Sharey Tefilo-Israel

SEPTEMBER, 2004/ELUL-TISHRI, 5764-5765

SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, September 10 7:30 P.M.

The Congregation Honors New Members, Members of 36 + Years, The Board of Officers and Trustees, and B'nai Mitzvah of the Year Past.

Please join us for a Shabbat service alive with music, warm with friends and family, serene and peaceful in worship and prayer.



S'LICHOT Saturday, September 11

Light Supper sponsored by Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Program and Service to follow

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her program of folktales, Days," congregant Ellen lead listeners on a soulful journey toward the quiet that heralds the season of the High Holy Days.. Her storytelling has been called 'innovative and spirited,' 'vivid and enduring.'

Ellen says: Storytelling is a wondrous partnership between a teller, a story and an audience. Each time I tell a story, it is different. The story becomes newly drawn by those who are listening. I watch the audience. I see a wink of recognition, a faint smile, a quick intake of breath - each an awakened memory. These tokens, freely given, inform me about the inner landscapes we are traveling and color the story as it is

> being told. Join her and the stories of our people......

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Saturday, September 4 Minyan Service, 9:00 A.M. Gross Chapel B'nai Mitzvah of Carmel Gordon, Claire Goldman and Matthew Bond, 10:15 A.M.

Friday, September 10 Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29.9-30 Shabbat Service , 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, September 11

B'nai Mitzvah of Harry Tarre, Danielle Seltzer and Alexander Coleman, 10:15 A.M. S'lichot Supper, Program and Service 6:30 P.M.

<u>Sunday, September 12</u> Memorial Service at TSTI Cemetery, 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, September 15 Rosh Hashanah Service, 6:45 P.M. Teen Service, 6:45 P.M. Rosh Hashanah Service, 9:15 P.M.

Thursday, September 16

Rosh Hashnah Service, 8:30 A.M. Children's Program, 8:30 A.M. Rosh Hashanah Service 11:15 A.M. Tot Service, 2:15 P.M. Intergenerational Service, 2:15 P.M.

Friday, September 17 Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32 Shabbat Shuvah Service, 7:30 P.M. Ruth Bass Sanctuary Building

Saturday, September 18 Minyan Service, 9:00 A.M. Gross Chapel

Friday, September 24 Kol Nidre Kol Nidre Service, 6:45 P.M. Kol Nidre Service, 9:15 P.M.

Saturday, September 25

Yom Kippur Service, 8:30 A.M. Children's Program, 8:30 P.M. Yom Kippur Service 11:15 A.M. Meditation Service, 1:30 P.M. Tot Service, 2:15 P.M. Intergenerational Service, 2:15 P.M. Afternoon Service/Yizkor/Neilah, 3:30 P.M

Thursday, September 30 Sukkot Service, 10:30 A.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

7:06 P.M.

6:54 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3 SEPTEMBER 10

SEPTEMBER 17 SEPTEMBER 24

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All in the Family

Mazel Tov to

Susan Witkin, whose daughter, Keren, received her Ph.D. in molecular biology.

Susan and Elliot Katz on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to John Koutsouftikis.

Susan and Alan Wovsaniker on the marriage of their daughter, Erica, to Jason Theobold.

Mimi and **Joe Paperman** on the engagement of their son, Ken Berman to Cecile Alduy.

Todd Leavitt and **Stephen Majors** on the adoption of their baby daughter, Claudia Marie Leavitt-Majors.

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From the Rabbi's Study

Dear Friends,

When I was growing up, the whole family would gather to celebrate my grandpa Alex's birthday at my grandparents' lake house in upstate New York on July 4 (or a day close to it). Although he claimed it was, I always suspected that July 4 was not grandpa's actual birthday. Rather, I suspected that he chose the 4th as his birthday as a way to celebrate his pride at being a citizen of the United States of America and to give thanks for the remarkable freedom and acceptance he found here after jumping ship in New York harbor in 1919. Throughout his life, he recognized that this country, founded on the ideal of freedom and equality, gave us, as a Jewish community, remarkable opportunities. How tragic that two generations after he first set foot on the shores of our great nation so many of us take our freedom for granted!

