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Temple Am Echad

The South Shore Reform Congregation
One People ~ One Place

THE BULLETIN

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From the Rabbi’s Desk



A Baptist minister suggested the following comment to me one day over lunch. As he put it, the problem with the people of Babel was that instead of building a tower, they should have built bridges. If I understood the man correctly, the real crime of the Tower of Babel story was the choice to build an edifice to their collective ego. The admonition of the Torah story is not to build mausoleums in homage of our own sense of success and superiority. The minister took it a step further to suggest the most important lesson of the story is to build structures that bring the house of worship to the community and the community to the house of worship.

This lesson came to mind as I scanned the latest version of the architect’s drawings. The plans for the renovation of the synagogue building are solid, with a few details in flux. After two bouts of redirection and reams of commentary, the plans to move forward are in place. Who would have thought that of all the items to be accomplished as specified in the merger document, the renovation would be last item to be addressed. I suppose this is a literal case of “man plans and God laughs.”

One of the ideas that I brought to my first meetings at Am Echad was an ideal I called “destination synagogue.” The synagogues of a generation ago were neighborhood shuls – a family was expected to go to the synagogue in the neighborhood. Am Echad was founded in part with a rejection of the neighborhood model. We’ve known for some time that Jews no longer turn up at the front door just because the synagogue building is conveniently close. The creation of Am Echad confirmed this shift of responsibility to the congregation reaching out into the community.

In seeking to become a destination temple, Am Echad is making significant investments in worship, education, programs and community outreach. All of the new and renovated programs are not posted on the calendar for the sake of livening up the year; they are a deliberate calculation. The changes in ritual are not haphazard either nor are any of our religious school or adult education classes. A lot of people are putting a great deal of thought and commitment into these destination initiatives.

The physical layout of a destination shul has to meet the four p’s: prayer, program, policy and playgrounds. The sanctuary is getting a makeover as is the ballroom. Room is being made for meetings and the old meeting spaces are getting a facelift. The bathrooms are getting updated.

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

Shabbat/Holiday Services

Friday, November 4 **7:15 PM**

Social Action/Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 5

Torah Study **9 AM**

Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Karfinkel, **10 AM**
daughter of Michelle & Phillip Karfinkel

Friday, November 11 **8 PM**

“Friends of Am Echad” Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 12

Torah Study **9 AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Glickman, **10 AM**
son of Beth & Scott Glickman

Friday, November 18 **8 PM**

Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 19

Torah Study **9 AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Ben Murasso, **10 AM**
son of Robin Murasso and Richard Murasso

Wednesday, November 23 **7:30 PM**

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
at St. John’s Lutheran Church

Friday, November 25 **8 PM**

Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 26

Torah Study **9 AM**

Bar Mitzvah of Zacary Zalcman-Turkel, **10 AM**
son of Tali Zalcman-Turkel & Adam Turkel

Shabbat: Holiest of Holy Days



There’s an old saying among Jews that more than Jews keep Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews. Shabbat is the most important Jewish holy day (contrary to popular belief, it’s not Yom Kippur) and is so holy that it isn’t even considered a real day among the Torah sages but rather is a special creation by God as his gift to His children. Shabbat is a day of liberation, when Jews are free from the routine of the workweek. Keeping Shabbat is even one of the Ten Commandments; passages about it appear in both the book of Exodus and the book of Deuteronomy.

(Torah for Dummies)

Torah Portions

November 4/5 – 8 Cheshvan

Parashat Lech L’cha

Genesis 12:1-17:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

November 11/12 – 15 Cheshvan

Parashat Vayeira

Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1-37

November 18/19 – 22 Cheshvan

Parashat Chayei Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

November 25/26 – 29 Cheshvan

Parashat Tol’dot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7 or I Samuel 20:18-42



You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives. ~ Clay P. Bedford

Learn with Rabbi Jacob

Saturdays at 9 AM: **Torah Study**

Tuesdays at 10 AM: 11/8, 11/22

“God, Righteousness & the Rabbis”

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

“The Book of Ecclesiastes”

Attention: Interfaith Couples

We invite you to join Rabbi Jacob in a discussion of the particular challenges of interfaith marriage from child rearing to holiday celebrations and any other issues you may want to explore. Meet with the Rabbi on Sunday, November 13 at

9:30 AM to share insights and experiences.

~ Gilda Deckel and Barbara Stern,
Outreach Committee



A Presidential Message

Our mission statement states “to create a thriving home for Reform Judaism on the South Shore of Long Island.” Now entering our third year as a merged Temple Am Echad, we are well on our way to putting into place the plan and the team we will need to move toward our intended mission.

Since the last High Holy Day season, there have been some changes here at Temple. The first new addition to the Am Echad team is our new Executive Director Bob Kahan. Bob’s experience in synagogue management as well as programming will be of great value to our future planning. We have also had some changes to our office staff: two new part time assistants who are cross-trained to work in the Temple office and the Religious School office. This also represents efficiency in staffing. Our newest addition is Rabbi Debra Bennet, our Religious School Principal. Rabbi Bennet’s knowledge and experience is just what we need to energize and invigorate our children and our religious school programming.

