



Our Temple

March 2005

Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

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Notes from the President

Many reasons to be happy this month

By Scott Bram
President

Purim is one of my favorite holidays. It's joyous, festive, and a bit wild. Purim has been called the Jewish Mardi Gras. In New York and Israel, people really go wild. Here at the Temple we dress up in

costume and make lots of noise when we hear the name of "Haman." I like to use a giant wooden grogger that sounds really loud. If you would like to get one like that, see the ladies in the gift shop.

March is also the month where we look for a change in the weather. This is a

good time to come to Sabbath services. I invite everyone to join with us as we usher in Shabbat together. Friday night services seem to form a nice end to the regular work week. The services help me to relax after the stress of work and set my weekend off to a good start. I hope to

From the Rabbi's Study

Joy of Adar multiplied by two this year

The Hebrew month of Adar has always been considered one of the happiest months on the Hebrew calendar. There is an expression in Hebrew, "*M'Shichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha*"—When Adar rolls around we increase our joy." Spring is beginning and the month includes the joyous celebration of Purim. It is also a reminder that Pesach is only four weeks away.

This year we have double the reason for

celebration, because this Hebrew year is a leap year, which means we have two months of Adar. Just like the solar calendar, the Jewish calendar adds in extra time seven out of every 19 years. This helps ensure that the harvest festivals are celebrated around the right time of the year and that we don't end up celebrating Chanukah over the summer (at least in the Northern Hemisphere).

Why do we double Adar as opposed to any other month? The reason goes back to the Torah. The order of the Hebrew months in the Torah begins with the Hebrew month

Nissan (the month when Passover falls), because the Torah records our history as a people beginning with the Exodus from Egypt. Therefore, Nissan is the first month and Adar is the last month. Therefore, when a leap year is needed, the extra time is added to the very end of the Torah's year. Whenever we have a leap year, the celebration of Purim moves to the second month of Adar. Therefore, our communal celebration will fall on Thursday evening, March 24. I hope to see you all there.

May these months of Adar be filled

March Highlights

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

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

Friday, March 11: Shabbat and dinner with Grade 1, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 13: Sisterhood Thank You Brunch, 10 a.m.

Friday, March 18: Sisterhood Shabbat, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 19: Tot Shabbat, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 20: Men's Club, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 24: Community Purim Celebration at Shomrei Habrith

Friday night services at 7:45 unless otherwise noted

Babysitting available at all services

Happy Purim!

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*in memory of brother
Samuel and father Jacob
Weiner*



Religious School News

One successful program follows another

By Beth Bruck and Cheryl Spillerman
Religious School Administrators

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the Religious School was delighted by the talents of the weekend’s Artists-in-Residence. Renee Brachfeld, a storyteller and juggler, and her husband, Cantor Mark Novak, entertained the students and their parents from Tot Shabbat through Grade 2. Israeli Folk Dancing followed for grades 3 through 5 and the morning’s schedule concluded with a program for our older students in the 6th and 7th grades.

We hope everyone enjoyed the special day.

On Sunday, March 20, we will have our Purim celebration. The morning will begin with the Pre K through fourth graders hard at work making groggers. Their efforts will be rewarded with delicious hamantaschen for snack and, later, a performance of the story of Esther (shortened version) by the fifth, sixth, and

seventh graders. We look forward to lots of fun, Purim music with Cantor Liz, and lots of noise from those groggers!

Also, please note that March 20 is the deadline for the seventh grade’s mitzvah project — collecting old cell phones to help victims of domestic violence and the frail elderly (sponsored by the Mitzvah Projects Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia). You can drop off your old phones, batteries and chargers at the Religious School office or the main office of the Temple.

One last note to parents — please remind your child(ren) to bring in tzedakah and/or non-perishables for the Food Bank each week. Reinforcing the idea of charity makes it possible to help those less fortunate as we did this past January — with tzedakah money left over from prior years, the Religious School made a donation of \$118 to the Save the Children’s Tsunami Relief Fund.

And thanks to everyone who ordered “Promise” Haggadahs and Passover candy and helped our Religious School’s fundraising efforts — every little bit helps!

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES:

March 6 and March 20: Pre K, Kindergarten and Confirmation

March 11: Grade 1 Shabbat Service and Dinner

March 22: No Hebrew School — Spring Break

March 27: No Religious School — Spring Break

Happy birthday wishes to Rachael and Erica Hamilton, Derian Haas, Jason Bram and Alison Levy!

Looking Ahead to April (and Spring!)

