



Temple Am Echad

The South Shore Reform Congregation

One People ~ One Place

THE BULLETIN

February 2011 ~ Shevat/Adar 5771

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From the Rabbi's Desk

The words on this page come with a great sense of loss. Debbie Friedman died on January 9 and her demise marks the end of an era in which many of us participated. She was an incomparable composer of Jewish music that infused Jewish life in North America and around the world with indelible tunes. Like many congregations, we sing her version of the "Mi Sheberach" every *erev* Shabbat.



Debbie didn't just emerge on the scene. In the late sixties and through the seventies, the Reform Movement invested tremendous amounts of money and committed some of their best leaders into identifying and nurturing the next generation of leadership. She was one of the first and one of the best. She was touring the Union camps as a guest song leader, showcasing her first salvo of compositions, when I was an ungainly camper.

We were already singing her songs when she arrived to teach them. As young male teens are wont to do, we had already tweaked the words of one of her songs into something inappropriate. My first conversation with Debbie Friedman was a scolding. However, when she left off she had another unflagging fan.

At first she wrote for kids and camps but like all of us, she grew up. Her music evolved and took on more adult themes. Some have labeled her "Mi Sheberach" as the anthem of the Reform Jewish movement. There are ignorant ones who don't realize the breadth of her music catalogue. She has inspired generations of song leaders, instructed them and guided them; she has nurtured cantors and rabbis. Debbie lent her voice to countless conventions, concerts, and Shabbatot across the globe. She has stood in the trenches fighting daily with guitar and piano to found the next generation of Reform Jews.

When she was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in 1995, she was interviewed for NPR. I had to pull over and stop my car to listen to that interview. From jeans and a tee shirt on a sweaty Georgia day to a grand performance on the main stage at Carnegie Hall, Debbie had reached out further than many of us realized was possible.

She was a musical force and she left us far too soon. She was a Jew in the noblest sense of the word with zest to overcome many obstacles in her life. Our world is poorer without her in our midst any longer. *Zichronah Livrachah!* May her memory always be for a blessing!

Temple Am Echad: A thriving home for Reform Judaism on the South Shore of Long Island

Shabbat Services

Friday, February 4 7:15 PM

Family Shabbat Service

Parashat Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13:23

Saturday, February 5 9 AM

Torah Study & Service

Friday, February 11 8 PM

Shabbat Service

Parashat Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Saturday, February 12

Torah Study 9 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Jason 10 AM

Oelbaum, son of Brigitte

& Adam Oelbaum

Friday, February 18 8 PM

Shabbat Service

Parashat Ki Tisa

Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39

Saturday, February 19 9 AM

Torah Study & Service

Friday, February 25 8 PM

Shabbat Service

Parashat Vayakhel

Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftarah: I Kings 7:40-50

Saturday, February 26 9 AM

Torah Study & Service



What's Ahead in Adult Ed?

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

- Albert Einstein

Learn With Rabbi Jacob

Tuesdays at 10 AM:

“Litery ~ Tefillah”

2/1, 2/8, 2/15

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM:

2/2, 2/9, 2/16

Saturdays at 9 AM: Torah Study

Beginner's Hebrew

Mondays at 7:15 PM:

2/7, 2/10, 2/28

OUTREACH SHABBAT

Friday, March 4



I want to open this message with a quote from Ricky Martin, who said, “I believe in a God that doesn’t make mistakes.” He made this statement when he “came out of the closet.” I agree with Ricky Martin.

Recently, while perusing the URJ weekly update, I read an article written by Rabbi Victor Appel, URJ Congregational Specialist for Marketing, Outreach and New Communities. I was originally drawn to the article because Rabbi Appel served Temple Emanu-El as an assistant when he was a student at HUC and Rabbi Geller was on a sabbatical. The article was entitled, “If Only Tyler Clementi Had Been to a Gay Synagogue” and recounted Rabbi Appel’s own journey through his teens grappling with bullies every day of junior high school and through high school. He goes on to tell us how he was able to connect to a gay synagogue during his senior year in high school.

I don’t want to go any further into Rabbi Appel’s story and will leave it for him to tell if he so chooses when he visits our synagogue on Friday evening, March 4. If his talk is in any way as inspiring and meaningful as was his article, we are in for a very special evening.

Please be certain to mark this event on your calendar and be with us on Friday, March 4.

~ Barbara Stern

A Presidential Message



We are now just over a year and a half into our existence as Temple Am Echad, The South Shore Reform Congregation. And I have to say that in a very short nineteen months we have made a lot of progress.

Yes, we have had our growing pains; the joining and blending of two long-standing, proud Temples is bound to have some challenges. Different *minhag*, different traditions, just different ways of doing things creeps into our everyday business and we in leadership need to address these issues as they come up.

One step we in leadership took in order to help smooth out some of the rough spots in our transition was a one day board retreat back in the fall. The officers, board members, past presidents and the Rabbi locked ourselves away one Sunday afternoon along with a facilitator from the Union for Reform Judaism and candidly discussed some of the issues surrounding our merger. I must admit that at times things did get a little...let's just say testy, but in the end, we all came out with a better understanding of each other, a better understanding of how to get things done, and a better understanding of "our new normal."

We also came away with a set of long term and short term goals. Some of the short term goals are already underway. One was to create a Temple directory, so that our congregants can more easily interact with each other. A letter was sent to all Temple members to confirm their contact information and to give anyone who wished the opportunity to opt out of the directory. You should all be receiving a copy in the mail shortly.

