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Notes from the President

Excitement builds as completion nears

By Alan Schlechter
President

Well October is here already. The landscaping project is moving along quite nicely. Jeri Kozloff has done a superb job with her committee in beautifying the entrance way to the Temple. I'm sure

everyone has noticed the improvements made outside along with the new lighting in the Rotunda. If you have not noticed, at the corner of the Kitchen some landscaping was done by the local Boy Scout Troop. They did a professional looking job.

As they say, the light is at the end of the tunnel. It appears as though only a few more finishing touches to our Temple and we should be done. I hope everyone had an enjoyable New Year and hope this will be a prosperous one for all..

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From the Rabbi's Study

Here's your chance to lead a service

Have you ever wanted to lead a service? To try a new tune or a different way of doing things?

Rabbi Brian Michelson Would you like to experiment with Jewish Renewal services, healing services or something completely different? If so, I have an opportunity for you.

At a conference I attended in the spring, I heard a colleague of mine discussing that her congregation gives her a Shabbat eve off each time there are five Fridays in a month. This works out to about three or four times a year. Hearing this, the Temple's first vice-president, Ellen Azrael, and I came up with an idea.

Instead of taking the service off, we

will use the fifth Friday as an opportunity to share the responsibility for service leading and for experimentation. Some people have spoken of the Shabbat evening services they remember growing up. Others have asked about trying different things or different books for the service. This idea will give us the opportunity to revisit and experiment with all of these ideas.

This year, there are three "Fifth Fridays" during the year: November, March and May. Ellen Azrael has volunteered to take responsibility for the November service and the choir wants to lead the March one. If you, individually, or as a group, would like to try your hand

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October Highlights

Monday, Oct. 1 — Sukkot: Decorating and dinner, 5:30 p.m., Service, 7:30

Friday, Oct. 5 — Early Shabbat Service, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6 — Shabbat Service, 10 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Rosenzweig, 5 p.m. service

Monday, Oct. 8 — Consecration & Simchat Torah 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19 — Family Night 6:30 supper, Shabbat Service 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20 — Tot Shabbat, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21 — Men's Club, 9:30 a.m.

Food Festival Volunteer Meeting/Training 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28 — FOOD AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL 11:30 - 6 p.m.

Friday night services at 7:45, except 6 p.m. service Oct. 5
Babysitting available at all services

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Religious School News The next step

By **Holly Michelson, RJE**
Religious School Administrator

I began last month discussing ways to become more involved. Now is the time. Watch for various courses being offered, suggest a topic for a new course, come hear a speaker with the men's group, join the adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class or help in the library.

Add Jewish books to your reading list, whether it is for you, yourself (in which case join the Rabbi's book group), or to read out loud to your children. I bet that many of you already read to your child or grandchild at bedtime or some other time. You already know that this is both an important and fun thing to do. One of the most important things you can do is add some Jewish books into the rotation. I would love to help you find books either

from my office or our library.

For those of you who are starting out with the synagogue or school, don't try to be Jewish alone. Find another family or two you can share things with. It is easier to go to synagogue when you go with friends. It is easier to create Jewish experiences when two or more families do it together. The best way to do something new is to be able to do it with a friend.

We have several exciting family and community events coming up. On October 1 at 5:30, we will be decorating our Sukkah, enjoying a meal together and continuing the evening with a family service. It is a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to meet other new and continuing members.

Please be sure to join us at our

Simchat Torah service on Monday evening, Oct. 8 at 7:00 at which time we will also be conducting our Consecration service, the official welcoming to formal Jewish Education, for our 1st graders and new students. Last but not least, our 6th grade will be participating in our family service on Erev Shabbat, Oct. 19 at 7:45.

Important Dates:

Oct. 1: Sukkah Decorating & Family Service

Oct. 2: No Hebrew School: Sukkot

Oct. 6: Bar Mitzvah of Michael Rosenzweig

Oct. 8: Consecration and Simchat Torah Celebration in the evening

October 9: No Hebrew School: Simchat Torah

October 19: Grade 6 Service

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at service leading or at doing things the way you would like to see them, please speak to me about the May date.

I will, of course, be available to help and guide anyone leading a service, but other than that, it is up to you.

Oneg and Flowers Sponsors

Honor a special occasion by sponsoring an oneg, purchasing pulpit flowers or a fruit basket to be donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank.

Call Ellice Gunter at 610-775-4448.