For the past 80 years, we Americans Jews have voted in remarkable numbers. Historically, in fact, about 90% of all eligible Jews actually voted in presidential elections. This, in itself, is an amazing display of how much we have always valued being part of the fabric of this great nation. Through exercising our right to vote we have been able to allow our values to shape our nation, protect our interests as a community and defend the rights of all Ameri-

cans regardless of race, religion, or economic status.

Yet if recent patterns continue, close to one million Jewish Americans who are

eligible to vote will not do so this November. What was unthinkable just a generation ago is increasingly the norm as so many of us opt out of the electoral process. If we learned anything from the 2000 election debacle, in which George Bush won the state of Florida and the presidency by just 537 votes, it is that each vote does, indeed, matter.

Perhaps most sadly, a disproportionate number of those Jews who will not vote are of college age. During this, the first presidential election for which they are eligible to vote, they will forfeit their right to help shape the future of our nation, and, in doing so, they will fail to fulfill



a basic obligation of every citizen. I therefore urge you to make sure that you and every adult in your household are registered to vote. If your

> child or grandchild will be out of town or out of the country on Election Day make sure that they have requested, completed, and mailed an absentee ballot. For more information check out this link to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism— <u>http://</u> www.rac.org/pubs/ vote04.html

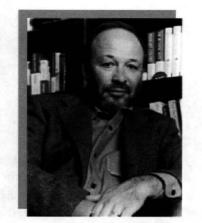
This year we celebrate the 350th anniversary of Jews in America. For the past three and a half centuries, in this environment of remarkable opportunity, we have created the most successful and educated Jewish community in the history of our people. It is our responsibility to exercise the rights we have found here and to help shape the future of our great nation.

Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen

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Conversations...

As we move ahead to the holidays of renewal and the brisk breezes of autumn, *Conversations* ... begins its 9th season with an exciting schedule of programs and speakers covering a wide range of relevant issues.



Joe Klein Political Journalist, Author and *TIME* Magazine Columnist INSIDE ELECTION 2004 Sunday, October 3 at 7:30 PM Tickets \$20. Call to reserve tickets 973-763-4116 At the very least, the 2004 presidential election promises to be an electrifying experience for all voting Americans. Our inaugural speaker for the 2004-2005 *"Conversations . . ."* season promises to be nothing less.

Joe Klein presents provocative and probing analysis of events in Washington, DC and abroad. Klein, now a senior writer for *TIME*, has a weekly column "In the Arena" that covers national and international affairs, is a regular contributor to CNN and is a frequent guest on *Meet the Press* and *The Chris Matthews Show*.

As a speaker, Joe Klein "makes you laugh and think at the same time. His incisive commentary and quick wit combine to provide a real insight into national affairs while making our political leaders come alive for the audience."

Take advantage of the opportunity to hear Joe Klein interpret the politics of this presidential year. Join in the *"Conversations . . ."*

Marcia Freedman Brit Tzedek v'Shalom – Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace

Sunday, October 24 7:30 PM

Marcia Freedman is the president of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, a national organization of American Jews who are deeply committed to Israel's well being through the achievement of a negotiated settlement to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ms. Freedman served in the Knesset between 1973 and 1977. Admission is free.

Michael Sachs

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Sunday, November 7 7:30 PM

AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is the only American organization whose principal mission is to lobby the US government for legislation that strengthens the relationship between the United States and Israel. **Michael Sachs**, the organization's Northeast Regional Director, will address how the 2004 presidential election in our country will affect Israel's future. Admission is free.

The roster of exciting speakers includes

Warren Grover

Scholar of Newark History "The Jewish Mafia and the Nazis" Sunday, March 6 7:30 PM

Daniel B. Silver author of Refuge in Hell: How Berlin's Jewish Hospital Outlasted the Nazis Sunday, April 17 7:30 PM

Randy Cohen "The Ethicist" of The New York Times Magazine Sunday, May 1 7:30 PM

Conversations...

