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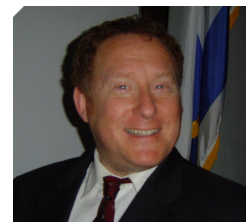
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**Kitchen Volunteers are desperately needed for every Shabbat.**

**Please contact Lois LaBarca at 421-6103 to offer your time in the kitchen.**

## 2012 - THE END OF THE WORLD (as we know it)

**by Rabbi Baruch Binyamin Hakohen Melman**



Regis is gone. The Eagles and Penn State have crashed and burned. Omens on the world's imminent ending surely abound in their seeming ubiquity. The Mayans have fairly freaked out many of the otherwise sober amongst us. The ending of their calendar in December 2012 is taken as prediction that the world would end in lockstep synchronicity. And considering that their civilization ended centuries ago, it seems odd that their calendar should bother projecting into the far future for no seemingly good reason.

And if the Mayan calendar was not enough to hint at our imminent demise, even our own Jewish calendar offers us a glimpse into radical changes coming- but for the whole world, not just for the Jewish people! The letters reflecting the current year 5772 spell out Tisha B, as in "Tisha B'Av," the Jewish day of mourning, the national day of tragedy throughout Jewish history, to wit: the destruction of both Temples, the exile from Spain in 1492 and the exile from Gush Katif in 2005, plus the onset of WWI which resulted ultimately in the Holocaust.

But the lessons from Jewish history offer a degree of solace and hope as well. True that the Babylonian exile and the Temple's destruction were bitter affairs, but it served two positive outcomes - the eradication of idolatry from Israel as a result of intense soul searching following the destruction, plus the creation of the new form of synagogue

based worship, which used prayer as a substitute for centralized Temple Cultic sacrifice.

The Holocaust was most tragic but it paved the way for the rebirth of Israel as the national home for the Jewish people. The horrors of statelessness revealed the logic of a homeland where every Jew could call home. Where doors the world over were slammed in the faces of Jewish refugees, even by the US government, only a Jewish state could guarantee automatic refuge and acceptance. Were it not for British connivance and the infamous White Paper millions of Jews could have been saved by being brought to Palestine as the darkness was descending on Europe.

2012 will prove the demise of the nuclear seeking Iranian monster, and the final comeuppance of the Arab/Muslim world for their unmitigated hostility to Jews and to Israel. Israel will emerge from the struggle intact, while her hostile neighbors will discover that Islamic arrogance and dreams of dominance are but the illusions of the weak. The world's nations may devise evil plans and hatch schemes, but the G\*d of Israel is the G\*d of history, and he has His plans for Israel, His eternal beloved nation, the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the bearers of the Covenant. Israel is unique among all the nations.

*"On that day the Lord will be One and His name One. Bayom Hahu Yihiye Ad-nai Echad uSh'mo Echad."*

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**Rabbi Melman's Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
**10:30 — 12:00 noon**

**To talk in person please call me to set up an appointment.**  
**Please do not drop by for a meeting**

Please provide Barbara with any information that is missing for you in the above grid. Thank you.

**A Message from our Acting President**

**Dear Fellow Temple Members and Friends,**

**I hope everyone had a great Chanukah and holiday season. I wish everyone and their loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year. May this upcoming year be a better year for everyone, our community, and country?**

**As of this writing as your First Vice President I will assume the duties of President until a permanent President has been appointed in accordance with our by-laws (assuming one has not been appointed yet).**

**Going forward, as with every year, the Temple has its challenges ahead of us. I am confident that with the help of our board of directors and members we will be able to meet those challenges. I also recognize that we are in a poor economy and many of us are struggling to just keep a float and spare time has become a valuable commodity in our lives. With that said I thank everyone upfront for their help for whatever they can do and whenever they will be in a position to help the Temple. Your help will be greatly appreciated in keeping Temple Israel moving forward in a positive direction.**

**I look forward to seeing you at temple and board meetings to share with you our joys and successes. Have a great year.**

**Sincerely**

*Mitchell K. Marcus*

**Mitchell K. Marcus**

## JEWISH MYSTICISM

*In the mosaic of Jewish history, there was an outpouring of hand-copied books on a variety of Judaic topics during the 12th and 13th centuries. One of these topics was Jewish mysticism, or the Kabbala, and one of the popular books on this topic was the “Sefer Hasidim” (Book of the Devout) by Judah the Pius. This book included stories about miracles, angels, spirits, devils, and wandering souls. In spite of its wide appeal, however, its unearthly subject matter made it controversial between intellectual Jews and gullible Jews.*



*Since most of us are probably unfamiliar with Jewish mysticism, I am approaching this topic as if the congregation asked me three questions: What is Jewish mysticism? What is its source? What role did it play in Jewish history?*