Another short term goal is to get more feedback from you, our fellow congregants. To that end we have two initiatives underway. The first is a phone call, a simple phone call to each of our members from a member of the Board of Directors. The call is to just touch base, to see how you are doing and to get your impressions and feedback. So if you see us on your caller ID, please pick up the phone. It will be painless, I promise. There is also a survey for our members on our website, www.am-echad.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the survey. It will only take a few minutes to complete and the results will help us know how better to serve you, our congregants.

There was also one rather unexpected result of our board retreat that I want to share. At the time of our retreat, we already had a search underway for an executive director to help manage our growing Temple. The committee had received resumes and had interviewed a few candidates, but we were not finding

the person who seemed to be the right match for us and our unique situation. We discussed this with our facilitator from the Union and, lo and behold, she had a candidate in mind that she felt might be a good fit. And she was right. The committee interviewed, the executive committee met, the finance committee discussed and finally the Board of Directors voted, and we now have Bob Kahan as our Executive Director. I want to wish Bob all our best and our promise to do our best to help him help us to achieve our goals.

Ken yehi ratzon.

~ Abby and Marge

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From the Executive Office

So, who's the guy in the cantor's office?



Hi, I'm Bob Kahan, Temple Am Echad's new Executive Director. *What does an executive director do?*

The simplest answer is that he makes the trains run on time. He ensures the smooth operation of whatever it is he executively directs.

So back to the first question...

I'm Bob Kahan and I'm very excited and honored to be Temple Am Echad's first executive director. I was previously the Event Coordinator/Facility Manager/Graphics Manager for Temple Israel of the City of New York. In that job I was charged with scheduling and overseeing all building use, editing the Temple's newsletter, designing and printing flyers and posters, and managing their website. Before Temple Israel, I did virtually the same thing as Director of Programming for the Princeton Club of New York and as Program Manager for The Williams Club, both private alumni clubs. And back in the 1990s, I worked for DC Comics, the home of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and many more, creating and supervising their collected edition/graphic novel publishing program. I've also been a stage manager/lighting designer for a number of modern dance and small theater companies. And back in my youth, I spent a few summers at the URJ's Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA, going from camper to counselor.

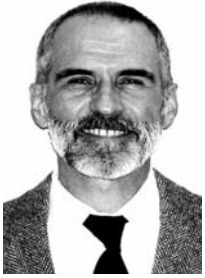
Those are the broad strokes. I'd go into more detail, but I expect to be appearing in these pages pretty regularly and I'd rather not use up my stories too quickly.

So, please feel free to drop by and introduce yourselves. As is mentioned above, I'm in the cantor's old office.

Thank you,

~ Bob Kahan, amechadexec@gmail.com

Cantor's Corner



Trust me: When I tell you there's absolutely nothing like it in the world, I mean it. What do I mean? It's the feeling you get when an entire concert hall filled with people sings along with you.

At this exact same time last year, I wrote about the extraordinary experience I had had singing with the Oratorio Society of Queens at its annual holiday concert. It was truly a great experience and I was thrilled to be invited back by my wonderful friend and colleague, Maestro David Close.

This year's concert took place on Sunday, December 19 at Queensborough Community College. We were fortunate to have better weather this time around (last year, there was a big snowstorm). The concert was completely sold out. The choir, orchestra and vocal soloists did a great job with portions of Handel's "Messiah." and continued on with many other Christmas and holiday favorites.

My turn came after intermission. The choir had just finished a very impressive version of "Maoz Tzur." David introduced me, and explained a bit about ladino to the audience. We then launched into David's terrific arrangement of "Ocho Kandelikas," which we had debuted last year. Sweeping violin lines, trumpet reports, flamenco-style embellishments - wow! The audience members, along with the choir, were moving and grooving in time with the Latin-flavored music and singing their hearts out. No one had to be told to

sing along - *they just sang.*

Next was "Light One Candle" by Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary). David had asked that I introduce the song and we agreed to teach the chorus to the audience. It seemed as if they couldn't wait to sing along and it was unbelievable! Every time we got to "Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years. Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears," there was the audience. It

worked so beautifully, it almost seemed as if it had been rehearsed. This is something like "musical bio-feedback." The more excited and involved the audience gets, the more excited the performer gets.

What can I say? I love what I do, and I love it when the people who hear it love it, and get into it along with me.

After the concert, many audience members came to congratulate and to say hello and "thank you." And, as was the case last year, the most satisfying and gratifying compliments came from the choir, the vocal soloists, and the orchestra. It's great to feel that musicians "get" what you're doing. But the most wonderful, exciting, and fulfilling part came when everyone sang along.

Thanks to the Oratorio Society, to the incredible Maestro David Close, my dear friend, and thanks to his wife, the ever lovely, patient and brilliant LeeAnn Close. Getting everyone to sing along, that's what I love, that's what I do. Like I said, there's absolutely nothing in the world like it. Trust me!

Let's keep singing together!