What would *Conversations* ... be without our annual movie series? This season, **Rabbi Azriel Fellner** will bring us **The Voices of Religion in the Movies**, a series of films that try to "understand what makes us religious, how religions affects our lives and how some religious orthodoxies challenge the norms of everyday life and test the secular nature of our society."

2004-2005 Movie Theme: The Voices of Religion in the Movies

Sunday, November 14 7 PM **Movie:** *The Quarrel* (1991), about two Yeshiva friends whose quarrel is interrupted by the Holocaust and resumed years later. Tickets are \$10.

Sunday, December 19 7 PM **Movie:** Solomon & Gaenor (1999), featuring the love affair between the young son of a Welsh Orthodox Jewish family and a Welsh Christian girl. Tickets are \$10 Sunday, January 16 6 PM **PIZZA NIGHT** and **Movie:** *Elmer Gantry* (1960), an "authentic and engrossing" film from Sinclair Lewis's famous novel. Tickets are \$10. *Conversations ...* will host its annual Pizza Party. Admission for pizza lovers is \$15

Sunday, March 13 7 PM **Movie:** A Price Above Rubies (1998) explores the tensions in the Hasidic community in Brooklyn through a young woman's desire to free herself from the restrictive Hasidic life. Tickets are \$10

Conversations...

You can be a part of **Conversations** ... in a variety of ways.

Benefactor Subscriptions: \$200 per person or \$300 per family. Benefactors are entitled to premier seating at all events, an invitation to private pre-lecture and post-lecture receptions and a special listing in our **Conversations ...** program books.

Patron Subscriptions: \$75 per person. Patrons receive admission to all **Conversations...** presentations and a mention in each program book.

Questions? Call Linda Kirsch, 973-763-6894 or lindabk@optonline.net

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Yom Kippur Afternon Service: A Spiritual Lift

It's 'om Kippur, about 3 p.m. You're tired. You're hungry. The last thing you're focusing on is the service. You just want to go home.

Sensitive that for many congregants, the Yom Kippur afternoon service had lost its meaning, Cantor Aronson and more than two dozen Temple members assembled a re-energized service for when everyone's batteries are low.

At the core of the service is music. From the opening niggun (a wordless melody) to "By the Waters" (sung as a round) to "Zamru L'Adonai," the service mixes traditional melodies with more recent ones that speak to the special character of our community.

The service includes brief readings and Torah cantillation by an array of Temple members and includes the traditional procession and prayer of the ancient Kohanim. The whole sanctuary is put to use as a way to envelop the entire congregation. The goal is to inspire a sense of awe as we remember who we are as a people, and remember the people who have shaped who we are.

Please listen again to the Manginot CD that was distributed last year to every Temple family so that again we can join in song together. If you've misplaced it, please pick up a replacement in the Sisterhood Gift Shop, at services, or at the Temple office during the week.

"Live" Worship Services Available to Homebound Temple Members

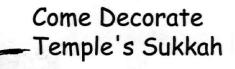
We are pleased to be able to provide LIVE Holy Days worship through home telephone lines to members of the congregation who are unable to attend services.



Through prearrangement, you will be able to call Temple and be connected to the Sanctuary sound system by telephone. You will hear the service "live" as it is conducted by out clergy. It would be preferable if you have a speakerphone option on your telephone.

We are grateful to the Josh Littman Fund which has generously enabled Temple to offer this service to our congregation at no charge.

Please call the Temple at 973-763-4116 and ask for Karen for further details.