April 3 and April 17: Pre K, Kindergarten and Confirmation

April 8: Grade 5 Shabbat Service

April 24: No Religious School — Passover

Perpetual Memorials

March 6 – March 12

Adeline Reidenberg
Isaac L. Scherck
Betty Herman
Irving Popkin
Jean Gilbert
Rachel Loeb Stein
Jeanette Miller Brenner

March 13 – March 19

Kathryn H. Soltau
Louise Rachlin
Henry Loeb
Emanuel Hammel
Eugene H. Meyer

March 20 – 26

Esther Aal
Jane Henry
Solly L. Katz
Harold I. Miller
Hilda Klevansky

March 27 – April 2

Evelyn Imber
Joseph Schlanger
Jochen Jaschek
Lucy Jaschek
Darcy Lou Spinrad
Raymond Hammel
Jettchen Katz
Henry Herman

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Sisterhood news

Many volunteers very deserving of thanks

By Carol Freed and Karen Robinson

Greetings from the Sisterhood!!

We hope you are all staying warm during this chilly winter season!!

A special thanks to all volunteers who helped to make the pins for our purim boxes. It was a lot of work, but well worth it...they are lovely!! Keep the morning of **March 13** open...in lieu of the Donor Luncheon, Sisterhood will be hosting a "Champagne Brunch"!! This brunch is free of charge to thank all of our diligent members who have volunteered their time to help the Sisterhood over the years. Tony Farina will entertain us

during this festive event by singing songs from great artists such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett and many more!!

We really do appreciate all of the time and effort that many of our members put forth to keep our organization alive.

A special thank you to our treasurer Debbie Zelnick, who has, over the years, kept us financially sound. Debbie, you continue to do a remarkable job, and we would just like you to know that your work is greatly appreciated!!

Just a reminder...Purim boxes will be available for pick-up from **March 13** thru

March 25 at the Temple. If you are unable to pick up your box, please contact Judy in the Temple office so that we can make arrangements for delivery.

A few other dates to remember:

March 18: Sisterhood Shabbat

April 10: Spring General Meeting Afternoon Tea

May 21: Comedy Night (**note new date**)

More information regarding these events will be coming to you via mail so watch for those colorful flyers!! We are still hoping to get record-breaking attendance at our events so please join us.

Remember, "Loneliness is the most

Money matters: Please help us with our budget

By Judith Kraines

Treasurer

If you were making a household budget, would you figure your expenses and then look for a job to bring in enough income to cover them? Or would you look at your income and then figure out what you could afford to spend?

I'm sure there are some people who first calculate expenses and then seek a job to match their desired lifestyle. There are many people who — because they are locked into certain expenses — find a second or third job to supplement their income. But most of us are probably more comfortable knowing our income before we determine our expenses.

For years the RCOS finance committee has determined how much money is needed to run the synagogue. This annual process takes place in March and April for the fiscal year that begins August 1. In August, congregants pledge how much support they will provide. Recently the pledged income has been less than anticipated expenses, meaning the synagogue has operated at a deficit.

Moreover, about one-third of our congregants fail to make pledges, making it difficult to know if we'll end up in the black or in the red. These members give donations. We just never know how much it will add up to by the end of the year.

As my husband will tell you, I am not

easy to live with when I don't know exactly how much money I have. I think my compulsion comes from stories my parents told of the Great Depression. Perhaps it's a bad compulsion; perhaps it's a good one. I won't judge. But I know my personality is not comfortable with this "budget first, pledge second" format RCOS uses.

Because so many of RCOS's expenses are fixed (contracted salaries, insurance, fuel, electricity, etc.) there are very real concerns that congregants won't pledge enough to keep our doors open.

And, as you probably know, RCOS's monthly mortgage payments are not included in the annual budget. Rather they are paid from building fund pledges and new member assessments. So the true cost of keeping our doors open is not reflected in the budget.

This month I'll be asking you for your best estimate of how much money you can donate to RCOS for the August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006 fiscal year. I know that's pretty far in the future, so it's not a final commitment or pledge, just your preliminary best guess. When you get my letter, please get back to me promptly. If I can see the dollars are there for our necessary expenses, coming up with the budget will be a snap.

I'd also appreciate an indication of which programs are important to you and which aren't as guidance for the budget work.

There's one more favor, I'd like to ask.

Please compare your current pledge to the guidelines we've been using for new members. (See box.) I have the feeling many people in similar financial circumstances are making vastly different contributions mainly because of when they joined the congregation. So check yourself out and make adjustments if you can.

Because our mortgage is paid from building fund pledges and new member assessments, I'm including a questionnaire on those. I'd like to know when you anticipate paying outstanding amounts, so we can plan what we need to do when the balloon payment comes due in 2008. Again, it's just a planning tool, and all I need is your best guess.