~ Cantor Jerry Korobow

Sisterhood and Arthur Levy, renowned voice teacher

Present

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

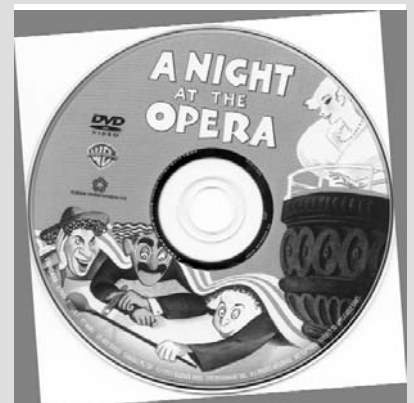
Saturday evening, March 19

Cocktail Reception at 7 PM, Performance at 8 PM

Join us for another unforgettable, up front and personal experience!

Only \$30 per person

Send your check payable to Sisterhood Temple Am Echad by March 5 to the Temple Am Echad Office and mark envelope "*Sisterhood Night At the Opera.*" Be sure to include the names of those attending.



ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL SHOW

Sunday, February 13 at 12:15 PM

Get your heirlooms together!
Find out what your jewelry, antiques
and collectables are worth.
A fun day to discover treasures
or be surprised as an audience member.

Admission: \$5 per person
Children: No charge
Only \$5 per appraisal item
Coffee, tea and cake will be served



2011-2012 Board of Directors

If you would like to be interviewed for a board
seat of officer position for 2011-2012, please call
Bruce Kerner, 374-6261
or Steve Blaustein, 295-5662

Heads up . . . Expect our call!

A member of the Am Echad Board will be call-
ing! We want to know how you're doing and if
there is anything we can do to serve you better.

Am Echad is *your* Temple and we want you to
know that the Board is here for you and interested
in your views and input.

Thanks for participating!

~ Arliene Reich, Phone Squad Chair

Blood Drive!

Give the Gift of Life!

Get a Chance to Win!

All those donating will be
eligible to win
a brand new TV!

Monday January 31

3:15 PM – 9 PM

Sponsored by Men's Club



Family Shabbat Service

Friday, February 4 at 7:15 PM

with a sandwich-making
social action project during the *Oneg*.

Songs, Stories and Celebration!

Family Shabbat Services are held on the first
Friday of each month.



Save the Dates

March 4

Outreach Shabbat with Rabbi Appel

March 11

Men's Club Shabbat and Dinner

March 25

Jazz Shabbat

April 2

Monte Carlo Night

April 27

Sisterhood Spring Fashion Show

May 13

Sisterhood Shabbat and Dinner

June 5

Day at the Races



I am writing this article following the blizzard that we had at the end of December. With all the snow on the ground here, it is interesting to note that Israel is getting into the Spring season and preparing to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees. It is

hard to believe how fast the school year is moving on despite the snow and the cold winter. I am looking towards the many Spring activities that await our students. Can Passover be far behind?

TU B'SHVAT SEDERS – Tu B'Shevat was celebrated on Shabbat, January 30. Our students celebrated the New Year for Trees by participating in a *seder* (ordered service) for the holiday. We had an opportunity to talk about Israel, sing songs, eat fruits of Israel and learn about the environment. A special thanks to Sisterhood and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped to make this very special school event happen.

REPORT CARDS – Just a reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences and Report Card distribution took place on Sunday, January 30. If you did not receive a report card for your child, please contact the office. If you wish to discuss anything that resulted from the conferences, please feel free to get in touch with me in person, by telephone or by email at templemechadschool@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS – In the event of an emergency closing during the week, we will follow the local school districts of Hewlett-Woodmere and Lynbrook. A decision will be posted by 3:30 PM. On Sundays, we will make a decision by 8:30 AM. You can get school closing information by any of the following means:

- a) There will be a phone message on the school recording at 593-4004, extension 105.
- b) If it is during the day and the Temple office is open, the staff will have the information.
- c) You can check News12.com for school closing information.
- d) You can check the Temple's website and your email for notifications.
- e) You can listen to : KJOY 98.3 and 96.1 FM (KJOY.com), WHLI 1100 AM (WHLI.com); B103-103.1 FM (B103.com), WMJC 94.3 (WMJCFM.com) or WRCN 103.9 (WRCN.com).

BAR/BAT MITZVAH FAMILY MEETING – The first of three meetings for students who will become *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* from January 2012 through June 2012 and their parents will take place on Sunday, February 6 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.

UPPER SCHOOL IN FULL SWING! – The Upper School students (7-11th graders) have already completed their first trimester. The students have participated in a special opening program and a *Chanukah* celebration which included a special dinner and Israeli dancing. I am very thankful for the teaching skills, support and encouragement of the Upper School faculty. It is a real pleasure working with them. Thanks, too, to Wendy Weinstock and Abby Himmelstein for helping with dinner and covering the office each Tuesday evening.

The seventh graders have had an opportunity to learn basic conversational Hebrew with Shirley Gepner and me as well as having an in-depth study of their *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* prayers with Rabbi Jacob. They have also learned about Jewish Values and Heroes with Jodi Linsky. Our eighth graders have been exploring modern day topics and Israel under the guidance of Alan Paskoff. Our ninth, tenth and eleventh graders have been studying dilemmas with discussions while they study modern day Jewish Values with Rabbi Jacob. Our upper school students also participated in a *mitzvah* cooking and baking project. The baked goods will be added to the meals distributed to members who are new parents, who are ill, or who are sitting *shiva*. Thanks to Ellen Tolle, Joanne Lewin-Jacus and Wendy Weinstock who offered their expertise in creating these goodies. We also wish to thank the parents and students of the Religious School for donating the various ingredients.