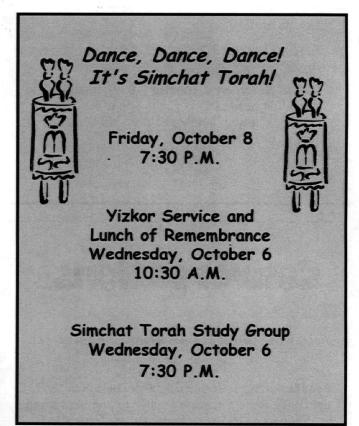


Everyone is invited to help create a festive, cheerful sukkah on Wednesday, September 29. We'll meet in the Green

Social Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a light supper. Then it's "hands on" as we make paper chains, popcorn strings and a variety of one-of-a-kind decorations.

Please respond to Sunny Seglin at Temple, 973-763-4116 or email sseglin@tsti.org by Sept. 12 with your name and number attending. Your reservation is important!

Rabbi Cohen and Cantor Aronson will lead a Sukkot Service on Thursday, September 30 at 10:30 A.M.



Welcoming Melodies

Elicia Silverstein, daughter of Risa and Joel Silverstein, will perform the Baal Shem Suite by Ernest Bloch on the violin. As you enter the sanctuary for the Rosh Hashanah service, you will have the pleasure of hearing Elicia's most beautiful music.



MOTHER and BABY GROUP



Come and meet with other mothers to discuss your baby and the life changes you are experiencing. Leader Susan Siegeltuch, MSW, LCSW, plans to cover topics such as finding child care, marital and emotional changes, returning to work, sleep deprivation, weaning your baby, language development, impact on siblings and more.

Please call Susan at 973-378-8635 to learn more about this program. Sponsored by The Iris Family Preschool.



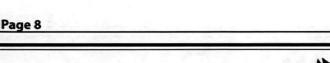
Tree of Life

A new leaf has been added to the Tree. It reads: Ann Merin **Sisterhood President** 2000-2003

Mimi Braun will be happy to order a leaf for your simcha. Just contact her at 973-243-9005. Leaves are \$180.







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ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

BEGINNING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004 7PM-9PM

A Unique Opportunity for Adult Learning

Jewish History

¢ Jewish Literature

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Reform Judaism

🌣 Torah

This two year program will include class time at Temple and individual outside learning.

First session will include Rabbi Cohen's overview of the program curriculum and course requirements.

Study with TSTI clergy, local clergy and experts in specialized fields.

\$150 per person first year. (Includes all books and materials) For information or to register email <u>thorwitz@tsti.org</u> or call 973-763-4116

Linda and Rudy Slucker Religious School Chai-Lites

Welcome New Students & Parents

The 2004 - 2005 school year kicks off on Sunday, September 12 for all of our **new students to Religious School and their parents** as we welcome you to a new students orientation during your child's session. Remember, Early Session begins at 8:30 am -10:30 am and Late Session 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and Director Elizabeth Best. Families will participate in the Family Education Program, "A Taste of Tishre" which will conclude the morning's activities.

CLASSES TO BEGIN

Our first Sunday for all of our Kindergarten thru 6th grades begins on Sunday, September 19th.

<u>All 7th Graders will be evaluated</u> on Sunday September 19th. Students will be informed either by mail or phone when they are to begin their Sunday tutorial program.

Our Wednesday 7th grade Sharey Tikvah Evening program will begin September 22nd from 7:00 pm - 8:30. All 7th graders will have the opportunity to choose their first cycle of classes. This year classes will range from Holocaust, Ethics and Midrash to Cooking, Choir and Ritual Art.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 12th New Student & Parent Orientation

Sunday, September 19th K - 6th Grade Classes begin 7th grade evaluations

Tuesday, September 21st 3rd - 6th grade Midweek Classes begin

Wednesday, September 22nd 3rd - 6th grade Midweek Classes begin

Wednesday, September 22nd 7th Grade Sharey Tikvah begins Tuesday, October 19th

8th - 12th Grade Sharey Ateed begins

The Religious School Board

We are so please that Debbie Bernstein continues to be our Religious School Board Chairperson. As always the Religious School works hand in hand with our Religious School Board.

Congratulations to Religious School Chair Hope Pomerantz, as she embarks on her new Board of Trustees position as VP of Education.

We know that Hope, Debbie and the rest of the Religious School Board will continue to make themselves available to the entire Religious School family to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

What to do if ...