These added players along with Rabbi Jacob, Cantor Korobow, my Co-President Richard Braverman and I, and the other officers and directors of Am Echad are working hard each and every day to find new and exciting ways to make our mission statement come to life. And that takes money. We need your High Holy Day pledge to allow us to maintain our services AND to provide a legacy for our future growth.

- We need your money so we can continue to bring our innovative and spiritual series of Musical Shabbat Services.
- We need your money so we can bring new educational programming for both children and adults that are current and meaningful for our 21st century lifestyles.
- We need your money so that we can pursue social action and outreach.
- And we need your money to provide us with a cushion for our operating expenses.

You have each received a pledge card, and if you have not yet turned it in, there is still time. Each of you are founders and pioneers in this important mission and this important time in history. Your generosity has allowed us to create this community and serves as a precious example to our children. Please take a moment to consider how important your

pledge is to the future of Am Echad, how you would feel if Am Echad no longer had the funds to serve the liberal Jewish community of the South Shore, and how important it is for you to help provide the same spiritually uplifting service for future generations that you are able to enjoy. Make your pledge today.

~ *Richard Braverman and Abby Himmelstein*



One of our favorite Rosh Hashanah customs is Tashlich.

Am Echad congregates in North Woodmere Park to cast away our sins!



From the Rabbi's Desk

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Even though the merger agreement mandated that we renovate and improve the physical plant, all the debates over “what to do” have been one version or another of what it means to be a destination synagogue. I am pleased and humbled that this idea has taken root and sprouted in so many different forms. Many people and many new approaches are flourishing in our aging shell. Come the renovation, I have plans for each of the four p’s, lots of plans.

Cantor's Corner



I, like many of you I'm sure, am sometimes guilty of prejudice when it comes to my children. They are smart, beautiful, insightful, thoughtful, sensitive, and talented (P.S. They really are). In the same way, I have, at times, been accused of prejudice when it comes to this congregation. Many friends and colleagues shake their heads and mutter "It can't really be that great...no way."

But every once in a while, people come to visit and get to see the Am Echad community in all its splendor, in full action mode. Right about now, you're thinking the Cantor has finally lost it - he's babbling!

Sometimes, you all make me so proud and happy. Like with my children, it doesn't have to be on some special occasion. It can happen on an "ordinary Friday night." Actually, what inspired me to write this column was what I now refer to as "the singing episode" which took place on a Friday in September.

In the midst of our regular Friday evening service, we arrived at *Shalom Rav*. People had been singing along sporadically throughout the service. On this particular evening, I had chosen a setting of *Shalom Rav* by Ben Steinberg. This version does not use guitar and has a part for the Cantor that is echoed by the choir when I sing it with them. Normally, when I choose this piece for a service without the choir, I basically sing all the parts. For some reason that evening, I simply dropped out on the choir sections. Then, to my delight, everyone in the congregation sang the choir parts! Everyone was singing out with full voice and enjoying it immensely.

I began to smile, then to grin, then to shake my head. As they all sang, congregants broadly smiled back. Everyone was in sync, everyone on the same wonderful, sweet, communal page. I could see the astonished look on the faces of visitors that evening. They looked around them in amazement, and amazed they were. Some of them came up to me afterward to comment on what they had seen and heard. They told me how wonderful it was and how remarkable. You were remarkable. You are remarkable. Who needs to watch *Glee*? As you can tell from this "singing episode," we've got our own version. So you see, there's no such thing as just another "ordinary Friday night" at Temple Am Echad. Please don't ever stop. I'm counting on you! Affectionately,

~ Cantor Jerry Korobow



Temple Am Echad's Ode to Woodstock

Were you there? Do you wish you could have been there? The three days that were responsible for changing an entire generation!

Temple Am Echad plans to take you back to that time. The weekend of May 4, 5 and 6 will be one that you won't soon forget. Mark your calendar so as to be certain not to miss a minute of the excitement and fun.

Would you like to help? We welcome anyone who would like to join our committee and work on this event. Contact any one of us. PEACE!

~ Michael, Barbara & Andy

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2011-2012 Committees and Chairs



Our committees are the backbone of the Temple, assisting the clergy and leadership with the multitude of responsibilities and programs that make our community so special. Staffed entirely by volunteers, participation offers benefits both to the community and to the volunteer. Why not join a committee that engages your interests or talents?

Committees are open to all congregants, though those marked with an asterisk (*) require special appointments. Please contact Bob Kahan (593-4004, ext. 127) in the Temple office for more information and to volunteer. Should you be interested in any committee that requires a special appointment, Bob will forward your request to our Presidents.

Adult Education (Sandra Simons): Assist Rabbi in planning and scheduling adult ed programs.

Building (Mark Bendeth): Maintain Temple Building and grounds. Work with custodial staff. Supervise repairs, get estimates for work necessary to keep building up to date.

Bulletin (Susan Lukasko, Judy Bernstein): Prepare and publish monthly bulletin. Assist in selling advertisements.

By-Laws* (Robert Himmelstein, Merrill Fleiderbaum): Revamp and change by-laws as needed.

Caring Community (Ellen Tolle): Cook and provide food for our congregants during times of need. Visit the sick and bereaved. Stay in touch with ill and recovering congregants.

Cemetery (Steve Hoffman): Maintain of our cemetery property.

