. 25-27. You won't want to miss the Artist in Residence weekend. Please come and join the Sisterhood and other committees Feb. 26 for a joint Havdallah and Family Night. The Artist in Residence program will be a weekend filled with fun and activities for the whole family. We hope to see you there.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain the Sisterhood Florence Frank Offering Fund to those newcomers who may not be familiar with it. Florence

Frank was the widow of a past Rabbi in the very early years of our Congregation. The fund was started in memory of her. If you are interested in donating to this fund there is a minimum \$3 donation. Donations may be sent to Shirley Friedman or Marilyn Frank (details on Page 6). A special thank you to Shirley and Marilyn for handling this responsibility.

March will be a busy month for the Sisterhood. We have many fun-filled events planned and we hope you can join us. March 13 is our RCOS Sisterhood "Thank You" Breakfast. Please come and enjoy a complimentary breakfast hosted by Sisterhood to thank all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. Watch your mail for further details. March 18 is our Sisterhood Shabbat. If you are interested in participating in the

service, please call Karen Hogg. We hope you will join us and help support the Sisterhood. Watch your mail for a new and exciting Purim box fundraiser from the Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood couldn't possibly do all that we do without the continuous support of the volunteers. If you are willing to give us a small amount of your time, we would appreciate your help with organizing an event or volunteering to work in the gift shop. Please contact Carol Freed or Karen Robinson if you would like to be involved. If anyone is interested in helping Sisterhood plan for Comedy Night, please call Elyse Horowitz.

Please stop by the gift shop and see all the fabulous merchandise and receive 20% off all the time. We will also take special orders, so let us know if you don't

Perpetual Memorials

February 6 – February 12

Hattie Horowitz
Franklin A. Herman
Mildred H. Lurio
Ruth Y. Ruttenberg
Josef Goldstein

February 13 – February 19

David Grotta
Goldie Schachter

Leonard Schiff, Jr.

Rebecca Bash
Thelma Garfinkle
Isaac Goldsmith
Jacob H. Miller
Virginia Smith Sinaink
Ralph Brok
Abram B. Luria
Meyer Lurio

February 20 – February 26

Emanuel B. Friedman
Fred Stein
Hannah Bash
Henrietta Camp
Irwin Kins
Rudolf Abrams
Carrye L. Loewenstein
Sylvia R. Ball
Samuel L. Shaffer

Belle Edelstein
Stanley Folkman
Lawrence Schlanger

February 27 – March 5

Harry Edelstein
Rachel Loeb
Bessie Meyer
Roy P. Hirshland

Food Fest 2004 yields \$14,037 and lots of community spirit

The numbers are in and the bottom line is terrific. The 4th annual Food and Cultural festival showed a profit of \$14,037, up by over \$2,000 from last year. Most of the increase is from the every-growing number of advertisers in our program book, which raised \$4,500 this year. We seem to double that figure each time, so our goal for 2005 is clear.

Now for the fun part: spending the money. At the January festival committee meeting the following allocations were unanimously approved:

- \$6,000** toward principle of the mortgage
- \$6,000** for the student cantor program
- \$4,500** toward the purchase of new chairs for the social hall
- \$3,000** for kitchen and office equipment
- \$ 300** as a donation to MAZON
- \$ 300** as a donation to aid Tsumani recovery efforts

This still leaves us with a comfortable balance for unexpected food festival needs and a "carrying over" fund to get us started for next year. And that will be the 5th (would you believe?) Annual Food

Festival on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The above numbers make very clear the importance of this project to our congregation's well being. We hope that EVERY MEMBER will get involved in the numerous opportunities to help before, during, and after the event.

There are a few leftovers in the freezer: Matzo ball soup and kasha varnishka are available for \$1 a quart; large knishes for \$6 per half dozen, and a box of four small knishes for \$2. Stop by the Temple any time and pick up and pay



Religious School News

Help raise funds and make Passover special

By **Beth Bruck and Cheryl Spillerman**
Religious School Administrators

We have embarked on a double fundraiser this year, information on which you should have received in a January mailing.

