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Notes from the President

Preparing for a successful journey

By Ellen Azrael
President

Fasten your seat belts. We are getting ready for takeoff. Actually by the time this bulletin arrives we will be well in flight. The Days of Awe are almost over, and everyone is gearing up for the Food Festival. Not too far ahead we will fly

through Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, and before you know it we'll cruise by Purim and Passover. And then before we realize where we are, and where we've been, we'll be coming in for a landing around Shavuot. Hopefully there won't be too much turbulence along the way, and that our flight will be very satisfying.

Throughout our journey we will have many activities that will educate, enrich and entertain. We will have Friday night services every week, Saturday services the first Shabbat of the month, and special Shabbat morning services for our youngsters (usually the third week). We

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From the Rabbi's Study

Class to focus on medical ethics

As a rabbi, one of the things that I often try to do is help people understand that Judaism can be a vital and important part of their daily lives. This does not only mean doing Jewish things as part of

one's daily routine, but allowing their Judaism to inform their decisions in the secular world. In essence, one way to make our Judaism live is to make Jewishly informed decisions. We live in a world of rapid change and the need for adaptation and we can, if we allow, have Judaism

help us to face some of these changes and decisions.

One of the areas where this is true is in the field of end-of-life care and medical ethics. Medicine changes on an almost daily basis, but our 4,000-year-old tradition can help us to wade through the many options and healthcare decisions we will all face.

Over the course of last year, I completed a certificate of graduate studies in healthcare ethics through Rush University & Rush-Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. It was a challenging program

that dealt with a great many issues that are now common in American healthcare. As part of the course requirement, I wrote a six week introductory course on Jewish medical ethics at the end-of-life. It is now my pleasure to offer this course to members of Oheb Sholom.

This course is designed for the healthcare consumer (patients and families). No prior knowledge of medicine or medical ethics is necessary. The six two-hour sessions will look at issues like surrogate decision making, living wills, physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. Class will begin Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 8 to 10 p.m. and will run for six consecutive Tuesdays.

Normally, I would not advertise adult education classes so far in advance, but I expect there to be a great deal of interest in this program. Class size will be strictly limited to 25 students. There is a small fee of \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. To register, call the Temple

October Highlights

Friday, Oct. 3: Shabbat service, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5-Monday, Oct. 6: Yom Kippur, see schedule, page 2

Friday, Oct. 10: Sukkot. See schedule, page 2

Saturday, Oct. 11: Alexander Cardinal Bar Mitzvah, 10 a.m.;
Tot Shabbat, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: Simchat Torah and Consecration, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Ian Gavigan Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, Oct. 19: Men's Club meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25: Mara Schneider Bat Mitzvah, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26: Food Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday night services at 7:45 unless otherwise noted

Babysitting available at all services

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Religious School News

Learning to welcome diversity at synagogue

By Holly Michelson
Religious School Administrator

The change began in the first workshop we attended. Jesse Cooper, one of our high school seniors and Hebrew teacher, Eve Pardo, our art specialist and second grade teacher, and I packed up and took ourselves to Columbus, Ohio for 5 days of nonstop learning, sharing and meeting new and old friends. It was the annual CAJE conference. This is a conference for Jewish Education that attracts educators, teachers, rabbis, cantors and lay leaders from all of the denominations of Judaism; from the absolutely secular to the ultra-Orthodox. People come from all over the world to attend this conference.

But back to the first workshop. The instructor turned on some music to demonstrate how different music can affect students. She got us up and moving

around the room. Jesse ended up leading one of the lines of people as I stopped to talk to an old friend. Next thing I knew, the instructor stuck a wand of sorts in Jesse's hand and convinced him to carry it as he led his group. To his credit, he gamely carried on in the face of total silliness. Thus began our week.