Saturday, Oct. 6 - Flowers and Oneg sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Seth Rosenzweig in honor of Michael's Bar Mitzvah

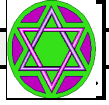
Friday, Oct. 12 - Oneg sponsored by Carol Cohn and Ellen Azrael in honor of their special birthdays.

Friday, Oct. 19 - Oneg and Flowers sponsored by Gene and Shirley Friedman in honor of Shirley's special birthday. Oneg also sponsored by Grade 6.

Friday, Oct. 26 - Flowers sponsored by Ruth Heisman and Harriet Kelly in memory of their mother, Emmy Humberg.

New in the Gift Shop Heritage Challah Bread Mix

Heritage introduces a foolproof Challah mix, certified Parve. So easy to use, all you add is water and love! You get the flavor and texture of the Challah your grandmother used to bake, even if you're a baking novice. One box contains two complete pre-measured dough and yeast packets - enough for two standard 16 oz Challahs or one super-sized 32 oz Challah. All you add is water. Use traditional baking methods or bake in a bread machine. Braid and shape it your way, add toppings and raisins. It's easy, it's delicious. Available in the Sisterhood Gift Shop, \$5.00 per box (\$2.50 per Challah)



Sisterhood News

Watch for exciting activities in works

By Elyse Horowitz

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have an exciting event planned for this month. We will be having the first joint Sisterhood meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21.

This is the first time our community is doing an event like this. A brunch and a community service are being planned for that day.

We hope everyone will take part and make the event a success.

The Sisterhood will be doing the Pushke fund again this year. Look for the mailing to see what wonderful prizes we have this year.

On behalf of the Sisterhood I would like to wish everyone a happy Sukkot.

Jewish Chautauqua Society starts 2nd century

JCS, now starting its second century of service to Judaism invites your membership in outstanding programs of educating Christian youth about our religion and customs and combating destructive stereotypes of Jews.

Your contribution will be effectively used in on going inter-faith programs at

over 100 colleges, universities, and theological seminaries nationwide.

In its 102 year history, over 120,000 books on Judaica have been donated to educational institutions and seminaries of various denominations.

It is estimated that over 2 million students have gained insight into the

heritage of Judaism.

As JCS starts its second century of service, your support will ensure that local and national requests for JCS programs will be met. Please send your membership of \$50.00 or any other donation attention Sidney L. Symons, Chautauqua Chair to the Temple office.

Temple Building Fund

To Sue Viener, wishes for a speedy recovery
Conrad and Ruth Heisman

To Mrs. Joseph Winston in memory of Joseph M. Winston, M.D.
Dr. and Mrs. C. Harold Cohn

Yarhzeit in memory of my father, Samuel Levine
Rosalye and Richard Yashek

To Sue Viener with wishes for a speedy recovery
Richard and Rosalye Yashek

To Barbara Stein in memory of her brother Morton Gumpel
Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs
Helen Rappoport

To Sue and Herb Wachs in honor of the birth of their
granddaughter Sophia Wachs
Barbara & Michael Perilstein
Edith Blanck
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

To Trudy Katz on her special birthday
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

To Davy Goldsmith and family in memory of Hanna Goldsmith
Lee and Judy Katz

To Selma Cutler in memory of her brother
Lee and Judy Katz

To Jan Winston & family, to Norman Winston in memory of Joe Winston
Lee & Judy Katz

To Tracy Snyder in honor of Jeremy Coopersmith's graduation
Norma, Marty, Andy & Erica Beckerman

To Sue Viener with best wishes for a speedy recovery
Barbara Stein

To Adam Viener with best wishes for a speedy recovery
Barbara Stein

To Sue, Sandy, Catherine, Melissa, Robb and Shirley, in honor of
their being Bar and Bat Mitzvah
Gerry & Marilyn Frank.

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Deadline for the next issue is Oct 5.