What if you need to pick up your child early? It is important that you send a note to school along with your child.Please park in the parking lot, not along the roadway, and come to the Religious School office to sign your child out. At that time your child will be retrieved from class and brought to the office to meet you.

Did you Know? that the Bible speaks of Rosh Hashanah as occurring on the first day of the seventh month. The first month of the Jewish calendar is Nissan, occurring in March and April. Why, then, does the Jewish "new year" occur in Tishri, the seventh month? Judaism has several different "new years," a concept which may seem strange at first, but think of it this way: the American "new year" starts in January, but the new "school year" starts in September, and many businesses have "fiscal years" that start at various times of the year. In Judaism, Nissan 1 is the new year for the purpose of counting the reign of kings and months on the calendar, Elul 1 (in August) is the new year for the tithing of animals. Shevat 15 (in February) is the new year for trees (determining when first fruits can be eaten. etc.), and Tishri 1 (Rosh Hashanah) is the new year for years (when we increase the year number. Sabbatical and Jubilee years begin at this time).







At a motivational meeting the lecturer told a story about two American couples who were traveling together on a vacation in Italy. One couple, let's call them Archie and Irene, had already been to Italy and were excited to act as tour guides for their friends, Jerry and Carol for whom this was a new experience. Archie and Irene planned diverse activities allowing for different interests amongst the four friends. There were many compromises, laughs and learning experiences along the way. Having spent most of the two-week vacation together, Jerry and Carol felt comfortable enough with the language, the money exchange and the lay of the land to strike out on their own for a day. The two couples planned to meet at the hotel in the next city for dinner.

Archie and Irene mapped out

The Iris Family



their route, planned their tourist stops and arrived at the prearranged final destination in a reasonable amount of time. Jerry and Carol, on the other hand, took off without a plan. They made numerous wrong turns, stopped impulsively at shops, sites and restaurants that were not part of an AAA approved guidebook and arrived five hours later.

The point made by the motivational speaker was that those who planned ahead were more efficient, better at time management and more successful in reaching their 'goal'; hence we should emulate them.

Yeah, they may be more efficient, but did they have any fun? They were, after all, ON VACATION! Who needs efficiency on vacation? What about spontaneity, adventure, the thrill of the hunt? Any outing rarely disappoints me as I have very few expectations. Rain isn't a problem and delayed flights are a mere hindrance when I have no preconceived notions of the final outcome.

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(Mind you, I write this a week before my own family vacation, comfortable in the knowledge that we have only a vague idea of where we are headed and no idea where we will be sleeping.)

The comic strip Family Circus has been around for many years. It is easy for me relate to the panels that illustrated the child, much like Jerry and Carol, starting at one point in his front yard and taking a very circuitous route around the neighborhood just to wind up 2 feet from where he started. Rather than bend down to pick up the item he was sent to fetch for his dad, he jumped over, climbed up, twirled around, wiggled through and squirmed under every tree, bench, toy, and lawn chair that he encountered. Seems like great exercise. Along the way he dug, poked, prodded, stared. He took time to stop and smell the roses. Sure it took longer. Did he waste time? Did Jerry and Carol waste time? I don't think so.

Children of all ages desperately need the luxury of 'downtime' to explore without being hurried along to the next activity. It isn't always the end goal that is important. Sometimes the route one takes to get there is really where the important learning takes place.

> Carol Paster Preschool Director

Shop Sharey Holíday Bazaar

Monday, November 11 7-10 P.M. in the Ballroom

The Iris Family Preschool invites you to our fall fundraiser. Come and enjoy a night of shopping, wine and dessert. custom framing pocketbooks jewelry home decor kid's clothing toys stationery gourmet cookware art gifts and treasures of all kinds

With a prayer of thanksgiving for past joys and the hope that we shall be blessed with

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu 5765 - 2004

May the year ahead bring peace to all

With much appreciation for your generous contributions

The Sisterhood of Temple Sharep Tefilo-Ssrael



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The following Temple members send their warmest wishes to their friends for a happy and healthy New Year.

