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FEBRUARY SHEVAT/ADAR

Beshalach - February 6 and 7
 Exodus 13:17-17:16
 Judges 4:4-5:31

The Israelites are redeemed from Egypt and Moses offers thanksgiving through the song of the Red Sea.

Yitro - February 13 and 14
 Exodus 18:1-20:23
 Isaiah 6:1-7:6

This portion, named for Moses' father-in-law contains the giving of the 10 Commandments.

Mishpatim - February 20 and 21
 Exodus 21:1-24:18
 *Additional reading for Shabbat
 Shekalim: Exodus 30:11-16
 II Kings 11:17-12:17

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Rabbi's Message

BY RABBI RANDI MUSNITSKY

HELP SAVE A LIFE



February is American Heart Month. It is a wonderful time to encourage

people to protect themselves and their families from heart disease and stroke. These diseases take a terrible human and economic toll. This past year they killed approximately 950,000 Americans and cost an estimated \$259 billion in medical expenses and lost productivity.

While it is usually assumed that heart disease is a man's problem, I am an example of one woman whose life was recently threatened by cardiovascular disease. With God's help and the quick action of my physicians and surgeons I am now here to relate my story. As a spokeswoman for the American Heart Association I am taking part in the national campaign to raise heart-conscious awareness among women. You will soon see my picture in various publications and read my story together with those of four other women

survivors. Our aim is to educate women and their families and heighten awareness about this major health threat. In so doing we fulfill the command of *Pikuach nefesh*, to save a life.

The truth is the number one killer of women is heart disease in New Jersey and the nation. Yet, with these alarming numbers, a recent American Heart Association survey found that only eight percent of women know heart disease and stroke are their biggest health threats. While smoking, high blood pressure and elevated blood cholesterol are the more well-known risk factors, there are others which include: the need for earlier diagnosis and better treatment; the estrogen question; oral contraceptives; stress, and women in the work force.

Please use this month to educate yourselves and someone you love about the risks involved. Learn the warning signs and share your knowledge with another woman. For information for yourself and a friend, please call toll free 1-888-MY HEART.

Together may we save many lives. ■



**HOLOCAUST
 TORAH
 RESTORATION
 PROJECT:
 SERVICE OF
 BEGINNING,
 SUNDAY,
 JANUARY 25,
 1998**

President's Message

by Bess Soffer



I savor my weekends! To me, one of the best things about Saturday and Sunday is I don't have to wake up early. Mind you... I still get up at the same time, like clockwork, but at least I know I don't have to. The weeks are full of stress and time crunch and I wish the Rabbis would talk to God about adding an eighth day or making Shabbat last more than 24 hours. When Friday arrives I take advantage of dress down day at the JCC where I work. That is the beginning of my preparation for Shabbat. I so look forward to the serenity of Friday night services to put the week behind me, relax and help me focus on what is really important in life. I have learned to appreciate Shabbat as a time of reflection and rest. So one might be surprised that at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning Jim and I are on our way to the Temple for Torah Study. As I mentioned in an earlier *Light* President's Message, I have taken the challenge and have begun re-educating myself about Torah. For a little more than an hour, a group of men and women discuss the Torah portion of the week. The Torah has in it everything you would ask for in a New York Times Best Seller - love, hate, passion, deceit, crime... And discussing it with other people under the tutelage of our Rabbis, lends for a multitude of interpretations. As we have begun restoring our own Torah, it is most fitting for us, concurrently, to study this most sacred and fascinating text.

Another opportunity for study comes this month at the "Jewish Culture Shuk" at the Katz JCC on Saturday evening, February 28. It is a fun evening and another opportunity to share the wealth of Judaic knowledge with more than 30 mini-courses being offered on diverse Jewish subjects. Tickets are \$10 if you purchase them in advance through our Temple office, or \$12 at the door.

Don't miss "Community Music Shabbat" on Friday, February 27. It promises to be a Shabbat filled with joyous and inspirational music by our own choirs and East Singers of Cherry Hill High School East, of which several of our own congregants are members.

So.... bundle yourselves up and take advantage of all that's happening at the Temple and in our community this month. ■

Youth Group Leaders Make House of Worship a Home

by Linda Levitsky

We know what makes a house a home, but what makes a synagogue a home, especially to kids? This is the question that occupies Sandy Umansky and Laura Hoffman, who direct the youth groups at Temple Emanuel. Their goal is the same for all the age groups: making the children feel more comfortable at Temple Emanuel by providing opportunities for them to socialize outside of the classroom. In other words, helping them feel that Temple Emanuel is their home.