A family activity for our Upper School will be dinner and a movie on Tuesday evening, March 29 at 6:15 PM sharp. The movie will be “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” There will be a discussion following the movie led by Rabbi Jacob and me. Further information will be going home.

WE'RE ON THE MOVE – We have some very exciting trips planned for our students.

- Sunday, February 13 – The third, fourth and fifth grades will be going to the Long Island Jewish Discovery Museum at the Suffolk Y JCC in

Commack. We will be leaving Temple Am Echad at 9 AM and returning by 1:30 PM. Please pack a bag lunch or snack. There is no cost to students. Parents are invited to join us for just \$5 a person. We will be exploring the life of writer Shalom Aleichem. We will visit his “crater on Mercury,” visit the Shtetl (town) with its Cheder (classroom/school), Tailor and Butcher as well as enjoy Shalom Aleichem’s Shabbat and Holiday table. It is an interactive program, so be prepared to get involved!

- Tuesday, March 8 – Upper Schoolers will be off to Broadway to see the musical “Billy Elliot.”
- Sunday, March 27 – It’s Family Day at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan! We will be led on a tour of the very special exhibit in honor of magician Harry Houdini. This trip is open to all students in grades 3-12 and their parents. We are restricted to 28 people in total. The trip is free for students, and parents who join us will be charged \$5 per person. We will be leaving promptly at 9 AM and returning at approximately 12:30 PM. Please watch your mail for further information.



Buy Trees!

For just \$18, your child will receive one personalized student tree certificate from the Jewish National Fund (JNF), and one honoree certificate mailed directly to the honoree of your choice by JNF. You can plant a tree to commemorate a special occasion or person, or in memory of a loved one.

By helping your child to plant trees in Israel through JNF, you are giving them a direct link to the land and people of our homeland and ensuring that Israel will remain green and beautiful for generations to come.

Order forms were handed out to your children. Please check their book bags. If you need an order form, please contact the school office. If you have an order form and wish to place an order, please make your check payable to Jewish National Fund. Our school office will send all completed forms back to JNF.

TU B’SHEVAT TREE ORDERS ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, MARCH 1



Essay Contest Deadline ~ March 18

The Morris J. and Betty Kaplun Foundation is pleased to announce its 20th Annual Essay Contest for 2010-2011. The contest is on two levels:

7-9th Grade – Level One: Who is your hero, Jewish or non-Jewish, living or dead, and what did he or she do that exemplifies a core Jewish value that is meaningful to you?

10-12th Grade – Level Two: The Jews are one of the great enigmas of history. What makes us unique? What has given us our resilience, power of survival and ability to adapt to radically new conditions without losing our identity?

At each level, there is an \$1800 first prize and a prize of \$750 to each of the 5 finalists. In addition, an entrance prize of \$18 will be awarded to the first 50 essays received in each level.

Entries must be received by March 18, 2011.

For more information, check out the website www.kaplunfoundation.org or stop into the school office. We hope some of our students will take part and wish good luck to each and everyone who does.

“PROMISE HAGGADAH” FUNDRAISER

Celebrate Passover traditions with a beautiful Haggadah personalized on the cover with your family name or individual names!



Passover begins on the evening of Monday, April 18 and you’ll want to have *Haggadahs* for a fabulous *seder*. This family *Haggadah* offers a complete, beautiful and concise Passover *seder* for everyone...children and adults alike! A sample is available at the school office.

Haggadahs are \$11 each and our school will receive a percentage of all *Haggadah* sales. If you need an order form, stop into the office. Order forms have been sent home with your children. To order, please complete the form and return it with a check payable to Temple Am Echad to Temple.

**All orders are due no later than
Tuesday, March 1.**

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

Early Childhood Happenings

Sue Chaplick and Barbara Goodman, Directors

In December, the holiday of Chanukah was first and foremost on everyone's mind. The traditions and story of the holiday were given primary importance. Our Chanukah Sing-Along and Family Workshops were certainly highlights. Entertaining the seniors from the Atria in Lynbrook hopefully made them as happy as it did us. Mrs. Karp's 4-Year-Old Class and Mrs. Chaplick's 3-Year-Old Class repeated the Chanukah Sing-Along for the visitors. Observing the seniors and the little ones singing together was a sight to behold. We are hoping to include the Atria Assisted Living residents in many more activities.

Now that all the holiday festivities are over, we have settled down to our "normal" routine. January was the month that the children learned all about themselves. Walking through our halls, you would have observed all kinds of activities that taught the children what makes each of them special.

Self-awareness month at school included special games, arts and crafts projects, musical activities and discussions geared to the children's concept of self and the formation of a healthy and positive self-image. Discussions revolved around the children's physical characteristics, feelings and families. Special time was devoted to changes that take place as our preschoolers grow. They experimented with the five senses and developed an understanding of the impor-

tance of each. The children learned about daily routines, how to take care of their bodies and the importance of three healthy meals each day.

While helping the children build a positive self-image, we tried to make them aware of the rights and feelings of others. We particularly stressed this around Martin Luther King Day. We emphasized the importance of getting along with other people. The most important thing the children learned was that we are all special in our own way.

Mrs. Navasaitis' Extended Day 4's class began the New Year by discussing the season of winter! The children learned about the cold weather and helped to shop for and dress paper

dolls to "play outside" in our winter yard on the bulletin board! Each child shared what special fun activity they could do outside during this season by finishing the sentence, "In the winter, I like to... Ben: ride on a snowboard; Charlie: have a snowball fight; Chelsea: ice skate on the ice; Claire: have a snow fight with Alex; Emma: make a snow angel in the snow; Gabby: build a snowman with my family; Jasmine: taste a snowflake with my tongue; Jeanette: try to go skiing; Katherine: make a snow lady outside; Michael: go snowboarding with my family; Neil: make a snowman and a snow angel; Sarah: ice skate outside.