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Sisterhood extends an enormous thank you to all who help sustain our L'shana Tovah project. It is heartwarming to know that the families listed here have supported Sisterhood by sending their good wishes for a happy New Year to all.

Ann Merin, Sara Merin and Marcia Weinstein deserve hearfelt thanks for organizing this project and seeing it through to the end.

On behalf of Sisterhood, I wish everyone a New Year of Peace and Prosperity.

Sunny Seglin Sisterhood President

Mazel Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Matt Tyler Bond, son of Wendy Bond and Jon Bond, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, September 4. His brother, Alex, and grandparents Judy and Marvin Sachs and Alma Bond will join him for this special occasion. Matt enjoys creative writing and physical ed at Millburn Middle School, and can be found playing sports, acting and hanging out with friends in his free time. His "Mitzvah Project" involves volunteering to work at the JCC with a special group of children.

Matt says of this milestone, "Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means beginning to leave childhood behind, taking studies more seriously, volunteering for community service and doing good deeds."

Claire Julia Goldman will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 4. With her will be her parents, Kenneth Goldman and Kristen Peck, and siblings Hannah and Elliot. Claire attends Millburn Middle School and especially English, acting, writing, soccer and basketball. For her "Mitzvah Project" she collected items from her schoolmates and created gift packages to be mailed to soldiers in Iraq.

"I am the first one in my family to do this and that feels very special," says Claire.



Carmel Rose Gordon will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 4. She is the daughter of Michael and Arlene Gordon, sister of Jeremy and Sarah, granddaughter of Herbert Cahn and great granddaughter of Elizabeth Lighton. She attends Millburn Middle School and finds time for travel, music and sports. Carmel has worked in a soup kitchen and donated money to The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous for her "Mitzvah Project."

Carmel says, "Handling the responsibilities of a Jewish woman as well as possible is what becoming a Bat Mitzvah means to me."



Alexander William Coleman, son of Patti and Steve Coleman, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 11. Grandparents Blanche and William Tall and Rita and Sam Coleman, along with his brother, Keith, look forward to celebrating with him. Alex enjoys math and science at South Orange Middle School, and finds spare time for playing basketball, soccer and baseball. His "Mitzvah Project" is to help mentally challenged kids to play soccer. Alex says,"I will learn how to take on responsibilities as I start to do things for myself."

Harry Daniel Tarre, son of Stephanie and Howard Tarre, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, September 11. Celebrating with him will be his brothers, Jason and Josh, and grandmothers, Jessie Van Vort and Cyla Tarre. Harry attends Millburn Middle School where he likes creative writing and the history of WW II. His hobbies include basketball, football and hanging out with friends. He is collecting small toys and craft items for the prize chest at the Valerie Fund's Children's Center for his "Mitzvah Project."

"I feel proud to be joining the generations before me in this tradition. It is exciting to share this special day with my family and friends," says Harry.



Danielle Jordan Seltzer, daughter of Lori and Tom Seltzer will be called to the Torah on Saturday, September 11. Her brother, Adam, and grandparents Nanette and Gene Hobicorn look forward to being with her. Math tops the list of favorite subjects at Roosevelt Middle School. Dani also enjoys playing softball, playing the piano and being with friends. Her "Mitzvah Project" involves volunteering at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"I have taken time to learn and understand more about my religion, and know that I need to take on more responsibility as a young adult," says Dani.





Mitzvah News

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." —Anne Frank

Conversations ... and the Mitzvah Program (perfect together)

Watch for information from *Conversations*...about a program on October 24, featuring Marcia Freedman of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace). She will discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This program is being sponsored by *Conversations* under the stewardship of Linda Kirsch and her dedicated committee. The program was developed by Pam Kruger of the Mitzvah Program's Political Action Group, a small group of TSTI-ers who inform congregants about social action issues. If you are interested in future social action programs, contact Pam at 973-313-9709 or pkruger@comcast.net.

