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Meet the JCC Early Education staff at RCOS

The JCC Early Education Department will be utilizing the Religious School wing during the JCC/Jewish Federation re-location process. If you are in the Temple between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays this school year, you will be aware of the new pint-sized students, their parents and JCC staff.

Judy Synnamon, RCOS Religious School director is also director of the JCC Early Education Department and teacher of the Pre-K class. Carole Robinson is the kindergarten teacher and Beth Castor is the 3-year-old class teacher. Carole, Beth and Judy have been teaching at the JCC for nearly 20 years. Carole is also a social worker with the Jewish Federation of Reading Jewish Family Service in the afternoons.

Many of you will recognize Peter Alvarez, the maintenance supervisor of the JCC for more than 20 years. He will continue his responsibilities at the JCC's current building, help with Early Ed. maintenance at RCOS and provide some additional building maintenance at the Temple.

Sylvia Thomas, Sue Wagner and Nicki Hettinger will be working with the youngest children in Play Group. Sylvia has been at the JCC for more than seven years. This is Nicki's second year with the JCC. She has also taught in the Gov. Mifflin School District.

Many of you will recognize Sue (Garfinkle) Wagner as an RCOS member. Sue has spent the last year as a nanny. Cathy Weitzel will be

teaching several enrichment programs and will be an aide in the mornings. Cathy has had a great deal of experience working with children and her specialty is the Yoga for Children class!

Jayne Kleinman, JCC Program Director, will be assisting a few mornings per week. Jayne spent many years as a teacher in the Reading School District.

Adrienne Cardinal, a familiar face at RCOS, will be an aide. Adrienne has a background in social work (and runs a great Rummage Sale).

If you have any questions concerning the Early Ed. Department, JCC Staff responsibilities or meshing of JCC/RCOS activities, please contact Judy Synnamon or Barbara Stein.

From the Rabbi's study

Dream of a better world to make it a reality

Anyone who has ever visited Disney World knows that things are continually changing. A ride is replaced or a pavilion is given a new name. It is never the same place twice. I remember one of the early pavilions at Epcot was called "Horizons." It was devoted to the celebration and dramatization of human creativity.

**Rabbi Brian
Michelson**

Horizons greeted its daily visitors with the inscription, "If we can dream it, we can do it."

The capacity to dream, to envision, to imagine is one of the most powerful of God's endowments to humanity. Our ability to picture our world, our families, and our own lives as we would want them provides the opportunity for us to create them in that ideal image. Jewish

tradition reminds us during the High Holy Days that we were created as God's partners in sustaining and improving the world. This partnership is based on our shared ability to envision and dream; we share this ability with God and we share it with each other.

Dr. Theodore Herzl had the courage to tell a World Zionist Congress more than 100 years ago, "If you will it, it is no dream." When the late Dr. Martin Luther King delivered a message entitled "I have a dream," he inspired black Americans and other minorities to advance the fight for equality in this country.

There are, also, the dreams that never seem to come true. These are sometimes

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September Highlights

Monday, Sept. 1 — Brittany Eisenberg Bat Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 5 — Shabbat service, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6 — Shabbat service, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13 — Rabbi's 10th anniversary celebration, 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20 — Tot Shabbat, 10 a.m.; Selichot starts at 8:30 p.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 29 — Erev Rosh Hashanah service, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 — Rosh Hashanah services start at 10 a.m.

**All services at 7:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Babysitting available for 7:45 Shabbat services.**

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Religious School News**It's time to get ready for another great year****By Judy Synnamon***Religious School administrator*

Welcome back to Religious School. The summer has flown by.

The first day of Hebrew School will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, for Grades 3 through 7. The first day of Sunday Religious School for Grades Pre-K through 7 will be Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

I hope you all have received your registration packets and welcome letters in the mail and have returned them before the first day of school.

Please plan on staying with your child for at least a portion of the morning Sept. 14 for a school and classroom orientation.

You will receive a calendar for this

year's classes, services and events and a Religious School Manual during this orientation. Please read and become familiar with the manual. It includes our policies, protocol and curriculum.

You will be reminded of special events by my monthly articles in the Temple newsletter, flyers and e-mails.

The bulletin board outside the school office has the daily curriculum for each class and announcements for the school.

Please review these items so you can have the knowledge to discuss what your child accomplished in school that day and what will be happening in the future.

Remember, you are your child's greatest Jewish role model.