Laura Hoffman, a dedicated Hebrew School faculty member, is in charge of the younger children, starting with a group for kindergarten through second grade called *Shabbat Shalom*. She also leads *Shalosh Arbah* for third and fourth graders. Both groups have a social activity once a month, often combined with a holiday or perhaps a mitzvah of some kind. The older children usually take a day trip. Upcoming outings including a visit to the Insectarium in Philadelphia, celebrating Purim at the Philadelphia Zoo and a rock climbing expedition for Israel's 50th birthday. The younger children, who stay in the building, can look forward to a visit from zoo animals and celebrations of Tu B'Shevat and Purim. There is a membership fee, but non-members can participate in all the activities on an individual basis.

At the 5th grade level, Sandy Umansky takes over with *Tween Canteen* (5th and 6th graders) and *Shomrim* (7th and 8th graders). She also directs the Temple Emanuel Federation of Temple Youth (TEFTY), encompassing 9th through 12th grade. Sandy has directed these groups for about 12 years and has been a teacher in the religious school for many more. "You cannot underestimate the significance of this experience for our children," Sandy explained. She is especially proud of the large number of the young people from TEFTY who have gone on to be youth group directors and advisors. It is also a source of pride that Temple Emanuel usually has the largest representation at regional conventions sponsored by the Pennsylvania Region of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY/PAR), of which TEFTY is a part. In addition, many Temple Emanuel teens have served as officers of NFTY/PAR. The current President and Treasurer are both from Temple Emanuel (Matt Soffer and Chip Rosenberg, respectively).

Being part of a Temple Emanuel youth group is a wonderful learning experience

and just plain fun. If your children would like to participate, contact Laura or Sandy or the Religious School office for information on upcoming events and memberships. ■

Blessing of the Month

FOR EDIBLE FRUITS AND NUTS

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם, הנותן ריח
טוב בפרות.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving fruits their goodly aroma.

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A listing of laws offering moral and ethical guidelines to daily living begins with this portion.

Terumah - February 27 and 28
Exodus 25:1-27:19
I Kings 5:26-6:13

With the exception of three chapters, the remainder of the Book of Exodus is concerned with the building of the Sanctuary. ■

L'Zecher Olam

for an Everlasting Memorial

We record with love and dignity those whose lives are forever remembered in our Temple. The following names of a loved one has been added by a devoted family member to be enshrined in our Memorial Chapel.

OTTY AND KARL GOLDFARB

Mother and Father of Lilly Field



Mazel Tov

Randi and Bruce Bard on the birth of their son, Zachary Adam Bard.

Joan Langer on the engagement of her son, Jonathan to Debra Lehanski.

George and Lilly Field on the engagement of their son, Alan to Sharon Ringle.



FORGET THEM NOT

This month, take a few moments to create a one-of-a-kind greeting card, or to buy a special card, to be distributed to patients in area hospitals. Place on the envelope who the recipient should be (boy or girl, adult male or adult female) and fill the inside with good wishes. Drop the cards in the box in the Religious School Office for distribution to the patients later this month.

Next month, we will sponsoring an "Adopt-a-Box" for the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council. For our March Mitzvah, we ask that you fill a shoebox with personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, wash cloth, new underwear, new socks, shaving cream, razor, soap, etc. Put a rubberband around it an label it "men's," "women's," "girl's," or "boy's."

HER SEDER

Plan on being part of a very special evening as Temple Emanuel Sisterhood presents its annual HER SEDER, a unique blend of food and festivities to celebrate the female role in the Exodus tale. Kosher vegetarian cuisine, singing, camaraderie and a specially prepared hagaddah punctuate the evening. Plan to bring a mother, daughter, sister or friend. Or just come to make some new friends. Set aside Thursday, March 19 and watch for further details about HER SEDER. ■

SING !!!

Open your mouth and say 'Laaaaa!' If you love to sing, Kol Emanuel would love to hear from you. The Temple Emanuel Adult Choir, under the direction of Ms. Julia Zavadsky, invites you to join then on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All voices are welcome, and the ability to read music is not a requirement. For more information, call the Temple Office at 489-0029. ■

New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members into our congregational family.