Habitat

Would you like to help revitalize Newark by building homes for families who normally could not afford them? Our first work date is September 12, but if you can't make that one, we have another date coming up in November. Adults and teens (ages 14 and older—all teens must come with an adult) can help. We work under the supervision of an experienced staff construction foreperson. To volunteer, call project coordinators Barbara Laub and Dennis Percher at 973-763-8379 or e-mail to <u>bjlaub@att.net</u>.

TSTI Soup Kitchen

Now entering its 4th year, the TSTI Soup Kitchen is a Mitzvah Project at the Lighthouse in Newark. We go twice per month (Sundays) from about 10:30—1:30. We shop, cook, serve food, and clean the kitchen. It's wonderfully rewarding for adults and kids alike—and a great way to meet other TSTI members.

Available dates: Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 17 & 31;Nov. 14 & 28; Dec. 12 & 19; Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13 & 27; Mar. 13 & 27; Apr. 10 & 17; May 15 & 29; and June 12 & 19. To reserve a date, email Karen Seidmon at kseidmon@aol.com (or call 973-564-6272) and Jill Kassirer at plkjsk@aol.com (or call 973-912-8875).

It's All About You

If you want to get involved in a Mitzvah Project, let me know. I can help you brainstorm about ideas for you, your kids, or your Aunt Rose. Take things you already like to do and put a Mitzvah spin on them! Email me at jillmkushner@yahoo.com or call me at 973-763-8844. Let's talk Mitzvot, dahlink!

South Mountain Conservancy

Many of us take advantage of the beauty of the South Mountain Reservation, to hike, picnic or ride a bike. But if you go to the Reservation, you've no doubt also seen signs of natural and human-caused neglect and abuse. Luckily, the South Mountain Conservancy is working hard to fix these and other problems in the Reservation.

The Conservancy is a volunteer organization founded to preserve and protect the over 2,000-acre piece of land known as the South Mountain Reservation. They recently received funding from the state and county that will allow the restoration of woodlands, trails, and drainage systems. The planning process for this restoration will include analyzing the conditions of the forest, meadowlands, and its soil, as well as studying deer in the Reservation. Improved woodlands management is a key goal of the Conservancy.

If you want to volunteer with this worthwhile group, contact TSTI member Dennis Percher at dpercher@att.net or 973-763-8379 (also known as the guy who co-chairs TSTI's work with Habitat along with his wife, Barbara Laub). You can help protect and restore this beautiful natural environment. You can also go to their website at <u>www.SoMoCon.org</u> to find the most up-to-date information about the grants, hikes, and volunteer activities.

Jill Kushner

HELLO PARENTS OF 9th-12th GRADERS

We would like to introduce you to STISY TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL SENIOR YOUTH

STSY is a student led organization under the guidance of the youth group advisor, Tracy Horwitz and Rabbi Ellie Miller. STISY is a wonderful way for teens to get involved in our Temple community. The STISY Board plans and implements all of its own programs. The programs include but are not limited to: Midnight Run, Trick or Treat for Hunger, Sporting Events, NYC Trips, and a Weekend Retreat. STISY teens run our High Holy Day Children's Program with the help of adult chaperones, they volunteer at our Purim Carnival and assist in many other social service projects throughout the year.

Since STISY is run by teens for teens, a large part of the process is teaching the teens how to budget, publicize, create, plan and present programs. Sometimes we do make a few mistakes as we learn together. We want to encourage all of our teens to be part of this wonderful program. Therefore, let us know if you would like your teen on the STISY mailing list or if you would like a STISY member to call your teen to encourage and welcome him or her into the group. Membership is only \$36 per year and entitles the teens to membership prices on all events (many are free for members) and access to wonderful large-scale Regional events. Please contact Tracy Horwitz via email at <u>thorwitz@tsti.org</u> or call 973-763-4116 for additional information or for a membership form.