College Contact (Bryna Paskoff): Keep in touch with our collegebound students. Send holiday packages and Temple news.

Feed the Hungry (Steve Miller, Fay Messner): Cook and provide meals for the mission and keep pantry stocked.

Finance* (Mike Scholnik, Marty Zaslansky): Plan budget, devise ways and means to raise funds, act for Board in emergency spending situations.

Friends of Am Echad (Harry Leonard, Lou Gross): Raise funds for Temple and for special Temple projects.

Gifts & Memorials (Julie Eden): Assist congregants in the purchase of Memorials. Help select appropriate items.

High Holy Days* (Steve Blaustein, Julie Eden, Arliene Reich, Bruce Silverman): Arrange & schedule High Holy Day services. Oversee mailing of tickets and schedules.

House (Andy Sparberg, David Shereck): Provide ushers for all services. Arrange for videotaping of special Temple events.

Government Liaison (Andy Sparberg): Meet with Lynbrook Town Officers. Keep informed of local happenings.

Investment* (Harry Leonard): Keep up with markets and provide safe and solid investments of Temple funds.

Judaica Shop (Julie Eden): Provide gifts and items for sale within the Temple.

Legal* (Steven Hochberg, David Farbman): Review all contracts signed by Temple. Advise on all legal questions.

Library (Bryna Paskoff, Carole Schrage): Maintain the library.

Membership* (Steven Miller) Increase and retain members. Plan membership events.

Merger* (Andy Trevers, Arliene Reich): Meet with other like-minded Temples with the goal to merge.

Minyan (Ira Blumstein): Provide support to bereaved congregational families. Provide services during shiva.

Nursery School (Lisa Burch, Fran Farbman): Support Nursery school directors. Bring Nursery school concerns to Temple Board. Assist directors in increasing enrollment.

Outreach (Barbara Stern, Gilda Deckel): Intergrate non-Jewish family members. Provide knowledge of Jewish practices.

Program (Marge Nordell): Coordinate all Temple programs and events (non-religious) and evaluate them.

Publicity (Sandy Alexander): Write and place ads in local publications advertising Temple events.

Pulpit* (President(s)): Review and recommend hiring of clergy.

Religious Practice/Worship* (Barbara Stern, Phyllis Zulkowitz): Work with Rabbi to plan and administer religious Temple functions. Assist in planning special services.

Religious School (Paul Kantrowitz, Donna Levy): Interview and recommend potential candidates for Principal. General supervision of religious school. Assist principal in reviewing and updating religious instruction.

Renovations (Phyllis Frenkel, Alan Paskoff): Plan and oversee renovations to the Temple building.

Scholarship (Julie Eden, Pat Glass): Select deserving youth for assistance in attending summer camp. Recognize and reward special service by our youth.

Security (Matthew Israel, Bruce Kerner): On High Holy Days, provide screening and security during services.

Social Action (Irene Ehrlich, Phyllis Zuckerbrot): Inform congregation of important social issues facing us.

Summer Services* (Sylvia Dultz, Janet Ettelman, Sandra Simons, Phyllis Zulkowitz): Schedule and supervise summer services. Provide lay leaders and cantors in the absence of our clergy.

Vision (Andy Trevers): Promote mission toward making Temple Am Echad the South Shore destination Temple.

Youth: (Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Elliot Monin): Promote social, spiritual, cultural and educational activities for the young people of the congregation. Work with youth advisor.

Vision Committee

The Vision Committee met on Sept 7. We are moving forward with our Temple Surveys. This time, we are creating a series of short surveys using the popular service called "Survey Monkey." Each survey will come to you via email and will take 5-6 minutes to complete. We hope everyone takes the time to respond as we will use the information to better understand the needs of you, our congregants.

Last month I mentioned that we had invited representatives from our youth groups to attend the Vision Committee meeting. We are exploring ways in which we can work together. Jill Benjoseph suggested a Teen Engagement program. Discussions are just beginning but we will be looking to host this program at Am Echad in the early spring. The goal is to invite young people from surrounding synagogues and reach out to unaffiliated Jewish youth. More to come!

Lisa Burch presented updates on our Strategic Plan. We now have a Chair of Programming - immediate past president Marge Nordell. Our Membership VP, Steve Miller, had ID badges made for all officers and board members to wear at temple functions so visitors know whom to approach to ask questions. We are working on developing a manual for board members. Another idea that Lisa presented was to develop a Temple Am Echad DVD. It could be used as a marketing tool for prospective new members. It can also be put on our website. We will be working with various arms of Temple to create this DVD.

And look for the new 2011-2012 holiday book-marks, coming to you soon! ~ Andy Trevers

Friends of Am Echad

"Friends" Shabbat November 11 @ 8 PM

On November 11, those who have generously joined us as "Friends of Am Echad" will gather at Shabbat services as we celebrate their dedication to our future as a vibrant bastion of South Shore Reform Judaism. In honor of this significant contribution to our economic future, the "Friends" will be feted at a Shabbat dinner, sponsored by the Friends of Am Echad Committee.