My philosophy as treasurer is to ask people to give what they can afford. I assume that when people can give more, they will. Sure there will be some who "get by as cheaply as they can." But most of us recognize the value of our heritage and will do our very best to preserve it.

Family income	Contribution
\$50,000	\$1,000
\$50,000-\$75,000	\$1,000-\$1,500
\$75,000-\$100,000	\$1,500-\$2,100
\$100,000-\$150,000	\$2,100-\$3,300
\$150,000-\$200,000	\$3,300-\$4,400
\$200,000-\$250,000	\$4,400-\$5,500
\$250,000 or more	\$5,500 or more



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.

Thank you for all the good wishes sent to me for my birthday
Maxine Henry

Get well wishes to Lee Katz
Edna C. Pollak

In memory of Elaine Backer
James Rothstein & Sharon Scullin

In memory of Dr. Harry Troyen
Lynn & Norbert Salpeter
Louise L. Weiner
Edna C. Pollak

Ann Goldstan
Francine Suknow
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gordon
Barbara Schneiderman
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs
Maxine & Dick Henry

In memory of Ruth Jaskulek
Hilde Gernsheimer and Fred Jakobs

Greater Temple Fund

In honor of the birth of Beth and Robert Bruck's grandson
Gayle & Mike Kastenbaum

In memory of Laura Mendelsohn
Norma & Marty Beckerman

In memory of Joseph Stern
Edythe C. Stern

In memory of Minnie Roda
Edythe C. Stern

In memory of Laura Mendelsohn
James & Shirley Ullman

In memory of Ruth Jaskulek
Betty J. Margolis

In memory of Richard L. Glick, father of Jonathan Glick
Ryan, Russell, Ogden & Seltzer
Gayle & Mike Kastenbaum

In observance of the yahrzeit of Bessie Knoblauch and Morris Knoblauch
Irvin and Ruth Balis

Rabbi's

Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Michelson's recent trip to Israel and for his safe return
Saul (Marty) Miller

In memory of Rose Knoblauch
Nancy & Murry Knoblauch

In memory of my husband, Ralph, at this time of his birthday
Pauline Griesemer

In honor of those who helped acquire the new defibrillator for the Temple
Saul (Marty) Miller

In memory of Ruth Jaskulek
Harriet Leisawitz
The Jaskulek family

In honor of Samuel Wachs
Cantor Mark Kushner

In memory of my brother Meyer Jaskulek
Helen Rappoport

New Building Fund

In honor of the birth of Samuel Frederic Wachs, son of Jon and Kathie Wachs
Harriet Baskin

Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig
In honor of the birth of Beth and Robert Bruck's grandson, Andrew
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig

In honor of the birth of Samuel Frederic Wachs, grandson of Herb and Sue Wachs
Harriet Baskin

Speedy recovery to Lee Katz
Stuart & Carol Cohn
Ruth & Conrad Heisman
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig
Donald G. & H. Anne Kelly
Bob & Kaye Ullman

In memory of Barbara Perilstein's mother, Viola Satinsky
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig

In memory of Ethel Sherman
Stuart & Carol Cohn

In memory of H. Robert Gilbert
Stuart & Carol Cohn
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig

In memory of Susan Mendelsohn
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig

Landscaping Fund

Thank you to everyone for our anniversary good wishes
Bob & Kaye Ullman

In memory of Laura Mendelsohn
Barbara & Seth Rosenzweig

In memory of Ruth Jaskulek
RCOS Sisterhood

In memory of Dr. Harry Troyen
Harriet Baskin

In memory of Serge R. Bender
David and Barbara Bender

Library Fund

In honor of the birth of Andrew Dalton Bruck, grandson of Beth and Robert Bruck
Susan Schlanger

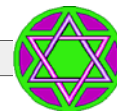
Shirley K. Jacobs Religious School Fund

In memory of David Bender's father, Serge Bender
Norma, Marty, Andy & Erica Beckerman

Thank you for all the good wishes sent to me for my birthday.
Maxine Henry

We would like to acknowledge all the good wishes Rhoda received for her birthday and the warm regards we received for our 55th wedding anniversary. Thanks very much!

Dave and Rhoda Morris



We need your help

The Oneg Shabbat is an important part of our weekly gathering. We all enjoy this time to chat and enjoy something sweet and a beverage. We need sponsors for 2005. When sponsoring an oneg you are asked to provide a challah and sweets of your choice. The Temple provides the beverage.