The conference theme this year was that of diversity. How do we welcome those who, at times, may feel like outsiders when they come (or don't come) to our synagogue. We learned about art, music, Torah, Hebrew, as well as the diversity issues of welcoming mixed-married families, single-parent families, gay and lesbian singles, couples and families, couples without children, those with disabilities or learning difficulties and anyone else who feels outside for whatever reason.

Last month, I spoke of the greetings

that are used at this time of year. We've said hello. Now we need to reach out and say: "Welcome. We are glad you are here, how can we make your experience wonderful."

The theme of welcoming continues at our synagogue this month as we welcome a new Torah Cycle. On Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. we will be beginning our celebration of Simchat Torah with the formal welcoming, Consecration, of our 1st grade and older new students to their religious education. This service is not just for Religious School families. It is for everyone. Welcome, and have a good sweet year.

Important Date:

Oct. 26: No School - Food Festival
Congratulations to Alex Cardinal, Ian Gavigan and Mara Schneider who become Bar/Bat Mitzvah this month.

High Holy Days Schedule

Yom Kippur

Sunday, Oct. 5

Cemetery Service at Mt. Sinai, 1 p.m.

Kol Nidrei — 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Children's Service 1:30 p.m.

Study Session 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Afternoon service 2:30 p.m.

Yizkor service – approximately 4:30 p.m.

Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 10 — Decorating the Sukkah and meal begins at 5:30 p.m., (reservations for meal need to be made by Tuesday, Oct. 7. Please call the office)

Sukkot service — 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah and Service of Consecration

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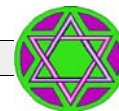
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Men's Club News

Member to describe contemporary life in Israel

By Marshall Azrael

Men's Club president

For our October meeting, Ira Gelman will tell us about his recent trip to Israel. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a firsthand account of the daily life in the county of our people, on Sunday, Oct. 19.

I look forward to seeing you. Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Our officers are:

Marshall Azrael, President

Sidney Symons, Vice President

Michael Pardo, Secretary

Richard Schwartz, Treasurer

Arthur Becker, Past President

These are the meeting date for the rest of the year.

Nov. 16; Dec. 14; Jan. 18; Feb. 23; March 21; April 18 and May 16.

A veteran teacher's take on CAJE 28

By Eve Pardo

I was nervous about going to CAJE; despite all the good PR, I didn't know if I would "fit in." I've been involved with Jewish education for years, both as a teacher and on the ed committee, and even as Religious School Administrator for a year. But still, I figured that everyone else would be more professional and more experienced than I.

Sure, many of the people there had much more knowledge of Jewish and educational topics, more work experience, more Hebrew fluency, and they discussed Torah and Talmud as though they were The Great Rabbis of Old (some really were.) However, after my first session, which I decided had been way too intellectual for me, I learned to choose workshops which spoke more to me, and I realized that there were people there at every level of experience.

The workshops inspired me. They brought tears to my eyes at times. I attended craft classes, educational theory classes, special education related workshops, and a talk by a zealous sabra who had one goal -- to get us to bring every one of our students to Israel. I learned about Pesach customs from India. Academically, it was fantastic, exhausting, and challenging. And I wanted even more.

The people connections at CAJE were so much fun. I saw an old friend who had moved away, and I enjoyed being with the director of education of my mom's congregation in New York. There was a man there whom I recognized because he was (are you ready?) my niece's best friend's father, a Rabbi from Rochester, Minnesota, whom I had met at both my niece's Bat Mitzvah in Wisconsin, and her wedding in Washington, DC!! He couldn't believe that I remembered him.

Did someone ask about "free time" activities...? Every non-academic minute could be packed full with services, concerts, comedians, movies, or the Expo, where all types of Judaica were for sale. I bought Rosh Hashanah cards handmade by the elderly in Israel, an Ethiopian Jewish necklace for Sarah, a traditional silver Mogen David for Dan, and books written by one of the presenters whom I had heard. Or you could gather your energy for the late-late night activities! Speaking of late night... The auditorium resounded with the singing and clapping and feeling of community, and the RUACH.