9th GRADE PARENTS WILL BE RECEIVING A CALL LATE SEPTEMBER WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OUR OCTOBER FRESHMAN KIDNAP EVENT!





Founded in 1985, MAZON : A Jewish Response to Hunger, is a national nonprofit organization that allocates donations from the Jewish community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

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MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, 1990 South Bundy Drive, Suite 260, Los Angeles, CA 90025-5232

IS YOUR CHILD COLLEGE BOUND THIS FALL?

After years of parental involvement and supervision your child is now off on his/her own! It's a big world out there with lots of new experiences and situations to face. The TSTI College Committee believes now is the time for the Temple to continue a connection with our young adults.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) WITH THE TSTI COLLEGE CORNER! We send the Temple Bulletin each month so they see what is happening here at home, email from Rabbi Cohen, and "care" packages 2-3 times per school year. In addition, Sisterhood sends a Chanukah package to each student.

Don't let your child feel left out when he sees the students around him receive packages from their synagogues. Fill out the form below as soon as you have the correct address for your college student and mail with a check for \$20 to:TSTI, 432 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ 07079 Attn: Karen Patton

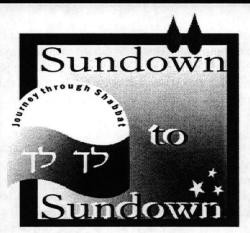
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Renaissance Group

Shalom—September is here and so are we. Once again, we're ready to go with plans for a wonderful year. Hopefully, every one of us had a relaxing and healthful and enjoyable summer.

Our first meeting is a "lunch-brunch" scheduled for Sunday, September 12 at 1:30 in the Green Social Hall. This is a paid-up membership occasion so there is no charge, but you must be a paid up member for the 2004-2005 year. Do you remember Danny Stiles, a very popular radio "D.J." who has endured through the years and is now broadcasting on AM radio station WNYC. His music is "our" music. He will talk on "My Life in Radio." This should be trip down memory-lane for many of us. If you are planning to join us for the first time, you can mail your membership dues to Daniel Goldberg at 404 Barringer Court, West Orange, 07052. All Temple members, age 55 or over are invited to join. If the other member of your household is not yet 55, they may join with you. The annual dues per person is \$15.

Our first field trip is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20. We will visit the Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum in Long Island City and the American Museum of the Moving Image in Queens. Of course, we'll enjoy a great lunch at a Greek taverna. The Garden Museum offers us an opportunity to experience beauty in a very spiritual environment. The Museum of the Moving Image will bring us moments of nostalgia and reflection. A bus will transport us from Temple to our New York destinations. Cochairpersons Lenora Beckerman and Alice Forman have planned this interesting and diverse day for us. If you are a member of Renaissance, you have undoubtedly received our calendar for the year. You know we have wonderful events planned for us. Please watch your mail for details on the October trip and respond promptly because reservations are limited.

Our best wishes to our dear friend Barbara Pfeiffer for her successful path to recovery from a difficult illness she suffered this summer.

We look forward to seeing you at our paid-up meeting on the 12th. It will be nice to meet and greet all our friends after the long hiatus of the summer months.

Florence Seglin

Golden Generation

We are thrilled to announce that our Golden Generations group will be staffed and programmed by our own **Fran Miller.** Fran, a Family Educator, brings a host of exciting ideas and new programs for our Monday senior group. Currently, Fran teaches in our Sharey Ateed Hebrew High School, Sharey Tikvah 7th grade program, and is a 5th grade teacher in the Slucker Religious School. In addition, Fran coordinates special Religious School large scale events and tutors our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. Fran has truly made a difference in our Temple community and we are confident that she will continue to nurture and strengthen our Golden Generations group.

Golden Generation meets the 1st Monday of every month and the 3rd Monday of each month excluding January-March

October 4: Luncheon with lively discussions and entertainment by Kathleen Kelly.

October 18: Bring a bag lunch. We provide side salads, dessert, coffee and tea and a wonderful program featuring Rabbi Arnie Zoref.

In Memoriam

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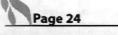


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