Alan and Debra Drazin

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

February 7

Bat Mitzvah of **Rebecca Kate Feldman**
Daughter of Janet and Stephen Feldman

February 14

Bar Mitzvah of **Max Gessman**
Son of Jeanne and Larry Gessman

February 21

Bar Mitzvah of **Efrem Emanuel Stanley**
Son of Lucia and Richard Stanley

February 28 Havdalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of **Todd Andrew Rasner**
Son of June and Steven Rasner

SOCIAL ACTION

by Howard Goldstein

Thanks to all the volunteers in the Holiday Toy Drive! A wonderful letter of thanks was received from Rosie Rainer, Director of Child Car at the YWCA of Camden County. She wrote, "It is always encouraging to see such gracious generosity." More gratitude was conveyed by Michael Snyder, Executive Director of the Archway Programs in Atco. Archway distributed the donated toys to multiple agencies, including our local Bancroft School. Hopefully, we can do this again next year.

This spring, in conjunction with Carl Grossberg and the Men's Club, we will host the first of a series of "Men's Health Initiatives," which is a project of the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Watch you calendars for this important event. Prostate cancer detection and treatment is the NFTB's first "initiative." I look forward to working alongside the Men's Club in the future as this wonderful program of NFTB unfolds.

An educational conference on "Breast Cancer and the Jewish Family - Exploring the Genetic Links" will be held at the Katz JCC on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Contact the JCC for more information. ■

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION... TEMPLE EMANUEL'S PHOTO SEARCH

We're searching for your Kodak moments! We're putting together a booklet with photos of our Social Hall decorated weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc. to show our members and non-members how lovely the room looks when decorated. If you have any photos you can spare, or if you can make some copies of them, we'd love to include them in our album. Please send your pictures to Jane Vortreflich at the Temple. ■

THE HENRY RAICH SENIOR GROUP

by Bryna Thayer

A "CARING" CONVERSATION

The Henry Raich Senior Group welcomes Rabbi Richard Address to its monthly Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at noon. Rabbi Address will speak on "The Mitzvah of Caring."

Bring your own lunch. The group will supply the coffee, cookies and conversation. To R.S.V.P. call Gilda at the Temple Office at 489-0029. ■

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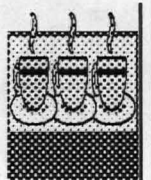
by Deb Faye

Get out the blankets and the ants - it's time for the annual Tu B'Shevat picnic dinner and seder. We'll be shaking off the winter doldrums to celebrate springtime in Israel on Tuesday, February 10. The pack-your-own picnic dinner will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Then, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. we will celebrate the seder and partake of the fabulous fruits of the trees and vines.

This event is kid friendly, fun and educational! We will be learning about trees, playing games such as Treevial Pursuit, and talking about the celebration of Tu B'Shevat. This event is the perfect way to shed the winter blues by looking ahead to springtime!

And, if springtime is just around the corner, so is Purim - and the Purim Shpiel. Last year's "Motown Magilla" had everyone rocking. This year's "Nick at Night Purim Shpiel" will transport everyone back to the golden days of really bad television, including "The Beverly Hillbillies", "The Brady Bunch", etc. Watch for information in next month's *Light*, as well as in informational flyers. Anyone interested in working on this celebration (and, believe me, no talent is necessary!) can call me, Deb Faye, at

Use **Scrip** for all your food shopping. From soup to nuts! Contact **Debbie Jeffreys** at 751-5119 for more info on how to buy Scrip.



MEN'S CLUB

by Carl Grossberg

I would like to begin this month by thanking Rabbi Ron Kaplan for a very informative program on Men and Spirituality. Because of the great response, we are planning additional programs on this topic. Watch for the dates to be announced. Thanks as well to Dr. Michael Shore for his program on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Remember that Saturday, February 21 is our Second Annual Casino Night, an evening of great food, music and fun gambling for an array of great prizes. Call Scott Jeffreys at 751-5119 for reservations. If you'd like, we will reserve a table for you and your friends. Or, better yet, just come out and meet some new ones. This is a fun way to help support Men's Club in its effort to raise funds for our many Temple programs.

On Sunday, March 15 we will be having Breakfast With The Torah. Our scribe will be here to tell us all about the Holocaust Restoration Project. Watch for the flyer containing further details.