Please call Susan Gelb at 610-927-1296 for available dates or perhaps you can help us by baking a little extra when you bake and then drop it off at the Temple. Any type of cake, cookies or bars that freeze well would be appreciated. Don't let your baking talents get rusty between Food Festivals!

Mark your calendars

Sunday, April 17: Our 4th Annual Kauffman's Chicken Bar B Q and Bake Sale is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the sale with setup, distribution of chickens and cleanup. It's easy work (fun, too). We need everyone's help in making sure we have another success. Baked goods are needed. Please bake a cake, a batch of cookies, brownies, or kugel. Sell tickets to neighbors and co-workers. Pick up Sunday dinner when you pick up your children from Religious School. *Watch your mail for a flier and tickets.*

Saturday, April 23: Please join your family and friends at the Temple for the First Night Community

Seder, Saturday, April 23, 2005 from 6 to 8 p.m. *Keep watch for a future flier with all the additional information.*

Sunday, April 24: Keshet Zion Synagogue invites you to join them in a Community Passover Seder at their synagogue.

Saturday, April 30: RCOS will be presenting a "Chocolate Seder" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come join us for an interesting event.

CHANGE OF DATE: The date of Sisterhood's Comedy Night has been changed to **Saturday, May 21**. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE!!!

The Arthur and Beatrice Hammel Jewish Music Series Presents

Christopher Collins Lee, Violin

Danny Coldren, Piano

Presenting works by Max Bruch,

Mendelssohn, George Gershwin, Kurt Weill,

John Williams, and others

Sunday, March 6 - 3 p.m.

at the JCC of Reading

Center members - \$5 with reservation

Non-members - \$10 with reservation

Students - free with reservation

All tickets at the door - \$12

The Arthur and Beatrice Hammel Jewish Music Series has been established through a gift of the estate of the Arthur Hammel.

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Married 40 years and they still
laugh at each other's jokes...
They deserve something
special.**

How about a leaf on our Tree of Life!
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Sisterhood Florence Frank Offering Fund

To Mary Jane Ricci in memory of her sister Laura Mendelsohn
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

To the Sisterhood: Thanks to everyone for their good wishes sent to me on many occasions
Pat Shore

To Sallie Gilbert in memory of her husband Robert
Mrs. Trudy Katz

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

To Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wachs in honor of their new grandson
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff

To Mr. and Mrs. David Kozloff in honor of their new grandson
Dr. & Mrs. Eric Zelnick
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman

Congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yashek in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brok

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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.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Katz in memory of her aunt Viola
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brok

To Ted Sherman in memory of his mother, Ethel
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Isenberg

To Miss Amy Troyen and family in memory of her father
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Barbara Stein

To Lee Katz for a speedy recovery
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brok

To Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Cohn in memory of his aunt
Dr. & Mrs. Eric Zelnick

To Dr. and Mrs. Elliott Sauertieg in honor of their marriage

The Family of Tessa Cohn cordially invites you to join them in prayer at Tessa's Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 16, 2005

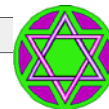
HOSPITAL VISITS:
Please call the Temple office to let us know if you have a loved one in the hospital and wish to have the rabbi visit. The hospital can no longer call us to inform us that you are a patient.

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

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED
April 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
By giving just a little more than an hour's time and one pint of blood, you are giving someone else a chance at living.
Please call the Temple office and make your appointment. Our goal is 30 donors. **THE BEST TIMES FILL UP FAST, SO CALL TODAY.** We will need help with unloading the truck in the morning and setting up. Also, we could use people to act as host/hostesses. Call the office to learn more.

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 Temple.

Some important facts about blood usage:
1. Some 4 ½ million lives are saved each year because of blood donations.
2. Every three seconds someone's life depends on the kindness of a stranger: a blood donor.
3. Some 32,000 pints of donated blood are transfused in a single day.
4. A single blood donation may save 3 lives.



JCC preschool and kindergarten 2005-06 registration opens

The JCC Early Education programs have long been known in the Berks community for providing a top quality caring, supportive, and educational environment in a Jewish setting.

Classes include Play Group for 2-year-old children, preschool classes for 3 and 4 year olds and a kindergarten with a

full academic curriculum. Judaic traditions and celebrations are fundamental components of the preschool and kindergarten curriculum and are woven into daily activities. Weekly gym and swim are also unique features. Many afternoon enrichment programs are offered.

Our preschool and kindergarten are licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

For further information about the JCC Early Education classes, please call Judy Synnamon at (610) 921-0624.