This is NOT the end of our efforts; it is only the beginning of many great things we hope to accomplish through this program. The key to our success is wholly dependent on how many of you, our congregants, join us as Friends. Becoming a Friend means more than dedicating additional dollars to Am Echad; it means that you can be involved in helping determine the future direction of Temple as we continue to build programs and facilities that can support our Temple as a center for Reform Judaism on the South Shore.

So join us at services on November 11 and, if you can, please join us as a "Friend of Am Echad." To find out more, please call Harry Leonard at 596-1054 or reach out to Lou Gross, Gene Alexander, Judy Bernstein, Arlene Reich, Andy Trevers or Marty Zaslansky - the hard-working Friends committee!

~ Harry Leonard



Dedication Of Biblical Garden

A dry entry in Lynbrook's Engine Co. #1 1968 history states, "5 members of the Levy family perished in a smoky fire in their Bixley Heath home." While this states the tragic facts, it does not tell the story of a family tragedy, one that shook our temple family to its core and impacted so many in the ensuing decades.

On October 28 during Shabbat services, we shared yet another milestone in the lives of the Levy family when our Biblical Garden was dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives: Leonard & Ruth and their children, Jeanette, Barbara and Edward.

Although tragically losing so many on that bitter night, the surviving Levy children built fulfilled lives, never forgetting Temple Emanu-El and what it meant to their lost parents and siblings. Ira Levy says it best when reflecting on why he continues to feel that our Temple is another home for his family: "My parents lived in Temple 5 days a week and considered it another home for them." Dedication to the Jewish people and community is reflected in the Levy family's continued, generous support of Temple and the Jewish community.

Having already dedicated our *bimah*, the Levy family's desire to continue to support Temple is living proof that their parents and siblings love for Temple did not perish on that terrible night, and that they imbued this love in the surviving children.

Sisterhood and Men's Club of Temple Am Echad

Proudly Present



An original musical comedy directed
by Linda Tsuruoka

Co-written with Diane Smoller

Saturday, November 19 ~ 8 PM

Sunday, November 20 ~ 3 PM

All seats reserved ~ \$25 per person

Children under 18 ~ \$12 (*Sunday only*)

Saturday evening after-theater Café ~ \$10

For more information or to become an "Angel"

Call Vivian Blumstein 872-0061 or

Rob Himmelstein 569-8019



Ticket Order Form

Sat. 8 PM _____ @ \$25 Café (after show) _____ @ \$10

Sun. 3 pm _____ @ \$25 Children under 18 _____ @ \$12

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to *Temple Am Echad Men's Club*

Saperstein/Bernstein Religious & Hebrew School



Yom HaHoda'ah, or as we call it Thanksgiving Day, is quickly approaching. In just a few weeks, we will be gathering around the table surrounded by family and friends to give thanks for our lives, our health, our family and more. In Judaism, days of gratitude are not marked just by an awareness

of being thankful but also by reaching out to those individuals who may not have the same fortunate circumstances as our own. In the Torah, we are commanded to leave the corners of our field for the poor in our community instead of gathering it for our own crop. Though most of us cannot apply this law directly to our lives, we can envision how it can translate to what we do.

We have the unique opportunity at Temple Am Echad Religious School to work with the Caring Community Committee to do mitzvot for members of our temple family. I wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of joining us in making this contribution while teaching our children the link between our Jewish values and our ability to connect with others and make the world a little brighter.

The Caring Community cooking and baking project has been in effect for the last two years. Frozen meals are prepared and delivered to those in our temple family who are ill, homebound, celebrating a new baby or after *shiva*. To prepare the meals, we ask the families of our religious school children to provide food donations, specific ingredients on specific days. The Upper School students provide the ingredients that they use to complete their evenings of baking.

Your help in ensuring that we have the ingredients we need for both the Sunday morning cooking and the Tuesday evening baking projects is critical. A volunteer from Caring Community will be calling to let you know when it's your turn. But in the meantime, if you are interested in finding out more about this project or enjoy cooking and want to help in that endeavor, please call Ellen Tolle, Chairperson of Caring Community, at 569-2357 or email her at ebt1029@yahoo.com.

Enjoy your Yom HaHoda'ah!

~ Rabbi Debra Bennet



*It's Sukkot!
Decorating the
Sukkah while
enjoying
"Pizza in the
Hut!"*



School Dates to Remember!

Friday, Nov. 4	Family Shabbat at 7:15 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 8	No School ~ Election Day
Sunday, Nov. 13	No School ~ Professional Development Day
Sunday, Nov. 24-27	No School ~ Thanksgiving
Friday, Dec. 2	K-2 Grade Shabbat Service
Sunday, Dec. 4	Parent/Student Learning Together 9:30-11 AM (3 - 6 Grades)

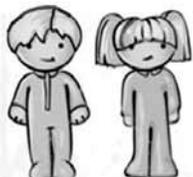


*Consecration of the New Students
on Simchat Torah!*



Temple Am Echad Outreach Committee
and the Early Childhood Center

Shluffy Time



Saturday,
December 3 at 7 PM

A short, FREE bedtime program
for parents and their young children

The kids will have fun preparing a treat to eat and creating an arts & crafts project. Then they will get to relax on blankets* as Rabbi Jacob reads them a bedtime story. Finally, they'll have milk and their treat before going home to bed!

All Are Welcome!