Our staff for Religious School is;

PreK/K: Dorie Karp**Grades 1&2:** Susan Jeffers**Grade 3:** Eve Pardo**Grade 4:** David Spillerman**Grade 5:** Brooke Rose**Grade 6 & 7:** Holly Michelson**Hebrew School:****Aleph:** Susan Jeffers**Bet:** Beth Bruck**Gimmel:** Brooke Rose**Dalet:** Eve Pardo**Hay,** Holly Michelson

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me. You are invited and encouraged to attend Religious School Committee meeting. The chair of the committee is Cindy Chronister. We welcome your input, ideas, suggestions and help.

Temple member's son to deliver speech at Reading Hospital

Dr. Bradley T. Hyman, neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and a Harvard Medical School John B. Penny, Jr. Professor of Neurology, will be a keynote speaker at Reading Hospital Sept. 3. Dr.

Hyman also serves as director of the Alzheimer's Research Clinic at Harvard University. He is the son of Temple member Rosalind Hyman.

Bradley's wife, Dr. Cynthia Gross-kreutz

of Massachusetts, has been granted a \$60,000 Lew R. Wasserman Merit Award by Research to Prevent Blindness. Her research is finding the cause of glaucoma, on the leading causes of blindness in the United States

SAVE THE DATE

FOOD FESTIVAL 2008 IS

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Have you considered remembering
the Temple in your will?*

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contact Mark at Marknem@aol.com or 610-370-2533,
or contact the Temple office.*

Deadline for next bulletin: Sept. 5**USHER IN THE
HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Our annual Selichot program and service will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning at 8:30 pm. Program details to be announced

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Adrienne Cardinal seen rummaging around Temple

If you were at the Temple July 7-23 you probably saw Adrienne Cardinal moving tables, digging into bags, unfolding and folding clothes and arranging chatchkies in the social hall.

It was, once again, time for the annual Sisterhood Rummage Sale! Adrienne and her faithful followers ... Lauren Cardinal, Norma Beckerman, Eve Pardo, Mimi & Tom Gavigan, Jeri Kozloff, Allison Althouse, Jane Goodman, Sue Schlanger, Sandee Nevitt, Michelle Mart, Hannah and Tobias Walker, Lynn Driben, Abby & Steve Gelb, Prue Precourt, Marge Shearer, Chip Karasin, Fran Komisar and Nick Levine, Pat Frankel, Sandy Fishman, Susan Backer, Shirley Friedman, Barb Bender, Harriet Baskin, Sue Wachs, Deb Cooper, Cheryl Spillerman, Marilyn Frank, Cathy and Caroline Sanders, Sharon Scullin, Naomi and Gabriella Michelson — and last but not least, our Temple secretary Donna Oaks and bookkeeper Beth Bruck — all pitched in to help arrange everyone's generous do-

nations into the most successful Rummage Sale ever.

This event is a tremendous effort. Unless you actually witness the process you cannot appreciate the work that goes into making the sale happen. There is more folding, sorting, hanging, arranging, and stacking than you can imagine. Just when you think you have finished, someone comes in with "just a few more things".

As with any large project, the more help you have, the lighter the atmosphere and the easier the work. We had wonderful volunteers who enjoyed coming together not just to benefit our Temple, but to help the community at large.

The Sisterhood Rummage Sale is an institution in our area. Our customers look forward to our sale each year and it is marked on their calendar. It's their back-to-school shopping spot, the place where they pick up extra clothes for work or toys for the kids. We sold designer suits for men and women at prices that couldn't

be passed up. We even had antique finds that were expertly priced by our own Gene Friedman.

This year the Rummage Sale was even more important. Since our economic climate is difficult, more and more people were shopping for many more people than just their own families. We helped to make many families very happy this week. Adrienne, you did a huge mitzvah!

Our congregation is so fortunate to have Adrienne, her lovely daughter Lauren and all the volunteers who help on all of our projects large and small.

Please...when you drop off a cake or cookies for the next event, stay and help with set up, clean up or with the event itself. Forget the cake and cookies. Volunteer your time.

We work hard, but it's not hard work when you are with good friends. Be Temple-minded. We need you.

Thank you Adrienne, and we'll all be back next year. It's on our calendar!!

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more difficult to face. Nearly 2,800 years after the prophets Isaiah and Micah proclaimed their visions of universal peace in the words "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not take up arms against nation, neither shall they experience war any longer," our planet is still savaged by terrorism and warfare.

However, even if the dream has yet to

come true we should not lose hope. Each New Year, each new day provides humanity to take one step closer to the fulfillment of these dreams.

One of the greatest and most inspiring challenges of the High Holy Days is the opportunity they present to renew our dreaming.