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 Andrew and Erica Beckerman's graduation**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Evan, Ronni and Jonathan Bruck's graduations**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Jeffrey Bender's graduation**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Rachel and Kyle Spinrad's graduation**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Daniel Pardo's Lion's Club award**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Samantha Schlechter's Bat Mitzvah**
Tracy Snyder & family
- In honor of Jeremy Coopersmith's graduation and many honors, best wishes as he heads to Mansfield University**
Mom, Jared, Kristi and Margo
- In loving memory of Hanna Goldsmith**
Tracy Snyder and family
- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller in honor of**
- Erica's graduation**
Carole and Irv Beck
- To Dick and Maxine Henry in memory of Mildred and Edward Rosner**
The Beck Family
- To Alice and Kenneth Rick in honor of Sam and Marcia's wedding**
Rabbi Brian Michelson
- To Jerry Krevolin with wishes for a speedy recovery**
Carole and Irv Beck
- To Carole Beck and Maxine Henry in memory of Edward Rosner**
Jodi Beck Stoudt
- To Mrs. Harold Blumberg in memory of her sister Mollie**
Maxine and Dick Henry
- To Barbara Stein in memory of her brother Morton Gumpel**
Maxine and Dick Henry
- To Phyllis Goldstan with wishes for a speedy recovery**
Louise Wiener
Barbara Stein

Social Action Fund

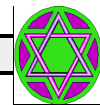
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- Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs
- Nancy & Murry Knoblauch
- Rosalye & Richard Yashek
- Amy & Lee Berger Jill & Ira Gelman
- Missy & Allen Zimmerman
- Marilyn & Gerald Frank Saul M. Miller
- Mimi Braverman & Brian Thomposon
- Peter Schwartz & Lynn Johnson
- Barbara Garcia Eve & Michael Pardo
- Phyllis & Sidney Knoblauch
- Carol & Glenn Freed
- Paul Chwieko & Felice Stern
- Sue & Herb Wachs Blanche Stein
- Norma & Marty Beckerman

Sunshine!

Doesn't everyone need a sprinkle of sunshine on their birthday? If you would like to receive a birthday card on or near your birthday, please contact Adrienne Cardinal at 610-370-0058 or email her at mymelodyac@aol.com. Of course, we always welcome donations to help defray the cost of cards and postage. When someone does send a donation, we print their name in the monthly bulletin! I am always willing to sprinkle some sunshine!

Birthday Greetings

Judith Kraines



Hospice helps

Do you know about "Hospice"? Hospice is a celebration of life based on the belief that each moment should be lived fully. When it is known a life is limited hospice provides the support to face death openly and encourages living and loving. Remaining at home with familiar surroundings brings comfort to a hospice patient.

Did you know that hospice originated through the efforts of volunteers? In biblical times, family members, neighbors or friends would care for the sick. The service of these vigilant volunteers helped to ease the passing of life from one world to another.

Volunteers are a precious and vital component to the hospice program. If you are interested or desire more information about how you can be a hospice volunteer, please call Debra Toole, Volunteer coordinator for Berks Visiting Nurse Association at 610-378-0481 ext. 3153.

Jewish Family Service & Hadassah too! present . . . The December Dilemma: How to make the Chanukah lights shine brightly during the holiday season

Join us for an interactive forum that will help families meet the challenge of maintaining a positive Jewish identity at Chanukah and throughout the year!
Parents and grandparents are welcome.

Rabbi Michelson and psychologist Dr. Mildred Gordon will be facilitators

**Jewish Community Center,
Monday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
RSVP to Sari at 610-921-2766 by Oct. 29**

JEWISH WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.debka.com>

Debka continues where normal news coverage leaves off.
It is dedicated to political analysis and background information on terrorism. It is worth visiting after you read or see the local news.

PRESIDENT

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One final note: We will be having the Temple Food Festival on October 28th. Contact Lynn Bates or Jeri Kozloff to purchase tickets.

Introduction to Judaism with RACC

A basic 6 week Introduction to Judaism course offered in conjunction with Reading Area Community College's department of Continuing Education. Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1 and 8 at the Temple — 7:30-8:30 p.m. Rabbi Brian Michelson, instructor. Special Temple Oheb Sholom member's rate of \$41.00. Please send your check, payable to RACC to the Temple office, attn: Rabbi Michelson.