We welcome visitors to come and observe our wonderful fun-filled nursery school. Please stop by!

**The Month is called January,
The first of the year.
It's cold and it's snowy
and winter is here.**



**Our 3's
and 4's
performed
a musical
Chanukah
show at
the Atria!**



Youth Groups

JYG and AESH, our younger youth groups, have gotten off to a great start. We raised a lot of money in our bowlathon for New Ground. While the parents were busy learning in the South Shore Kallah, we were preparing our own Tu B'Shevat, Jewish Arbor Day, cooking feast.

On February 6, we joined with Central Synagogue's youth group and participated in an Origami, Games, and Greeting Cards Night. A special thanks goes to Cantor Rachel Kohlbrenner for leading us with her scrapbooking expertise.

Please be on the lookout for ONESY sweatpants featuring our new logo.

We can't wait to see you at the Purim Carnival!

~ Emily Weintrob, Youth Group Advisor

AESH JYG ONESY

January was a great month for ONESY. We spent a lot of time with other youth groups, both in the city and throughout the whole region of NFTY-NAR. First, we visited with Temple B'nai Jeshurun in the city, going to their Shabbat services and hanging out with the youth group. Later in the month, we got back together with B'nai Jeshurun's youth group and many of our old friends at Winter Kallah. Not only was Kallah fun and full of activities but a few of us participated in voting on new amendments for the region's constitution.

We all looking forward to the rest of the year being as great as the first month. We will see you all in February.

~ Ashley Himmelstein, Social Action VP

**Mazel Tov to
Jason Oelbaum,
son of Brigitte and Adam
Oelbaum, who will become a
Bar Mitzvah on
Saturday,
February 12.**



Wonderful Winter Outings

Jewish Museum

1109 5th Av. at 92nd St.

The Line and the Circle: Video by Sharone Lifschitz

February 11, 2011 - August 21, 2011

In the darkness of a photographic darkroom, a conversation unfolds between a daughter and her mother. As they print 14 images taken 1959 to 1982 at their kibbutz in the Western Negev, the images shape a conversation about family, history, and the demise of a socialist utopia.

Maira Kalman: Various Illuminations (of a Crazy World)

March 11, 2011 - July 31, 2011

This exhibition presents 30 years of whimsical drawings and paintings by Maira Kalman. The author of several books including *The Principals of Uncertainties* and *Ooh-la-la (Max in Love)*, Kalman is known for her lush illustrations and witty observations of the world around her.

The Art of Matrimony: Thirty Splendid Marriage Contracts from The Jewish Theological Seminary Library

March 11, 2011 - June 26, 2011

Featuring 30 marriage contracts (*ketubbot*) from around the globe and dating from the medieval period through the present, this exhibition illuminates the artistic relationship between Jewish communities and the countries in which they lived as well as marriage customs and patterns of patronage.

Museum of Jewish Heritage

36 Battery Place

Fire in My Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh

On view through August 7, 2011

Among Israel's most important heroes is Hannah Senesh, who died by firing squad in 1944 at age 23. This first-ever exhibition tells how this Budapest-born poet, diarist, and author of the hymn *Eli, Eli* discovered her love for the Land of Israel, volunteered for a mission to rescue downed Allied fliers and Jews from Nazi-occupied Hungary, and became an enduring symbol of courage and determination.

Project Mah Jongg

On view through February 27, 2011

Since the 1920s, the game of mah jongg has ignited the popular imagination with its beautiful tiles, mythical origins, and communal spirit. Come learn the history and meaning of this beloved game that became a Jewish-American tradition.

The Morgenthau: A Legacy of Service

On view through September 5, 2011

The Morgenthau have embraced the promise of America since their arrival in 1866. Wanting to contribute to their country and their causes, they dedicated themselves to public service. This exhibition tells the story of three generations of a family—exploring the fascinating ways in which their service to others changed the course of world events, American politics, and Jewish history.

Social Action

Taken from the Reform Jewish Voice of New York State:

In Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's first State of the State address delivered in January, he emphasized the critical crossroads facing New York State government (see: www.governor.ny.gov/stateofthestate2011). As expected, the highest priority on his list is the restoration of fiscal responsibility to the State government, which currently faces a deep budget deficit that Gov. Cuomo measured at \$10 billion. Gov. Cuomo himself has already accepted a 5% pay cut and is planning a one-year pay freeze for all state employees as well as a state spending cap to highlight the urgency of reigning in state expenditures. Among Gov. Cuomo's additional efforts to limit spending are a plan to redesign the state's Medicaid program that amounts to more than 1/3 of the state's annual budget. The Governor is seeking a 20% downsizing of government agencies, authorities, and commissions, limitations on property taxes, and a redesign of local governments, education policy and mandate relief programs.

While Gov. Cuomo's plans to reduce the budget are ambitious, there are a host of urgent social justice issues he must tackle.