Just when life appears all out of focus, just when dreams seem their remotest from coming true, just when we have difficulty seeing both inward and outward is precise-

ly the time that we need to take the risk and dream again.

Over the exit door at the old Horizons pavilion was written, "Today's horizons are tomorrow's reality." What visions can we create this New Year? What old visions can we bring to fulfillment? What accomplishments await us if we will but accept them into our dreams!

I wish every one of you a most wonderful New Year.

September Simchas

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. William Wolf	Sept. 1
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Stein	Sept. 2
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Spillerman	Sept. 3
Mr. & Mrs. David Goldstein	Sept. 4
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nemirow	Sept. 4
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Gernsheimer	Sept. 5
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Jacobs	Sept. 5
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Messina	Sept. 11
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Jeffers	Sept. 18
Steven W. Levine	
& Frances Komisar	Sept. 30

Birthdays

Merryl Eisenberg	Sept. 2	Trudy Katz	Sept. 14
Gene Friedman	Sept. 3	Robert Brok	Sept. 21
Allison Kohn	Sept. 5	Sharon Zamrin	Sept. 21
Deborah Zelnick	Sept. 6	Beth Anne Wolf	Sept. 24
Gerald Jeffers	Sept. 8	Tandy Goldstein	Sept. 26
Vivian Schneider	Sept. 8	Mrs. Rosalye Yashek	Sept. 26
Nimrod Goldshtain	Sept. 9	Frances Komisar	Sept. 28
Julie Alweis	Sept. 10	Richard Roeberg	Sept. 28
Margery Gilbert	Sept. 10	Ruth Balis	Sept. 29
Cantor Gerald Miller	Sept. 11	Barbara Nazimov	Sept. 30
		Mr. Sidney Symons	Sept. 30

**Rabbi's
Discretionary
Fund**

Wishing Hal Silverman, her brother, a speedy recovery
Edith Blanck

In memory of John Himmelberger and wishing Ellen Azrael a speedy recovery
Hilde Gernsheimer

Wishing Michael Levy and his family well
Anonymous

In memory of David Gordon Susan Schlanger and family
Mildred and Ivan Gordon

In memory of Bruce Sherman Susan Schlanger and family

Building Fund

In appreciation for all the good wishes for my birthday which made it very special!
Harriet Baskin

Sending Linda Bram get-well wishes
Norma & Marty Beckerman

General Fund

In memory of Marjorie Hammel Wolf
Ellis & Lita Schein

In honor of Eve Pardo's fabulous performance in "Nunsense"
Nancy Knoblauch

In fond remembrance of Marjorie Wolf & Bruce Sherman
Nancy Knoblauch

Music Fund

For the speedy recovery of Allen Michelson
Harriet Baskin

Landscaping Fund

For Helen Netter's special birthday
Bob & Kaye Ullman

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In memory of Marjorie Hammel Wolf
Victor H. Hammel, President, J.C. Ehrlich Co.

In honor of the Yahrzeits of my husband, Milton, & my mother, Lena
Edith Mendelsohn

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In memory of Peter Morris
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**Florence Frank
Offering Fund**

To Mr. and Mrs. David Green for a happy holiday
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brok

To Hilde Gernsheimer for a happy birthday
Mrs. Helen Rappoport

To Mrs. Nancy Knoblauch for a happy birthday
Mrs. Helen Rappoport

To Mr. Samuel Pugliese in memory of his wife
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Symons

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

Many thanks

to Mrs. Margaret Feinberg
for sponsoring challahs for two months.

Book Group

**Sunday, Nov. 9,
4 p.m.**

We are reading "To Heal a Fractured World"
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.
Copies of the book
are available in the Temple office.

Perpetual Memorials

Sept. 1-6

Osker Hekler
Dr. Joseph A. Liefster
Alan Baskin
Rosa Weil
Bernard L. Simmons
Jack Loeb Stein

Sept. 7-13

Solly Gernsheimer
Dr. James Holzman
Josephine Katz
Robert Katz
Anna Stern
Sadie Gilbert

Sept. 14-20

Vivian Schachter
Lawrence Diamond
Albert Fried
Bertha Whiteson
Joseph Marcus
Sitta Goldstein
Dr. Frederick P. Pokras

Florence E. Frank
Marsha Salpeter

Sept. 21-27

Malcom Spinrad
Manfred Jakobs
N. John Kelner
Dennis Deutsch
Isabel Sondheim
Bertha Eisman
Sara Holzman

Sept. 28-30

Charlotte F. Levy
Theresa R. Cohn
Ignatz Whiteson

**The Jane Henry
Memorial Fund**

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