Perpetual Memorials

October 5 and 6

Ignatz Whiteson
Henry Phillip King
Sol Greenstein
Nathan R. Liever
Samuel Sinaink
Maurice Gumpel
Dr. Sidney J. Sondheim

October 12

Justin J. Baumann
Eugene Jaschek
Leon Klevansky
Geraldine G. Salpeter
Nathan Fein
Else Gerson
Hilda Bodenheimer

October 19

Jack H. Blumberg
Jane R. Pokrass
Jacob Morris Cohn
Sadie R. Newman
Samuel J. Sondheim
Ruth G. Greenberg
Theodore Rachlin
Emanuel Jacobs
Edith Luria

October 26

Yetta Levitz
Rebecca Liever
Anna G. Popkin
Eve Frankel
Molly Miller



Sisterhood Florence Frank Offering Fund

For a speedy recovery to
Dan Tannenbaum
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schlanger

**To Monroe Milstein in
memory of his wife,
Henrietta**
Mrs. Hilda Yablin

**Congratulations to Sue
Wolfe, Sandy Sigal, Kathy
Schultz, Melissa Schlechter,
Robb Mutzel & Shirley
Jacobs on their B'nei
Mitzvah**
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Diamond
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

**Congratulations to Sue
Wolfe, Kathy Schultz,
Melissa Schlechter &
Shirley Jacobs on their
B'nei Mitzvah**
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Vivian Polter
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff

**Congratulations to Sue
Wolfe, Sandy Sigal &
Shirley Jacobs on their
B'nei Mitzvah**
Mrs. Ruth Brok

**To Mr. & Mrs. Davy
Goldsmith in memory of his
mother, Hanna Goldsmith**
Mrs. Sue Wolfe,
Mrs. Edythe Stern
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman

**To Mrs. Selma Cutler in
memory of her brother**
Mrs. Ruth Goldser

**Glad you are feeling better
to Phyllis Goldstan for a
speedy recovery**
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Sue Wolfe

Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Frank
Mrs. Edythe Stern
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Diamond

**To Rose Azrael and Mike &
Dan Pardo on their
performances in "Fame"**
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

**To Mrs. Eva Bartos for a
speedy recovery**
Mr. & Mrs. Naum Ger
Mrs. Hilde Gernsheimer &
Fred Jakobs
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Balis

**Congratulations to Richard
& Kathleen Roeborg on the
arrival of their
granddaughter**
Dr. & Mrs. Eric Zelnick

*Kindly send Florence
Frank Offering Fund
contributions to Mrs.
Marilyn Frank, 2027
Lorraine Road, Reading, PA
19604; or Mrs. Gene
Friedman, 107 Primrose
Lane, Wyomissing, PA
19610.*

**Book Group will meet Sunday
Nov. 11 at 4:00 p.m. The new
book is available in the office.**

The family
of Michael Rosenzweig
invites the congregation to
attend Michael's Bar Mitzvah
service on Saturday, October

It's always nice to be remembered on
one's birthday. Thank you to you all.
Leon Lonker

Jacobs Religious School
Fund

**To Bob and Beth Caster in
memory of M.L.Caster**
Brian & Holly Michelson

Wolper Education
Fund

**To Dr. Jim and Jackye
Barrer in memory of Lillian
Barrer**
Brian & Holly Michelson

Library Fund

**To Kathie and Jon Wachs in
honor of the birth of their
daughter Sophia**
Amy White Berger, Lee
Berger and Jessica
Gernsheimer

Landscaping Garden
of Eden

**Contributions have been
received from**
Ruth Brok
Harlan & Carole Kutscher and
family

**To Carolyn & Charles
Sunstein in honor of their
60th wedding anniversary**
Bob & Kaye Ullman

In memory of Marion Lessig
Loretta Green

**In memory of Hanna
Goldsmith**
Richard and Rosalye Yashek

**In honor of Stanley B.
Lupowitz**
The Jeffrey Lupowitz Family

**In honor of the Symons
Family**
Sidney and Phyllis Symons

**In memory of our beloved
son Larry Diamond**
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Diamond
and family

Landscaping Fund
**To Phyllis Goldstan with
wishes for a speedy recovery**
Harriet Baskin

**To the Perilstein family in
honor of Philip & Mindy's
graduations and with best
wishes to Mindy & Jeff on
their engagement**
Seth & Barbara Rosenzweig
and family.

Cancer study

The Reading Hospital Regional Cancer Center is presently enrolling interested participants into their breast cancer and prostate cancer prevention studies.

The breast cancer prevention study, called STAR, is for postmenopausal women who are at risk for breast cancer. The study is comparing two drugs, tamoxifen and raloxifene over a five year period.

The prostate cancer prevention study, called SELECT, is for males 55 years and older and African American males 50 years and older. The study is comparing Vitamin E, Selenium and/or placebo over a seven to twelve year period.

Interested participants should call the Reading Hospital Regional Cancer Center at (610) 988-8549.

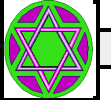
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