Ethics Reform

In his speech, Gov. Cuomo promised to restore constituents' faith in government by instituting campaign finance reform that would set limits on campaign spending, establish public funding of elections, and restrict lobbyist campaign contributions. Gov. Cuomo is also committed to creating an independent redistricting commission to free New York constituents from the politically motivated gerrymandering to which they have been subject for so long. In addition, he plans to create an independent state ethics board to oversee financial disclosures and investigate and punish violations by legislators. To read RJV's position paper on Good Government, go to:

www.rac.org/advocacy/rjv/issues.

Marriage Equality

Gov. Cuomo addressed the crucial civil rights issue plaguing New York's gay community, saying, "Fairness demands that marriage equality become a reality now...Marriage equality is a question of principle and the State should not discriminate against same-sex couples who wish to get married." These were welcome words as we enter the second year of our Marriage Equality Campaign. To send an action alert to your state Senator demanding equal marriage, go to: www.marriageforallny.org.

Reproductive Rights

Gov. Cuomo signified his commitment to passing reproductive choice legislation, which will protect women's reproductive freedom and enshrine their right to make private health care decisions. To read our position paper on Reproductive Choice go to: www.rac.org/advocacy/rjv/issues.

~ Irene Ehrlich, Phyllis Zuckerbrot

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Am Echad and Atria: The Generations Enjoy a Chanukah Party



“This puts us in a good mood for the day,” said one of the Atria residents as 30 three and four-year-old Temple Am Echad Nursery School students, led by the Nursery School staff, performed *A Musical Chanukah Show* for the residents of the Atria-Lynbrook on Thursday, December 16. This was their second joint Chanukah celebration.

The enthusiastic children, wearing little crowns containing drawings of menorahs and other Chanukah symbols, sang and danced to a number of Chanukah songs. They also charmingly acted out the Chanukah story. The Atria residents then joined the children in a wonderful sing-a-long, including such traditional favorites as *I Have a Little Dreidel*. Finally, refreshments consisting of potato latkes, applesauce, munchkins, cookies and juice were served to everyone. Everyone participating or watching had a great time!

Sassy Survivors – The Sassies (Women’s Cancer Group) met at “So Far So Good” Restaurant for dinner on Monday, November 29. Two new members attended. Although this is a group nobody really wants to join, the companionship of people who really understand is a way of “lighting a candle” against the darkness of cancer. Since some members are going South for the winter, our next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 11. New members are welcome. Contact Charlotte for information.

An Ecumenical Thank You for Food Donations – We have recently begun to help local residents by donating some of our Mitzvah Cooking Project meals to the Parish Social Ministry of Our Lady of Peace Church in Lynbrook. We received a gracious thank you letter from Sister Barbara, Director of the Church’s social services. This is an organization we know as some Am Echad members volunteer in an employment program located at Our Lady of Peace.

~ Charlotte Hettena: 593-4124, chettena@optonline.net
~ Ellen Tolle: 569-2310, eht1029@yahoo.com

Mitzvah Cooking Project!

Purchase King Kullen scrip to support this project.
Call: Gilda Deckel (791-2865) or
Steve Honig (481-7150)

SNOW SHOVELERS WANTED!

The recent blizzard made it clear that we need strong young people to help shovel the walkways and driveways of our senior members. If your school requires community-service credit, snow shoveling for those who need it is an excellent way to earn that credit. Please contact Charlotte Hettena or Ellen Tolle if you are willing to shovel.



Shiva Setup Volunteers Needed

It is sometimes the custom for friends or community members to set up a house for *shiva* so that the immediate family does not have to be concerned about it when they return from the gravesite. Caring Community is in the process of arranging for volunteers to pick up the necessary items that have been ordered by the family, and to set up and prepare the food at the beginning of *shiva*. We have also prepared a checklist of supplies generally needed as well as tasks that should be done at this time.

There will be a meeting for anyone who would like to volunteer to help on Wednesday, February 16 at 5:30 pm in Room 5 (immediately after the Caring Community committee meeting).

For further information, please contact:
Dahlia White (569-5368/dahliawhite@optonline.net)
Margery Kashman (569-0258/ntrprise@optonline.net)

A Prayer for Healing

To arrange for a group of choir members to pay a home or hospital visit and sing a “*Mi Shebeirach*” prayer for healing and other prayers, please contact Bob and Ruth Goldenberg at 374-4726 or ruth_goldenberg@hotmail.com.



Most of us think we do not have enough time in our already busy lives to join Sisterhood. This is a distorted paradigm. We don't have the time NOT to. Maybe you'll only participate in one event each month, which is about 3 hours max. That hardly seems

like an inordinate amount of time, considering the tremendous benefit you will gain by being part of Sisterhood and the wonderful programs we support. Here's what's going on in February.

It's not too late to enjoy our annual joint Pot Luck dinner with Men's Club on Saturday, February 5. Come and share your culinary specialty with your friends while you get to taste samplings from your fellow "iron chefs." Reservations are due by January 28 and should be sent to the Temple office, Attention: Fran Farbman.

Trash to Treasures is here again on February 6 & 7. I know we all have "stuff" that did not make it to the November event. Start to clean out and gather your things so we can make this event just as successful as the November one, if not better.

On Sunday, February 13, we are having our Antique Appraisal Show at 12:15 PM. I am sure we all have that one special heirloom we are convinced has great value. Come see what that value is. You never know what grandma really gave you!