As in past years, we are again selling Barton's candy. Once upon a time, this was the only way many of us were able to get our Passover candy. Fortunately, times have changed and Passover products are more readily available. Unfortunately, times have changed and in recent years, our candy sale has not been very profitable. Please consider buying at least some of your candy through the Religious School this year. The money we raise will benefit our

children. (Please refer to the order form in this bulletin.)

A new and exciting fundraiser is The Promise Haggadah. A full description and order form accompanied the Rabbi's letter in the mailing you received and there is an additional order form inserted in this bulletin. Samples are available in the Temple's main office as well as the Religious School office, so stop by and browse through one. They will be a wonderful addition to your Passover traditions and very beautiful and personalized gifts for extended family and friends. And, best of all, our Religious School receives 18 percent of the proceeds!

So please get your orders in for the Passover Candy Sale (deadline Feb. 22) and

The Promise Haggadah fund-raiser (deadline Feb. 13). First Seder is April 23.

Parents of students in grades 1 through 7 should have received report cards. Please be sure to return the bottom portion and feel free to discuss any issues and/or concerns with the teacher(s).

As for our "reading corner" in the art room, if there is anyone interested in helping to organize our little library, please contact us.

February Calendar

Feb. 6: Pre K/Kindergarten and Confirmation

Feb. 11: Grade 7 Shabbat Service

Feb. 20: NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Weekend

Feb. 27: Pre K/Kindergarten and

FROM OUR MAILBOX

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the gracious hospitality that you offered our community last Friday. (*Chanukah dinner and service.*) We really appreciated sharing a meal, craft activity and the service with you. For some of our children, this was the first

time they'd attended a synagogue, and they left feeling warmly welcomed and respectful of the beauty of your tradition.

We sincerely hope that many in your congregation will join us at our church next year for breakfast and the Children's Sabbath service. Thank you again,

especially Rabbi Michelson, Jo Cohn, Nancy Knoblauch, the Sisterhood and the Men's Club.

Sincerely,
Joanna Groebel,
Director of Religious Education
First Unitarian Universalist

Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up and you don't know what to give?

How about a leaf on our Tree of Life!

On your own or with several friends you can give a gift that lasts

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The Jane Henry Memorial Fund

The Jane Henry Memorial Fund is not just a camp fund for youth. It will help anyone in need, particularly young people. This fund will consider aiding someone during difficult, needy periods.

In honor of the birth of a grandson to Herb and Sue Wachs
Maxine & Dick Henry

Get well wishes to Lee Katz
Harriet Leisawitz
Maxine & Dick Henry

In memory of Susan Mendelsohn
Lee & Judy Katz

In memory of Stanley Jentleson
Judy & Lee Katz

In memory of H. Robert Gilbert
Lynn & Norbert Salpeter
Bobbie Singer
Judy & Lee Katz

In memory of Jacob H. Miller
Saul "Marty" Miller

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Maxine & Dick Henry

Greater Temple Fund

In memory of Susan Mendelsohn
Ethel & Larry Merson

In memory of Ethel Sherman from:
Iris M. Leshner

Bob & Kaye Ullman
Victor & Dena Hammel
Charles & Diane Andre
Susan Schlanger
Naum & Lyudmila Ger
Leah Levin
Evelyn R. Rosenfeld

In memory of H. Robert Gilbert
Shirley Boscov

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
In memory of Laura Mendelsohn
Maryjane Ricci

In honor of Samuel Fredric Wachs' birth and Brit Milah
Jon & Kathy Wachs

In memory of Henry M. Schneider
Nancy & Murry Knoblauch

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Sylvia Schiff

In memory of Meyer Jaskulek
Helen Rappoport
New Building Fund

A donation has been received from
Bill & Beth Anne Wolf

In honor of Rabbi Brian Michelson
Sally Gilbert

In honor of the birth of son, Samuel to Kathie and Jon Wachs
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