Please RSVP by Dec. 1
so we have enough treats.

Call the office: 593-4004 or contact:
Gilda: 791-2865/gildeck@optonline.net
Barbara: 536-1708/bhstern@verizon.net.

*Please bring a blanket for the floor.

Return this form to the Temple office:



Yes, we are coming to Shluffy Time

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Child's Name _____ age _____

Child's Name _____ age _____

Child's Name _____ age _____

Youth Group News

AESH and JYG

This year's theme is JUMP INTO YOUTH GROUP and we had some amazing programs beginning with the moon bounce on Sept 18. We are especially proud of our members who participated in the High Holiday Services. A special thanks goes to Oliver Benjoseph who assigned parts, the ONESY youth group, and to Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Jill Benjoseph, and Elliott Monin who helped run the services.

October programming was a great success with a scavenger trip to the Bronx Zoo and a talent show in our Sukkah. Thanks to everyone who participated.

ONESY

During September and October, the senior youth group ONESY had been busy preparing for the High Holiday Services. The younger youth groups JYG and AESH helped ONESY to lead the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, run by RCVP Oliver Benjoseph. We look forward to many programs in the near future.

If you are interested in joining AESH (grades 4 & 5) or JYG (grades 6 to 8), please contact our youth advisor Emily Weintrob at 347-243-1132 or amechadyouth@gmail.com or stop by one of our many events. If you are interested in joining our senior youth group ONESY (grades 9-12), please contact Emily Weintrob or feel free to stop by one of our weekly meetings Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

~ Tess Lewin-Jacus, ONESY President
~ Emily Weintrob, Youth Group Advisor

A big Thank You to the following students who participated in the High Holy Day youth services.

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| Hayley Alvarado | Alyssa Karfinkel |
| Justin Alvarado | Mara Karfinkel |
| Oliver Benjoseph | Max Kelstein |
| Zachary Bruno | Meredith Leder |
| Sarah Burch | Zachary Leder |
| Robert Deckel | Tess Lewin-Jacus |
| Jacob Ebert | Matt Panzer |
| Melanie Ingber | Emily Silberger |
| Alexis Jackson | Elsa Weinstein |
| Brandon Jackson | Ben Wettstein |
| Courtney Jackson | Jillian Yuni |

Mazel Tov to:

Alyssa Ann Karfinkel will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 5. Celebrating this special occasion with her will be her parents, Phillip & Michelle Karfinkel, and her sister, Mara. Alyssa's grandparents, Martin Lichtenstrahl and Martin & Stephanie Karfinkel, will also be there to support her on this exciting day.



Alyssa is in the eighth grade at West Hempstead Middle School. She loves to dance and has been dancing for ten years. She also loves to play softball and plays on her school's softball team. Alyssa loves to draw and likes art. She plays the viola in the school orchestra. Alyssa would like to be a fashion designer or a special education teacher. She would like to help kids with autism across New York.

On Saturday, November 12, **Adam Hurst Glickman** will become a *Bar Mitzvah*. His proud parents, Beth & Scott Glickman, and his brother, Jacob, will be joining him on the *bimah*. His grandparents, Sandra & Martin Kaplan and Barbara & Jerome Glickman and his great-grandmother, Paula Lisogursky will also be there to celebrate this joyous occasion.



Adam attends Woodmere Middle School. He loves to participate in all sports and is an avid bowler. In fact, he will be on the High School bowling team while still in Middle School. Adam just started playing golf this past summer. He loves playing the trumpet and has been in the jazz band. Adam would like to work in the bowling industry, hoping to become a professional bowler with the opportunity to travel to tournaments all over the world.

Benjamin David Murasso will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 19. His proud parents, Robin Murasso and Richard Murasso, and his brothers, Adam and Andrew, will join him on this special day. This exciting occasion will also be shared with Ben's grandparents, Brenda Litzky, Richard Silverstein, and Joanne & Al Murasso.



Ben is in the eighth grade at Oceanside Middle School where his favorite subject is social studies. He loves to sing and act, and enjoys drawing. Ben plays soccer, baseball and running bases with his brothers and cousins. He is a very social person who loves being with his friends. Ben hopes to someday be on Broadway or in the movie-making business to entertain people of all ages. His backup plan is to become a psychologist for children.

Zacary Baruch Zalcman-Turkel will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, November 26. Celebrating this special occasion with him will be his parents, Adam Turkel & Tali Zalcman-Turkel, and his brother, Noah. His very proud grandparents, Akiva & Rachel Zalcman and Michael Turkel, will also be there to support and encourage him.



Zacary is an eighth grader at Hewlett-Woodmere Middle School. He is fascinated with the weather and architecture, and likes to build models of buildings. Zacary loves to sing and has been in chorus since fourth grade. As an enthusiastic drinker of Coke, he hopes some day "to buy the world a Coke and sing in perfect harmony!"

Judaica Shop



See the Lobby Display at Temple

College Contact



Chanukah is just around the corner. Don't let your child be left out. Make sure they are on our college contact list.

~ Bryna Paskoff, 593-4383

Caring Community

True, we are often too weak to stop injustices; but the least we can do is protest against them.

True, we are too poor to eliminate hunger; but in feeding one child, we protest against hunger.