The performers by night were both instructors and classmates by day. They stayed in the dorms with everybody else and ate in the cafeteria. We were made to feel equal at CAJE, but it's such a thrill

when Debbie Friedman, the legend, is joking with you, and conducting your CAJE choir rehearsals, or Danny Maseng, (whose music we sing in TOS choir) brushes by you in the cafeteria. They became real people.

"Put away those E*^#*#@!! tape recorders and just BE HERE!!!!!" Hearing that quote by Debbie Friedman was one of my most poignant moments at CAJE. I took her comment to heart with every activity, and I didn't waste time living through my camera. I just soaked in CAJE. Debbie taught us during those daily rehearsals to live more for the moment. The feeling we got as we created the sounds, and the love that was generated was incredible and much more important than the final performance on Wednesday night. She proved to us that it's the process that's most important.

I found that when I went home, so much of what I had experienced flooded my memories. I raved to my mother on the phone for an hour, and she wanted to know how SHE can join CAJE and go to Hofstra University next year for CAJE 29!

There is a reason why a newcomer to CAJE wears a ribbon all week that says "#1" and tells everybody that this is your First CAJE. The term "First" must be used because once you've been to one, there is sure to be a "Second"; yup, it's

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will have a wonderful scholar in residence in early March. There will be other educational programs as well. The

Sisterhood and Men's Club are planning many exciting activities. There should be a wonderful smorgasbord of events, and we hope many members and friends will

partake in them.

Come out and support our programs. Come join us and make our Temple a house of prayer for all.



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 loving memory of Edward and Mildred Rosner
Irwin Beck family

To Martin Wernick with wishes for a speedy recovery
Maxine & Dick Henry

In honor of Billy and Arlene Krone's 50th anniversary and with wishes for good health
Carole & Irv Beck

To Fergie Viener in appreciation
Kaye Ullman

In memory of Martin Wernick
Carole & Irv Beck

Yahrzeit in memory of sister Molly Miller
Saul "Marty" Miller

We thank our many friends who have donated to our Temple in honor of our 50th Anniversary.

Ruth and Hal Cohn

Thank you to all my friends for the cards, tributes, flowers, meals. You all made my days so much brighter.

Thelma Garfinkle

New Building Fund

In memory of Lionel Asher's sister Dorace
Gene & Shirley Friedman

In honor of Rosalye Yashek's special birthday
Ruth Brok
Trudy Katz

In honor of Sidney Bratt's birthday
Ruth Brok

In honor of Gene Friedman's special birthday
Edna C. Pollak
Alan & Loretta Green
Trudy Katz

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Julia Baskin
Harriet Baskin

In honor of Michael and Barbara Perilstein's 30th anniversary
Sue & Herb Wachs

In honor of Rosalye Yashek's special birthday
The Rosenzweig Family.

In honor of Gene Friedman's special birthday
The Rosenzweig Family
Harriet Baskin

To Lionel and Mary Jane Asher in memory of sister Dorace Deustch
The Rosenzweig Family
Harriet Baskin
Rita and Frank Cocuzza
Josephine and Frank Marchesi

To Arthur Deutsch and family in memory of wife Dorace
Harriet Baskin

To Eric and Debbie Zelnick in memory of

their uncles
The Rosenzweig Family.

Landscaping Holocaust Garden

Yahrzeit in memory of Samuel Levine
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

In honor of Ellen and Jake's 25th anniversary
Hilde Gernsheimer and Fred Jakobs

In memory of Arthur and Emmy Humberg
Harriet Anne & Don Kelly

In honor of Gene Friedman's special birthday
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

In honor of Harry Soyka's 80th birthday
Richard & Rosalye Yashek

Rabbi's

Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rosalye Yashek's special birthday
Lloyd Stewart

In memory of Matilda Miller and Martha Miller Hoffman
Saul "Marty" Miller

In thanks to their many friends who have donated to the Temple in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
Hal & Ruth Cohn