In honor of the birth of grandson Samuel, to Herb & Sue Wachs
Hilde Gensheimer and Fred Jakobs
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

Speedy recovery to Lee Katz
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs
Helen J. Rappoport

In memory of H. Robert Gilbert
Helen J. Rappoport
Sue & George Viener
Betty J. Margolis
Ruth Jaskulek & Family
The Bram Family
Sue and Herb Wachs

In memory of Ethel Sherman from:
Eric and Deborah Zelnick

In memory of Gerald Frank
The Bram Family

In memory of Susan Mendelsohn
The Bram Family
In memory of Seymour Kurlancheek

The Bram Family

In memory of Ethel Sherman
The Bram Family
Harriet Baskin
The Bender Family

In memory of David Beckerman
Norma, Marty, Andy and Erica Beckerman

In memory of Eugene Riegler
Norma, Marty, Andy and Erica Beckerman

In honor of Carol Freed's conversion
Harriet Baskin

In honor of Amy and Lee Berger's new baby
Harriet Baskin

General Fund
Thanks for the kindness and concern extended to me in memory of my daughter, Susan
Edith Mendelsohn

We want to thank everyone who sent us greetings for our 40th wedding anniversary and best wishes for Lyudmila's birthday
Naum & Lyudmila Ger

Defibrillator Fund
Donations have been received from

Rosalind Hyman
Richard & Maxine Henry

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

Shirley K. Jacobs Religious School Fund

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Martin & Norma Beckerman

Holocaust Memorial Garden
In honor of all the good wishes for Fred's recovery and in honor of all who sent Uniongrams for our anniversary
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

In honor of Rosalye and Richard Yashek's 50th anniversary
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

In memory of Edith Mendelsohn's daughter, Susan Mendelsohn
Phyllis Schlanger

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Phyllis Schlanger
hanukah Donations to Congregation Mevasseret Zion,

We want to thank everyone who sent us greetings for our 40th wedding anniversary and for the Uniongrams Lyudmila received for her birthday.

Naum and Lyudmila Ger

Thanks for all the kindness and concern extended in memory of my daughter, Susan.

Edith Mendelsohn



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SELL “MISS CHOCOLATE” BARTON’S CANDY FOR PASSOVER

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom Religious School students will be selling BARTON’S PASSOVER CANDY this year as a school fund-raiser! Below you will find a listing of choices and prices of the candy being offered. Please look over the list and make your choices. Contact the Temple office or any Hebrew or Religious School student to place your order. All checks should be made out to the RCOS Religious School.

Please support our school. We’re working together to “Fund our Children’s Future.” We appreciate your help and cooperation.

The deadline for orders is Feb. 22.

Item	• Pareve candy marked “P”		• Dairy candy marked “D”	
	Wgt.	Price	Amt.	Cost
A. Pareve Bar “P”	2.5 oz.	\$2.50	_____	_____
B. Cho.Cov.Macaroons “P”	8 oz.	\$10.00	_____	_____
C. Cho.Cov. Marshmallows “P”	7 oz.	\$11.50	_____	_____
D. Cho. Macaroons “P”	10 oz.	\$7.50	_____	_____
E. Vanilla Macaroons “P”	10 oz.	\$7.50	_____	_____
F. Fruit Slices “P”	12 oz.	\$13.00	_____	_____
G. Dark Cho. Matzo “P”	10 oz.	\$13.50	_____	_____
H. Passover Assortment “P”	6 oz.	\$12.50	_____	_____
I. Seder Mints “P”	6 oz.	\$10.50	_____	_____
J. Raspberry Cho. Jellies “P”	9 oz.	\$11.00	_____	_____
K. Almond Bark “P”	5 oz.	\$10.00	_____	_____
L. Milk & Dark Cho. Asst. “D”	16 oz.	\$25.00	_____	_____
M. Almond Butter Crunch “D”	8 oz.	\$13.50	_____	_____
N. Almond Kisses “D”	10 oz.	\$15.00	_____	_____
O. Cashew Butter Crunch “D”	6 oz.	\$9.50	_____	_____
P. Cho. Caramel Daisies “D”	6 oz.	\$10.50	_____	_____
Q. Milk Cho. Matzo “D”	10 oz.	\$13.50	_____	_____
R. Lollycones “D”	2.5 oz.	\$5.50	_____	_____
S. Caramel Nut Clusters “D”	5.5 oz.	\$11.00	_____	_____
T. Milk Bar “D”	2.5 oz.	\$2.50	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____	_____