True, we are too timid and powerless to take on all the guards of all the political prisons in the worlds; But in offering our solidarity to one prisoner, we denounce all the tormentors.

True, we are powerless against death; but as long as we help one man, one woman, one child live one hour longer in safety and dignity, we affirm a human's right to live.

Sages and Dreamers by Elie Wiesel



In this month of November we look forward to the holiday of Thanksgiving. As we each appreciate what we have, take action to extend a hand to others.

- Is there someone you know who does not have a place to go for Thanksgiving dinner?
- Is there a soup kitchen where your family can volunteer to serve meals?
- Is there a food pantry or soup kitchen where you can donate food towards a meal?

Closer to our Temple home you can extend a hand by...

- Donating non-perishable kosher style food and dropping it in the bin located in the Temple lobby.
- Donating toiletries and baby necessities for the women's shelter. The box is located inside the Temple coatroom.
- Cooking for the Feed the Hungry program.
- Getting involved in social action.
- Helping with one of our many Caring Community projects.

Visit Caring Community on our Temple web site for information about our projects and to review documents available for download.

~ Ellen Tolle, ebt1029@yahoo.com, 569-2310

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 23 at 7:30 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church

13 Blake Ave.,
Lynbrook
599-0778



Temple Am Echad's High Holy Day Food Drive

Thank you to all of our congregants who compassionately brought non-perishable food to our temple this past High Holy Day season. We donated the food to local food pantries and it was much appreciated. A special "thank you" goes to Sheila Plotkin for securing the bags we distributed to the congregation.

At this time and in these very difficult economic conditions, these donations are more critical than ever. I remind you that there are over a quarter of a million people who are "food insecure" right here on Long Island. Anything that we can do to help is a *mitzvah*. It is our hope that we might end the need for food drives but I suspect that next year we will all be doing our best to top this year's figures.

~ David Napell

P.S. "Food insecure" is the politically correct phrase for HUNGRY.



Speaking of food, here's our Feed The Hungry crew busily preparing meals for the INN as they do every Wednesday. Way to go!



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Social Action ~ Social Action Weekend ~ 11/4 - 11/6

And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I the Eternal am your God. (Leviticus (23:22))

The first weekend in November is going to be a spectacular one at Am Echad. We will be hosting our Social Action Weekend, November 4 through 6, with something for everyone.

It starts on Friday night when the Rabbi will speak to us about Economic Justice during his sermon. After services, we resume our Sandwich Making Project! After an extra-long hiatus due to the constraints of the calendar, we are back to making sandwiches during the Oneg Shabbat at each month's Family Service. The sandwiches are delivered to the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) and served to the hungry guests there. This is a multi-generational event and we have had sandwich-makers ranging in age from 4 to 94, so come to the ballroom after services, roll up your sleeves and let's get started!

On Sunday morning, November 6 beginning at 9:30 AM, we welcome all adults in the congregation, including the parents of our religious school students, to attend our **Social Action Sunday Breakfast: "Who's Hungry?"** We have invited guest speakers from the INN, Mazon, Hatzilu and our own Feed the Hungry program to share with us the various ways they combat hunger right here on Long Island. At 11 AM, we will be joined by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students as together we explore various hand-on activities designed to heighten our awareness of the issues surrounding hunger and food insecurity.

The Torah and Jewish tradition are explicit in commanding that we feed the hungry. In Isaiah 58:7, God commands us to "share [our] bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into [our] house." Deuteronomy 15:7-10 elaborates on our commitment to helping the hungry person amongst us. The text states, "If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren...you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be." The Talmud explains that each Jewish community must establish a public fund to provide food for the hungry, and our sages explain

that feeding the hungry is one of our most important responsibilities on earth: "When you are asked in the world to come, 'What was your work?' and you answer: 'I fed the hungry,' you will be told: 'This is the gate of the Lord, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.'" (Midrash to Psalm 118:17).

Also in November, we will be returning the donation jug to the temple lobby to begin a new collection challenge – to raise \$250 within a month's time to feed a family housed in the INN's emergency shelter. Look for it and please be as generous as you were last May when we managed to raise \$750 within one month. B'Shalom,

~ Irene Ehrlich & Phyllis Zuckerbrot

Social Action Breakfast

Sunday, November 6 at 9:30 AM



Who's Hungry?

**Hear speakers from the INN,
Mazon, Hatzilu and our own
Feed the Hungry program**

Join us for a light breakfast and an eye-opening morning! Admission is FREE with the donation of a non-perishable, nutritious FOOD ITEM.

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Social Action Breakfast

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Men's Club Moments



One of the unique features of our Temple building is our complete Proscenium Arch stage. Our stage has everything needed to put on a real production. And once a year it is the place for our own grand production, the Temple show sponsored by Sisterhood and the Men's Club. This year's show is "Bye Bye Bubbe." It is a takeoff on the first rock and roll show ever seen on Broadway. We have been rehearsing our singing and dancing since August under the expert direction of Linda Tsuruoka. So by show time, you can see your fellow congregants performing at their best. Show dates are November 19 at 8 PM and November 20 at 3 PM. There is also an After Theater Café on Saturday night. Be sure to get your tickets and come enjoy.