Camp Haverim for children ages 2 to 12

New for Summer 2005 – Addition of Week 9 – All American Sports Camp

Junior Camp: Junior Camp is designed to help your child grow socially and emotionally while enhancing physical skills in a warm and nurturing environment. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star – June 20-24

Story Week – June 27 to July 1

Space Camp – July 5-8

Reading Rage Soccer Camp – July 11-15

Fitness Camp – July 11-15

Little Scientist – July 18-22

Maccabi Camp – July 25-29

Little Magician – August 1-5

Lions, Tigers, and Bears – Aug. 8-12

All American Sport Camp – Aug. 15-19

Senior Camp: Senior Camp is for campers ages 6 to 12, and they can choose between All American Day Camp,

Specialty Camps or Sports Camps throughout the 9 weeks.

Sports Camps:

Cheerleading Camp – June 27 to July 1

Street Hockey Camp – June 27 to July 1

Reading Phillies Baseball Camp – July 5-8

Reading Rage Soccer Camp – July 11-15

Basketball Camp – Aug. 8-12

All American Sports Camp – Aug. 15-19

Keeping up with the Bates Family

Greetings to all from Wisconsin. You have had more snow in Reading than we have in Wisconsin. In fact most of our snow has melted. We are all fine and are settled in our new home and community.

Tiff is busy with his new challenges. Crystal is working at a day-care center and going to school. Gretchen is growing and talking more every day. I

finally found a job as a Customer Relations Representative (really a secretary) for Amerigas, a propane gas company about 15 minutes from our home. It's a small office, two drivers and myself. The main office is in Valley Forge. What a small world.

Thank you to everyone who sent us greetings, holiday cards, e-mails. It has

been so nice to be remembered. The mezzuah from the Sisterhood has found its home on our doorway and I smile every time I see it. It is so lovely and I thank you for this wonderful gift. I think of you all often.

Best wishes and warm regards for good health, happiness and Happy Purim!!

Helping tsunami victims

You can go to urj@urj.org or www.urj.org for suggestions or you can check the American Jewish

Joint Distribution Committee's Web site at www.jdc.org. You can also call 212-687-6200, ext.

851 or make checks payable to JDC-South Asia Tsunami Relief, Box 321, 847A Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. You could also send any donations to Union for Reform Judaism, Attn: Asian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund, 633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017.



Our remarkable Food Bank

The barrel sits inside the entrance, and frequently as we come in we deposit some non-perishable food items in it, feeling good about doing something to help those who are hungry. Most of us don't realize that we're contributing to a truly amazing community undertaking.

The Greater Berks Food Bank collects, stores, and distributes food to **208** local charities operating food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, and Kids Cafes in Berks, Schuylkill and upper Montgomery counties. Literally and figuratively, that requires a lot of "heavy lifting"! Unfortunately, census statistics

released in August 2004 indicate 41,736 people in Berks County living in poverty — 17,865 of them children, an increase of 22% in the past three years.

Overall, Kids Cafes serve about 15,000 meals to at-risk kids at after-school programs which provide homework help and arts-and-crafts or sports activities. Our old Temple building on Perkiomen Avenue, now a Boys and Girls Club, is a site of one of the Kids Cafes

Another program aimed at feeding hungry children, particularly on weekends when most food programs are not

operating, is "Kids Bags", which gives kids food for themselves and their siblings for a kid-pleasing, easy-to-prepare evening meal or a weekend.

Because it can obtain food free or at reduced cost from manufacturers (as a member of America's Second Harvest, based in Chicago), the food bank uses monetary contributions to cover transportation costs from Chicago. For each \$1 donated they can bring in \$20 worth of food.

Anyone interested in tzedakah that really stretches can call 610-926-5802 about making a donation.

Book Group News

The following upcoming activities will take place at the Albright College Campus Center South Lounge

Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion session with Rabbi Michelson and Professor John Inledon.

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.: "Enemies: A Love Story" film screening

Sunday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.: Speech by Prof. Inledon: "Becoming an American Writer: The Holocaust in the Work of Isaac Bashevis Singer."

Introduction to Judaism

A basic Judaism course offered in conjunction with Reading Area Community College.

The course will take place on the following Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

March 10, 17, 31 and April 7, 14, 21
at the Temple

Rabbi Michelson will be the instructor.

For more information or to register, call RACC's Department of Continuing Education at 610-607-6231.

**Temple members get a special lower rate
Hurry! Spaces are limited.**

Jewish individuals

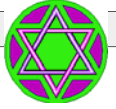
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Study criteria: Jewish individual diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder or bipolar disorder

Participation involves: Confidential interview; Blood sample; Compensation; No travel

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Principal investigator is Dr. Ann E. Pulver of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore





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