Again, please contact a Religious School student with your order or call the Temple Office. If you wish to stop at the office, forms will be available to be filled out.

Checks must be made out to RCOS Religious School.

Thanks for your support.



Sisterhood Florence Frank Offering Fund

To Ann Popp in memory of her father Bill Popp
Mrs. Sue Wolfe

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Scott Bram in honor of their anniversary
Mrs. Barbara Stein.
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman

Get well wishes to Doris Kelsey
Mrs. Barbara Stein

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Wachs in honor of their new grandson
Mrs. Barbara Stein

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jon Wachs on the birth of their son
Mrs. Barbara Stein

Get well wishes to Lee Katz
Mrs. Barbara Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wittenberg
Mrs. Edith Blanck

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruck in honor of their grandson
The Rev. & Mrs. Tiff Bates
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Dorothy Schlanger

To Mrs. Sally Gilbert in memory of her husband Robert
Mrs. Barbara Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Dr. & Mrs. Eric Zelnick
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Balis
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wittenberg
Mrs. Trudy Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brok

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Rotenberg in the arrival of their daughter
Mrs. Dorothy Schlanger

To Dr. Ronald Miller in honor of his birthday
Dr. & Mrs. Eric Zelnick

To Mrs. Barbara Perilstein in memory of her mother
Mrs. Dorothy Schlanger

To Ted Sherman in memory of his mother Ethel Sherman
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Sue Wolfe
Mrs. Edythe Stern
Mrs. Barbara Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Balis
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shore
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wittenberg

To Mrs. Edith Mendelsohn in memory of her daughter
Mr. & Mrs. Naum Ger
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Balis

Kindly send Florence Frank Offering Fund contributions to Mrs. Marilyn Frank, Phoebe Village, 9 Reading Ave., Wernersville, PA 19565; or Mrs. Gene Friedman, 107 Primrose Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

Thanks to all who sent us anniversary wishes.
Rabbi Brian and Holly Michelson

KENNEDY HOUSE ON MARCH 27!!

We need volunteers to help with the Sunday dinner at the Kennedy House on Easter, March 27. Adults and members of the Confirmation Class are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monetary donations would be appreciated to help off-set the cost of the meal.

Please contact **Barbara Rosenzweig, 610-775-5383** or call the Temple office if you are

Panera Bread

Coupons:

We are still offering Panera Bread coupons for \$9.00 a strip. There are six coupons on a strip and each coupon is redeemable for three bagels of your choice. The Temple purchased these coupons quite a while ago, and as of Dec. 31, Panera Breads has discontinued the offer.

However, any coupons that were bought before Dec. 31 will be honored. That means the coupons in the Temple office are being honored whenever you want to use them.

Please consider buying some bagel strips and help the Temple with this important fund-raiser. Contact the office at 610-375-6034 and get your coupons today!

No laughing matter

The date for Comedy Night has been changed from May 14 to **May 21**. Please mark your calendar.

Share your empty ink cartridges

Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Samsung, Kodak, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty cartridges (inside a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) and we will have them recycled. The money we get to recycle them helps the





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