Come be SWEET ON SISTERHOOD! On February 15 at 7:30 PM, we are having our dessert meeting (yummy) with special guests "The Mental Health Players." They will be performing vignettes about the "Myths and Realities of Mental Illness." Paid reservations of \$10 per person must be received by February 5. Please send your check to Jean Marion, 79 Acapulco St, Atlantic Beach, NY 11509

Save these dates! We have a spring season filled with exciting programs and events: March 19 is our Night at the Opera; April 27 is our annual Spring Fashion show and dinner; May 13 is our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service and dinner; and June 5 is Day at the Races.

It's never too late to become a Sisterhood member. For more information, please call me 791-2721 or email me at threescoops23@aol.com. *B'Shalom,*

~ Shari Cooper, Membership Vice President



Trash To Treasures



Sunday, Feb. 6, 12 - 4 PM

Monday, Feb. 7, 10 AM - 2 PM

Brrrr...Baby, it's cold outside!

Stay warm with us.

Bring in all the stuff you don't want or need on Sunday morning. Stay to help *and* to buy. What better way to spend a cold wintery day than with coffee, tea, buddies and bargains (and maybe even hot cocoa-yum!)

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Call Sandy Marinbach 887-4374 for details



February *Dessert* Meeting:

Sweet on Sisterhood

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Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 PM

Come join us for a wonderful evening of sweets, and interactive theater.

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Drop the form along with your check
in the Temple office.

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Sweet on Sisterhood - Feb. 15

Name(s): _____

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Please reserve _____ seat(s) for me/us

Dietary restrictions: _____

Men's Club Moments



Well, winter is here big time. The December and January snow storms remind us just how we love the change in seasons. For those of us lucky enough to avoid Florida in February, we have good times ahead here at Temple.

First, there is our Pot Luck Dinner with Sisterhood on Saturday, February 5. It promises to be a great night and great time. The "Temple Am Echad Trio" featuring Elliot Monin, Dave Yuni and me will make its debut performance. And the trio is just the warm up to the fun that will follow! Please make your reservations as soon as you can. A few days later on February 8 will be the Men's Club Dinner Meeting and Poker Night. More warm inside fun to forget the weather outside and better odds than Las Vegas, I'll bet. We have invited the Central Synagogue Brotherhood in hopes of giving them a chance to equal things up from the Billiards Night.

The Men's Club Shabbat is coming up in March. We all look forward to presenting a wonderful service. If you'd like to participate and haven't yet been given a part, contact Rob Himmelstein or Ira Blumstein.

A special thanks to the Men's Club members who prepared the food for our Breakfast Meeting. We had about 40 people attend and the "chocolate" presentation was very tasteful. Also thanks to all who manned the tables for the Blood Drive in January.

As a final note, I must retract the offer to sell the wonderful antique heirloom bed we used for the show last year. It seems we might use it for next year's show. I hope no one is too disappointed!

~ Carter Brown

Men's Club Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, March 11

Dinner at 6:30 PM ~ Service at 8 PM

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Poker Night



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Merit Scholarships

Temple Am Echad offers its youth various merit scholarships made available each year through the generosity of Temple families. Please look at the list of scholarships below which you may be eligible to receive. If you aren't sure, you may consult with Religious School Principal Barry Amper or the committee co-chairs listed below. We are not allowed to help you with the application but we will help you choose the ones for which you may qualify. Receiving a scholarship award previously does not preclude you from applying again. You may also apply for more than one scholarship. Additional sheets may be used.

Remember: To be considered for a scholarship, you must submit an application to this committee. Nobody can be considered unless he/she fills in and submits the application below.

The committee must receive all applications no later than **Friday, April 15**. There will be no exceptions. Recipients will be notified by the end of May.

Sincerely, *Pat Glass (599-2378) and Julie Eden (569-1093), Scholarship Co-chairs*

The **LOUIS GANZ SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a student entering or studying at the Hebrew Union College.

The **LILLIAN GOLDSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a Temple Am Echad confirmand or one who is enrolled in our High School and has given outstanding service to Temple by involvement in the primary grades of our Religious School.

The **MATTHEW KARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to an upper school student who is a regular participant in and has demonstrated a continuing commitment to our Temple Youth Program.

The **S. LOUIS MIREL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a confirmand of our Temple who is pursuing a course in Judaic studies at an accredited college or university any place in the world, either taking a major or minor in Rabbinic Studies or – at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee – taking at least two (2) courses of Judaic studies.

Temple Am Echad Scholarship Committee ~ Merit Scholarship Application

Name _____ Age _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Parents' Names _____ Public School Grade _____

Number of years of Religious School study _____

Previous Temple awards and special achievements _____

Please circle your grades of service in the Religious School:

Student Aide	7	8	9	10	11	12
Library Aide	7	8	9	10	11	12

For classroom assignments please list the teachers and grades with whom you worked and the calendar years involved. _____

Please circle the grades in which you were active in the Youth Group 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If you chaired a committee, list the committee name and when: _____

If you held an office in Youth Group or NFTY-NAR, tell what and when: _____

If you went to a convention or camp, tell us which and when: _____

I would like to be considered for the _____ Scholarship because: _____

(Use additional sheets if necessary and put your name on them.)

Return no later than Friday, April 15.

The Scholarship Committee of Temple Am Echad offers financial assistance to the young people of our temple for their participation at various camps and summer programs sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

The URJ sponsors many fine summer programs. We urge you to consider and apply to these camps, and then apply for grants to programs such as Camp Eisner, Crane Lake, Camp Kutz or trips to Israel sponsored by the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

Over the years we have received many letters from our young people who have attended these programs, attesting to the fact that they enjoyed their summers, broadened their knowledge of Jewish life and traditions, and formed lasting friendships.