The other big event for the Men's Club in November is our Paid Up member program. This year we will be enjoying food, drink and billiards on Tuesday, November 8 at Guys and Dolls Billiards in Valley Stream. Time is 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM. Please contact Dave Schragger to make your reservations at 791-2819. This is the time for your inner "Pool Shark" to come out. But don't worry, you don't have to play well to have a good time!

A special thanks to Andy Sparberg, Steve Honig and all the members of Men's Club that helped usher for the High Holy Days. Andy and Steve direct the ushering team to make sure all goes smoothly before, during and after the services.

Our October 16 breakfast meeting celebrating Mozart went well and everyone thought the program was very enlightening.

Save the Dates: Our Chanukah Party will be on Sunday, December 18 at 11:45 AM. Please make plans to attend with your children and grandchildren. There will also be a joint Chanukah dinner with Sisterhood on December 21 at 6:30 PM and a New Year's Eve Party with Sisterhood and Temple on December 31: details on both to follow.

~ Carter Brown

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Guys And Dolls Billiards
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**Tuesday, November 8
6:30 ~ 10:30 PM**

Hot Snacks and Drinks included

Tickets are free to all paid up members.

Additional tickets will be available at \$25 each depending on availability.

All new Temple members are automatically Men's Club members at no charge.

Reservations are required ASAP!

Call Dave Schragger at 791-2819

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year or have any questions about your Men's Club dues, please call Dave.

WRJ/Sisterhood of Temple Am Echad



I write this having just come home from a most wonderful event at Temple; the UJA brunch to honor our founding WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Am Echad co-presidents, Janet Ettelman and Donna Levy. What a lovely afternoon and such well-deserved recipients! *Yasher Koach* to Donna and Janet on a job well done. You started with what were two separate, vibrant and strong Sisterhoods and helped meld us into one even stronger than before. The WRJ tag line is so true: we are “Stronger Together.”

We are rolling right along now and have many interesting programs and events lined up all throughout the month, from beginning to end. On November 1, we have not one but two events. The first is our “Lord & Taylor Day.” This is the second time we are running this event and we are hoping to surpass last year’s success. For a \$5 ticket, you can shop with special discounts at Lord & Taylor and our Sisterhood receives part of the day’s sales. It is truly a win-win scenario. Then you can show off your new outfit at our Paid-Up Sisterhood dinner held at Temple that very evening. This dinner is free to all Sisterhood members who have paid their dues but reservations are a MUST. See our ad in this Bulletin for details.

Saturday, November 19 at 8 PM and Sunday, November 20 at 3 PM are the dates for our Temple show, Bye Bye Bubbe. Tickets to these performances and the very popular Saturday evening After Theater Café are on sale now, Tickets for adults are \$25 for the show and \$10 for the cafe, but seats are limited so don’t delay. There are also \$18 seats available for children under 18 at the Sunday matinee performance. Although the details of the script and rehearsals are Top Secret, based on past years’ shows, these performances promise to be loads of fun. Come see your fellow congregants sing, dance and act their hearts out in an original musical comedy written by Linda Tsuruoka and Diane Smoller, and directed by Linda Tsuruoka.

We wrap up the month of November with Rosh Chodesh on Monday, November 28. Rosh Chodesh (the new month) has long been sacred to women. From the 16th to the early 20th centuries, the women of Eastern Europe wrote special Rosh Chodesh *tekhines* - personal prayers in the Yiddish vernacular.

Over the past three decades, Rosh Chodesh observance has been revived by religious feminists everywhere. The book “Miriam’s Well: Rituals for Jewish Women Around the Year” by Penina Adelman presents the experiences of one of the first women’s Rosh Chodesh groups and provides a template for our creative Rosh Chodesh meetings. We hope you’ll join us.

As you can see, we have another fun-filled month to look forward to and we would like you to be a part of it. So send in those reservations, mark the dates on your calendar and “come on down” to share in the warmth of Sisterhood.

~ Phyllis Zuckerbrot, VP, Religion and Education



Let’s Go Shopping!

November 1 at Lord & Taylor

Purchase a \$5 ticket, get 10%, 15% and 20% off
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Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner

Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 PM
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Free for all paid up
members of Sisterhood!



Make your reservation at the Temple office.
For more info., contact Donna Levy at
digby185@aol.com



Sheila Becker will be hosting a Rosh Chodesh Sisterhood evening on Monday, November 28 at 7:30 PM in her home. Carolyn Stein will lead the discussion.

Call Phyllis Zuckerbrot at 680-1522 or email her at phyllis.zuckerbrot@gmail.com to RSVP or to get directions.

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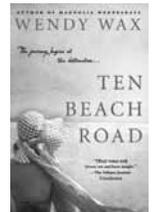


Caring Community
Committee Meeting
Wed., Nov. 16
@ 4:30 PM

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Joint Women's Seder

If you are interested in helping to plan the **JOINT WOMEN'S SEDER** that will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, please contact either Arlene Reich at reichtalk@aol.com or Shelley Mann at imamima38@aol.com.

The Joint Women's Seder is an annual effort to bring the community of Jewish women together in a joyous celebration of Passover.