In memory of Geri Weisbaum, William Weisbaum & Flora Weisbaum
Bonnie Friedman & Cantor Gerald Miller

Music Fund

In memory of Samuel R. Kozloff

David & Jeri Kozloff

Greater Temple Fund

Yahrzeit in memory of David Gordon
Ivan & Mildred Gordon

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn's 50th anniversary
Helen Rappoport

Yahrzeit in memory of Betty Gordon
Ivan & Mildred Gordon

General Fund

In honor of Gene Friedman's special birthday
Sylvia Schiff

Thank you for your kind remembrances when my sister Dorace passed away. They are appreciated.

Would you like to get to know our new Student Cantor, Elizabeth Kessler?

We have the perfect opportunities. We are looking for:
* Shabbat dinners during the year (vegetarian meals)



Sisterhood News

Comedy night, shopping pass are highlights of fall

By Elyse Horowitz

Many thanks to all who attended our fall afternoon tea. A special thank you to Lynn Bates for giving such a great talk and to all her helpers who made the afternoon so wonderful.

Comedy night is back by popular demand. Save the Date: **Saturday Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.** This comedy night is association with the Men's Club and David Stein Productions.

This is a non-fundraising event, so come and have a few laughs with your friends.

Our comedians will be Pat Godwin and Eric Lyden. Pat Godwin is a comedian, musician and was part of the Disc jockey team of John Debella and Pierre Robert in the '90s(WMMR). Eric Lyden is a New Jersey comedian who is known for his dead-on

impressions ranging from Mel Gibson to a very excited Santa Claus.

Look for your invitation in the mail.

It is not too late to get a Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 20% off shopping pass.

There will be refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win fabulous door prizes. Purchase your 20% discount-shopping pass for \$5 at the Temple office or Gift Shop.

This is a win-win situation. Sisterhood gets to keep the \$5 and you and your friend get a great day of shopping.

Stop by the Gift Shop and see all the great new merchandise and receive 20% off all the time. We will also take special orders.

Calendar of Sisterhood events:

March 16: Donor event

April 16: Sisterhood Shabbat

May 1: Casino Night

May 16: Sisterhood Spring Meeting

Thanks to all who took part in 2003 Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It was a fun and inspirational evening.

We need volunteers to help with Sisterhood events and the Gift Shop. If you would like to get involved or if you can share time on a Friday night to work the Gift Shop, contact Linda Bram.

Come take part of Great Reading and Great conversation at the Sisterhood book club. We meet on Sunday afternoons at Borders every other month. Contact Elyse Horowitz if you are interested.

Annual Food and Cultural Festival Sunday, Oct. 26

It takes the whole membership to make this a success.

Check the cooking calendars mailed to your home in September and please VOLUNTEER to help prepare food and sweets. We also need baked goods to sell the day of event. VOLUNTEER to work the day of event. There are jobs for all ages – from helping park cars to working in the dining room or washing dishes or how about greeting or selling tickets.

Please call **Ellice Gunter 610 775-4448** or Sandy Sigal, **610 779-8683** and VOLUNTEER!!!!

Please return Food Festival tickets and money to the office **by Oct. 18.**

The future is now

In order to get the Temple into the computer age we needed to upgrade our prehistoric system. With our new system we will be able to access the Internet, which will allow our office staff to keep our major computer programs up to date.

If you would like to help defray the costs of the new computer system, you can make donations to the Temple's General Fund. Please make note that the donation is for the computer. Honor your friends and family with a



Sisterhood Florence Frank Offering Fund

To Bea Lipsitz in honor of her 100th birthday
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

To Ruth Brok for a speedy recovery
Mrs. Ethel Sherman
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Green
Mrs. Rhoda Rosenberg

To Arthur Deutsch in memory of his wife, Dorace
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Safir
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Asher
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brok

To Dr. Francine Deutsch

in memory of her mother
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Asher

To Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Deutsch in memory of her mother
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Asher

To Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Asher in memory of his sister Dorace Deutsch
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Diamond
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Safir
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To David Cohn for a speedy recovery
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Green

To Gene Friedman on his special birthday

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Mrs. Pauline Goldberg
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Safir
Mrs. Helen Rappoport

To Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Balis for their special anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mrs. Hilde Gernsheimer & Fred Jakobs

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Wachs on the arrival of their granddaughter
Mrs. Sylvia Schiff
To Mrs. Linda Bram in memory of her grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

To Mr. Samuel Frankel in memory of his sister
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

To the Sisterhood for all its help during my husband's illness
Mrs. Lisa Ueberroth

To Mrs. Alice Botvin in memory of her mother
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brok
Mr. & Mrs. Murry Knoblauch

To Dr. Gordon Perlmutter in memory of his mother
Mrs. Sue Wolfe

To Dr. Eric Zelnick in

memory of his uncle
Mrs. Sue Wolfe

To Mrs. Rosalye Yashek in her special birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Naum Ger
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Friedman

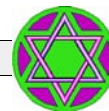
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Oneg and flowers sponsors
To sponsor flowers, a food basket or oneg, call Ellice Gunter at 610-775-4448

Looking ahead:
Our November Tot Shabbat will be **Saturday, Nov. 1** at 10 a.m. with a special guest.
UAHC Biennial meeting will take place in Minneapolis, Minn., **Nov. 6-9**
Rabbi Michelson will be having an adult education ethics class on Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Dec. 2 and 9 at 8 p.m.
Sisterhood/Men's Club Comedy Night – **Saturday, Nov. 15**, save the date and get ready for an evening of good laughter and delicious sweets.

Look . . .
for a Food Festival flier inside this newsletter.
Please copy it and send to friends and/or put up at work or stores you patronize.

Shop the Sisterhood Gift Shop !!
New merchandise – 20% off retail price all the time.
Visit us first before buying your holiday and special occasion gifts. Treat yourself to a new piece of jewelry.



Perpetual Memorials

October 3 and 4

Theresa R. Cohn
Charlotte F. Levy
Samuel B. Cohen
Ignatz Whiteson
Henry Phillip King

October 10

Sol Greenstein
Nathan R. Liever
Samuel Sinaink
Maurice Gumpel
Sidney J. Sondheim
Justin J. Baumann
Leon Klevansky

Geraldine G. Salpeter
Nathan Fein
Else Gerson-Simon

October 17

Hilda Bodenheimer
Jack H. Blumberg
Jane R. Pokrass
Jacob Morris Cohn
Sadie R. Newman
Samuel J. Sondheim
Ruth G. Greenberg
Theodore Rachlin

October 24

Emanuel Jacobs

Edith Luria
Yetta Levitz
Rebecca Liever
Anna G. Popkin
Eve Frankel

October 31

Molly Miller
Morris Eisman
Joseph Bloch
Lily D. Heilbron
Sophie G. Cohen

Fall Cleanup in the Garden

Sundays Oct 12 and Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon

Did you pick up your Jewish calendar for 2004/5764?

There are still some available in the Temple office. Our thanks to Bean Funeral Homes and to Henninger Funeral Home for providing these calendars to our membership.

You are cordially invited:

to join our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families in prayer at their services:

Alexander Cardinal, son of Jeff and Adrienne Cardinal

Saturday, Oct. 11

Ian Gavigan, son of Tom and Mimi Gavigan

Saturday, Oct. 18

Mara Schneider, daughter of Neal & Lori Schneider and Marcy Schneider

Saturday, Oct. 25.

Friends Helping Friends Day

at all Boscov's stores,

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Stores open at 9 a.m.

Purchase a \$5 ticket for a 20% off shopping pass and a chance to win fabulous door prizes. Entire \$5.00 donation benefits our Sisterhood.

Tickets can be purchased in the Temple office or by calling Linda Bram, Sisterhood President.



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