If you would like any information about Men's Club, don't hesitate to give me a call at 751-6349. ■

In Memorium

Bob Kooperstein

Husband of Elaine Kooperstein

Rubin Tepper

Father of Alan Tepper

Irving Butler

Father of Bruce Butler

David Felsenstein

Father of Steve Felsenstein

Beatrice Milbauer

Mother of Richard Milbauer

Sidney Blaurock

Uncle of Sue Conde

Gertrude Skaraton

Aunt of Chloe Handler-Salsburg

Abe Markinson

Father of Lorraine Hutter

Herbert Baskin

Uncle of Rabbi Ron Kaplan

Norman Tecker

Brother of Irving Tecker
Uncle of Amy Landsman

Mary Louise Adler

Mother of John Adler

Lillian Greenberg

Mother of Elaine Blick

SISTERHOOD

by Faith Chonofsky

For all of you who think of February as a "slow" month - have we got news for you!!!

We are starting off the month with an Outreach Brunch on Sunday, February 8 at 10 a.m. Rabbi David will lead a discussion on "Creating a Jewish Family." Whether you are from a traditional Jewish family or part of a family with interfaith relationships and marriages, this question needs to be answered throughout the different stages in our lives. The brunch will be held in the Temple Emanuel Social Hall and the cost is \$5 per person or \$7 per couple. RSVP by February 1. For more information, call 751-8995.

Our Temple Tales program will be held on February 12 at 6:45 p.m. Bring your pre-schoolers in pajamas and enjoy our guest reader. Cookies and milk will be served after the story time.

And we're cooking up more than cookies and milk at our Casserole Cooking program on February 17 at 7 p.m. Bring a knife and a cutting board (you don't have to be George Perrier....) and help us to feed the hungry in Camden.

A Sisterhood Bingo will be held on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to spotlight the hobbies and talents of Sisterhood members. Items and services are being sought to use as prizes for the Bingo. For more information or to RSVP, call Robin Miller at 427-9076.

Following closely behind February is a March that is shaping up to come in with a lion's share of activities and events. First is HER Seder! A delicious vegetarian meal, combined with a Seder emphasizing the women who traveled to the Promised Land and their modern day counterparts, will be held on March 19. For more information, call Donna Friedman at 429-7216 or Kyle Roth at 427-0146.

For those of you who need a little get-away to lift the spirits, join us at our Sisterhood Retreat at the Hewitt Wellington in Spring Lake, N.J. Rabbi Musnitsky and Cantor Sherman will guide a personal and spiritual journey filled with music, prayer and song. Space is limited. For more information, please

In Memorium-continued

Shirley Grabosky

Mother of Perry Grabosky

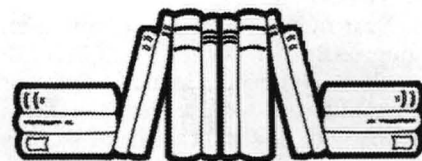
Herb Nelson

Husband of Harriet Nelson

call Ellen Jones at 751-2484.

Don't forget Sisterhood's ongoing projects! Remember to buy scrip. By doing so you may be eligible to win a free one year temple membership. Contact Debbie Jeffreys at 751-5119. Also, Entertainment Books are still for sale for New Jersey. They are \$30 and available from Felice Friedman, 482-9146.

If the wonderful programs you have just read about appeal to you and you would like to become a part of Sisterhood, or volunteer your time for any events or projects, call Deb Faye at 795-5133. ■



LIBRARY

By Rene Batterman

BIBLICAL LITERACY: The Most Important People, Events and Ideas of the Hebrew Bible

by Joseph Telushkin

Telushkin retells the Bible's tales in a way that will acquaint the reader with each event's most important details and also convey its insights about living: how to raise children, honor parents, serve "God, resist evil leaders, etc..." and brings the biblical message into 1997 and beyond. Part I covers biblical events and personalities in chronological order beginning with Genesis and proceeding through the Bible's 39 books; Part II focuses on the Torah's important laws and ideas; Part III describes the 613 laws of the Torah.