Please complete the application below and return it to the Temple office no later than **Friday, April 15**. A separate application should be filled out for any specific program. You must apply directly to the program your child wishes to attend. Applications and brochures for Camp Eisner, Crane Lake and Camp Kutz are available in the Temple office.

These grants are made possible through the Helen and Sam Hoffberg Religious School and Youth Scholarship Fund, Men's Club, Sisterhood and individual donations and contributions.

For additional information, please contact us.

~ Co-chairs: Pat Glass (599-2378) Julie Eden (569-1093)

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Alan & Enid Parness on the birth of their granddaughter, Audrey Rae. Proud parents are Michael & Kelli, older brother Jonah.

Condolences to:

Bonnie Light on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Jeanine, wife of Gary Light.

Arnold Mandel on the loss of his wife, Estelle.

Nancy Tucker on the loss of her father, Herbert Richman.

Around the Synagogue

Supermarket Scrip: Contact Gilda Deckel (791-2865) of Sisterhood or Stu Smoller (485-0175) or Steve Honig (481-7150) of Men's Club if you wish to purchase them.

Food Donation Bin is located in our lobby. Non-perishable items (Kosher Style) will go to the Hatzilu Organization which gives support to needy Jews on Long Island. Any questions, please contact Irene Ehrlich (825-3731) or Phyllis Zuckerbrot (680-1522), Temple Social Action committee.

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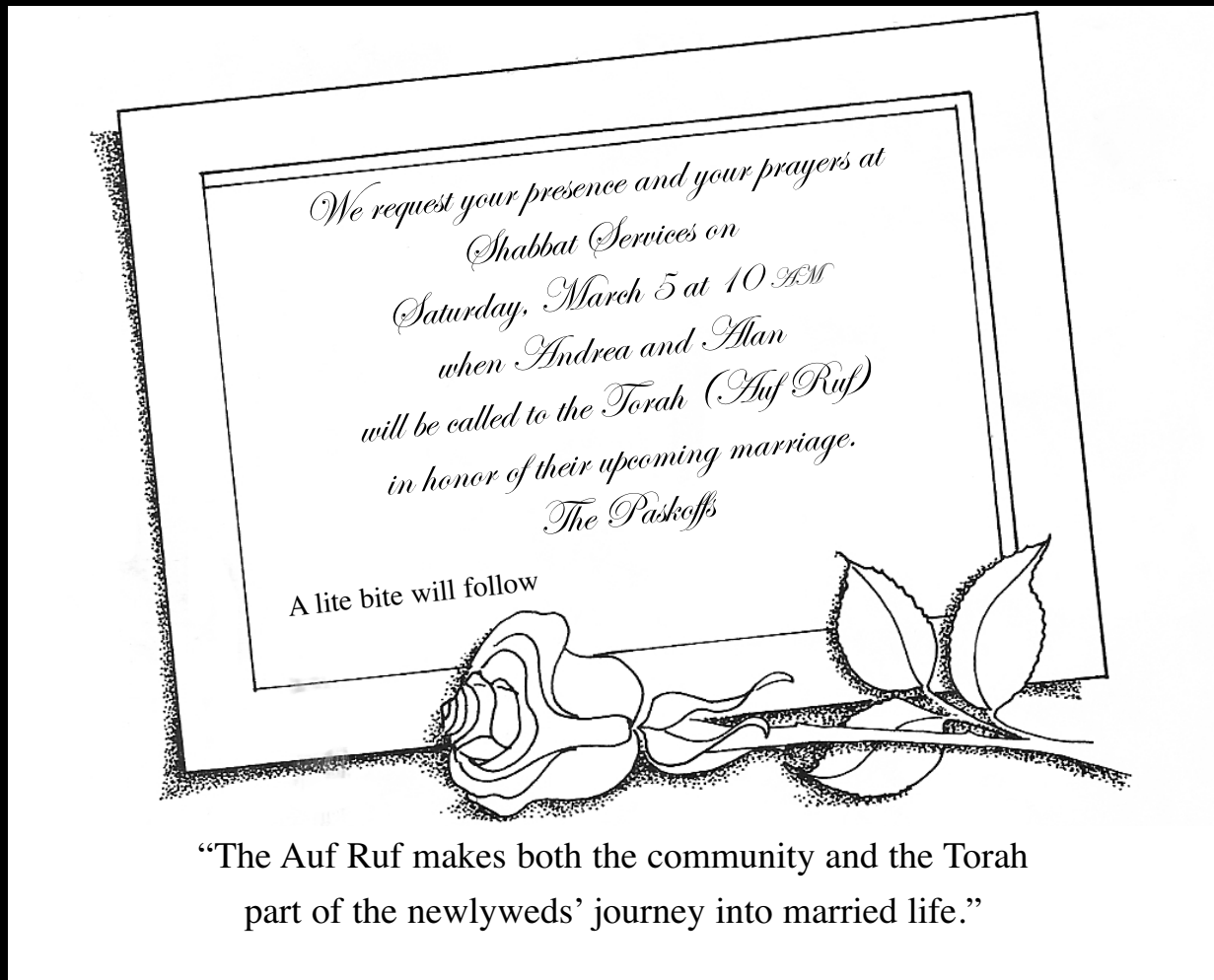
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