Kristallnacht

November 9 - 10, 1938

In 1935, the Nazis instituted the Nuremberg Laws, which stripped the Jews of their citizenship and prohibited mixed marriages. The Jews had no choice of converting or escaping; the Nazis considered anyone who had Jewish blood (meaning at least one grandparent was Jewish) to be racially impure.

Many Jews left Germany during this time. Other well-off, assimilated Jews were optimistic enough to believe that their enlightened neighbors would never stand for this kind of behavior very long. However, many thousands of Jews couldn't leave simply because no other country would take them in. As Chaim Weitzmann said in 1936, "The world is divided into places where [the Jews] cannot live and places into which they cannot enter."

For example, England reversed its position on Palestine in the 1930s, issuing the infamous "White Paper," which effectively stopped Jewish immigration to the area. Similarly, when one Canadian official was asked how many Jewish refugees his country could take, he answered, "None is too many." We Americans like to think we hold the moral high ground, but when the ship *S.S. St. Louis* was turned away from Cuba (even though its 937 German-Jewish passengers held valid Cuban visas), America not only refused their entry but even fired a warning shot to keep them away from Florida's shores. The ship finally had to return to Europe, where most of the people were later killed in death camps.

The final straw for most German Jews came on November 9, 1938, which will forever be known as *Kristallnacht* ("night of broken glass"). That evening, a nationwide pogrom was unleashed against the Jewish community, smashing windows, burning buildings, killing 91 Jews and arresting 30,000 others who were taken to concentration camps. To add insult to injury, the German government then imposed a billion mark fine on the Jews, arguing that the pogrom was their own fault.

Immediately, most Jews in Germany tried desperately to escape, selling their homes and businesses for a pittance. But for most of them, it was too late.



KRISTALLNACHT

(*Judaism for Dummies*)

Family/Social Action

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 4 at 7:15 PM

with a sandwich-making

Social Action project

during the *Oneg*.



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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.

Box for Women's Shelter is inside our coatroom. Donations of toiletries and baby necessities are greatly appreciated. Contact Irene Ehrlich, Sisterhood Social Action Committee.

Caring Community provides a helping hand for those who need it and a "Helper's High" for those who volunteer. Call Ellen Tolle (569-2310)

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NOVEMBER 2011 ~ CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:15 PM Upper School 6:30 PM Sis. Paid up Mem. Dinner 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal	2 1:30 PM Feed the Hungry cooks 7:30 PM ONESY 7:30 PM Adult Ed. 8 PM Head Usher's Meeting	3 10 AM SSSH 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal 8 PM Admin.	4 5:31 PM  7:15 PM Family & Social Action Shabbat Service	5 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Karfinkel
6 9:30 AM Social Action Breakfast Religious/ Hebrew School 10 AM Family B'nai Mitzvah 11:15 AM Junior Congregation	7 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal	8 No SCHOOL (election day) 10 AM Adult Ed 6:30 PM Men's Club Pd Up dinner 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal	9 1:30 PM Feed the Hungry cooks 7:30 PM Adult Ed 7:30 PM ONESY 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal	10 10 AM SSSH 7:30 PM Show rehearsal	11 4:24 PM  OFFICE CLOSED 6 PM Friends of Am Echad dinner 8 PM Shabbat Service	12 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Bar Mitzvah of Adam Glickman 7 PM Men's Club
13 No SCHOOL 9:30 AM Outreach Program with Rabbi Jacob Show Rehearsal	14 7:30 PM Show Rehearsal 8 PM Temple Board Mtg.	15 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:15 PM Upper School 8 PM Sis. Board Mtg.	16 1:30 PM Feed the Hungry cooks 4:30 PM Caring Com. Mtg. 7:30 PM Adult Ed 7:30 PM ONESY 7:30 PM Show rehearsal	17 10 AM SSSH 7:30 PM Show Dress Rehearsal	18 4:18 PM  8 PM Shabbat Service	19 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Murasso 8 PM Temple Show & Cafe
20 9:30 AM Religious/ Hebrew School 11:15 AM Junior Congregation 3 PM Temple Show	21 7:15 PM Beginning Hebrew	22 10 AM Adult Ed. 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6:15 PM Upper School	23 1:30 PM Feed the Hungry cooks 7:30 PM Interfaith Service at St. John's Lutheran Church	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving 	25 4:14 PM  Office closed 8 PM Shabbat Service	26 9 AM Torah Study 10 AM Bar Mitzvah of Zacary Zalcman-Turkel
27 No SCHOOL	28 7:15 PM Beginning Hebrew 7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	29 4:30 PM Heb. Sch. 6:15 PM Upper Sch. 8 PM Men's Club Board Meeting 8 PM Sis. Exec.	30 1:30 PM Feed the Hungry cooks 7:30 PM ONESY			

Beginner's Hebrew For Adults

As part of the Adult Education Program, Temple Am Echad will host a Reading Hebrew Class **starting Monday, November 21**. The class will meet weekly at 7:15 PM for approximately 45 minutes. It is geared to people who have never studied Hebrew before but would like to follow along in the Prayer Book during services or help their children as they learn Hebrew as part of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies.

The class is free and open to the public so friends and neighbors are welcome to join. Classes run through the middle of May and are taught by Ira Blumstein (872-0061). If you are interested, please contact Ira or the Temple office.

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