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EVENTS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

2
7:00 p.m. Candle-lighting/
Kiddush Class

3

4
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

5
6:45 p.m. Temple Tales

6
7:00 p.m.
TOT SHABBAT
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Evening
Family Service

7
9:15 a.m. Shabbat
Study with the Rabbis
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of
SARA MIRIAM LEVINE
Bar Mitzvah of
MAXWELL ADAM LEVINE

8
PURIM CARNIVAL

9
7:30 p.m. Executive Bd.
Mtg.
Healing Service

10
12 Noon
Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Post B'nai Mitzvah Study
1:00 p.m. Bible Class

11
**6:00 p.m. PURIM
FESTIVAL DINNER
WITH READING OF
THE MEGILLAH**

12
PURIM

13
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening
Service
ADULT BAT MITZVAH

14
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of
GREGORY LAYNOR
6:15 p.m. Havdalah Service
Bar Mitzvah of
DAVID ROMASH

15
9:00 a.m. Men's Club
Bd. Mtg.
11:00 a.m. Men's Club
Event with Sofer, Neil
Yerman

16
7:30 p.m. Board Meeting

17

18
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
HER SEDER

19

20
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening
Service

21
9:15 a.m. Shabbat
Study with the Rabbis
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of
JUSTIN MAUSNER

22

23

24
12 Noon Adult Beg.
Hebrew
Post B'nai Mitzvah Study
1:00 p.m. Bible Class

25
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board
Meeting

26
7:30 p.m. South Jersey
Jewish Singles "Scrabble
and Game Night"
Grand Opening Event
"L'Chaim" Gift Shop

27
6:00 p.m. Senior Group
Dinner
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening
Service

28
9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
with Religious School

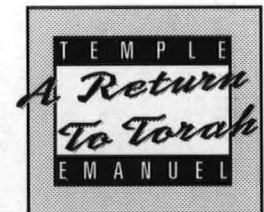
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30
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood
Book Review

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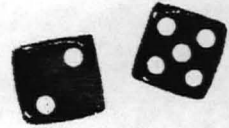
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1
9:00 a.m. Men's Club
Bd. Mtg.
10:00 a.m.
Membership 101

2
7:30 p.m. Executive Board
Meeting

3
12 Noon
Adult B'nai
Mitzvah

4
7:15 p.m.
Choir Practice

5

6
7:00 p.m.
TOT SHABBAT
7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Evening
Family Service

7
9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Study with Rabbis
10:30 a.m. Shabbat
Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of
**REBECCA KATE
FELDMAN**

8

9
7:00
Candlelighting/Kiddush
Class
7:30 p.m. Healing Service

10
12 Noon Adult Beg. Hebrew
Adult B'nai Mitzvah
Post B'nai Mitzvah Study
1:00 p.m. Bible Class
6:00 p.m. Tu B'Shevat Seder

11
12 Noon Henry Raich
Senior Group Brown Bag
Lunch and Discussion
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

12
6:45 p.m. Temple Tales
7:15 p.m. Sisterhood
Bd. Mtg.

13
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening
Service

14
10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of
MAX GESSMAN

No School

15

No School

16

President's Day

17
7:00 p.m. Casserole
Cooking
7:30 p.m.
TE Board Meeting

18
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

19
7:30 p.m. South Jersey
Jewish Singles: "Scrabble
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Each month the Tween Canteen awaits 5th and 6th sixth graders looking to hang out together and do all sorts of cool stuff. Just watch for the flyers to announce our next gathering. Our next SHOMRIM social will have the 7th and 8th graders climbing the walls - walls of rock that is! After the rock climbing social, the group will take to the ice for some skating, then will start planning for the famous Youth Group Purim Carnival.

Our high schoolers belong to TEFTY, a group whose activities, plans and goals should attract every teen in the area. By the time you read this, TEFTY will have sent the largest representation to our winter regional convention, WINSTY. This was held at Adath Emanuel right here in South Jersey. By mingling with teens from all over the region and by taking part in some very worthwhile social action projects, a new energy and enthusiasm has enveloped us all. TEFTY is also looking forward to skiing in February, rock climbing in March and running the Purim Carnival for the Religious School.

Have I awakened all of you incredible teens and pre-teens to the thrill of Youth Group right here at Temple Emanuel? I certainly hope so; and I hope to see each and every one of you at our upcoming events.

B'Shalom,
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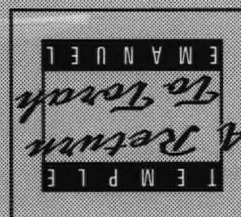
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