*Jewish mysticism may be defined as a spiritual movement originating in Europe during the medieval period and dealing with the creation of the world and with spiritual creatures such as angels, devils, and the soul after death. The Kabbalistic theory also held that G-d created the world by releasing Ten Seforim, or spiritual radiations, each with a specific function. The most popular of the Kabbalistic books was the “Zohar” (Brilliance) which appeared in Spain in 1250. According to legend, it was dictated by angels to Simon ben Yohai, and it revealed the hidden meanings of the Torah. These books, together with many other religious works, inspired medieval Jews to regard themselves as a holy people who were devoted to sustaining their Jewish tradition in an antagonistic Christian Europe.*

*Although the Kabbala is part of the Jewish tradition, its content is regarded as dangerous for those who misunderstand its purpose, which is “Making the self into a better, more expanded individual, more transcendental, more attuned to the essence and roots of one’s soul.” In short, it is to entwine heaven and earth and to involve humankind in this spiritual journey.*

*Whether medieval Jews lived in villages or ghettos, they were never safe from Christian rivalry and hostility ever since the Council of Nicaea (325 C.E.), which officially separated Jews from Christians. This troubled situation led to outbreaks of physical and verbal anti-Semitism, which forced Jewish communities to defend themselves as best they could. They relied on Holy Scripture and on the Kabbala to maintain their stalwart faith in Judaism. They were bold enough to engage in public disputations with Christian clergymen to prove that Judaism was the superior religion. In an extraordinary example of religious fervor, a mystic Jew named Abraham Abulafia traveled to Rome in 1280 with the intention of converting the Pope to Judaism!*

*As we see, Jewish mysticism has its roots in the Torah, and appealed to intellectual Jews who were inquisitive about the nature of God and the spiritual creatures that inhabit heaven and earth. The story that three rabbis suffered death while studying the Kabbala served to caution Jews about the danger of pursuing this esoteric subject. Consequently, it is believed that only mature, learned Jews are qualified to study the mysteries of the Kabbala.*

*-Norman Gelber-*

# Hebrew School Happenings

**From Debbie Smith**

<b>TUESDAY, Jan. 3</b>	<b>4:45—6:45</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>SATURDAY, Jan. 7</b>	<b>Time to be Announced</b>	<b>Students and Parents attend Havdalah Service</b>
<b>TUESDAY, Jan. 10</b>	<b>4:45—6:45</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>TUESDAY, Jan. 17</b>	<b>4:45—6:45</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>SATURDAY, Jan. 21</b>	<b>TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	<b>Students and Parents attend Morning Service</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JAN. 24</b>	<b>4:45—6:45</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JAN. 27</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Students and Parents attend Friday evening service</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JAN. 31</b>	<b>4:45—6:45</b>	<b>Hebrew School</b>

# **Flashback News**

**By Benny Trumpaitzky**

**August, 1979**

A tiny fragment containing the oldest written document ever discovered in Jerusalem was found in excavations outside its Old City Walls by Dr. Eilat Mazar. The 14th century BC find is believed to be part of the tablet from a vajah archives which testify to the importance of Jerusalem as a mjoy city in the late bronze age, long before its conquest by Kind David.

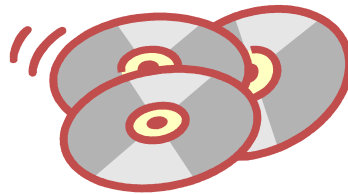
The fragment was discovered during sifting of fill evacuated from beneath a BC 10th century tower of King Solomon's era in the Opek area, located between the Southern wall of the Old City and the City of David. The 2 x 2.8 centimeter fragment appears to have been part of a tablet and contains cuneiform symbols in ancient Akkadian linga of that era.

The most known ancient record found in Jerusalem was the table found in the Shiloah water tunnel in the City of David area during the 9th century BC reign of King Hezekiah.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WATCH FOR WINTER EVENTS:

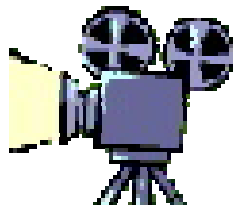
**Dance-to-Your-Favorites!!**



**Card/Game Night**



**Movie Night**



**SCOUT  
SHABBAT  
February 3**

**SHABBAT  
ACROSS  
AMERICA  
March 2**

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS  
DONATIONS TO TEMPLE ISRAEL OF THE POCONOS**

**DONATIONS**

**Aloysius Murgatroyd**

**HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL**

Elizabeth Kosmerl	Edith Giblin	Charles Beck
Howard Klein	Martin Bossman	Aileen Goodman
Michael Galub	Lorraine Rosenthal	Yelena Kipervas

**Yahrzeit Donations**

Maxwell & Dolores Cohen	In memory of Robert Dean Cohen In memory of Sadye Rosenzweig In memory of Edward Rosenzweig
Paul Schuchman	In memory of Williams Bornstein
Myra Kyle	In memory of Joseph Steir In memory of Merle Steir
Mitchell Marcus	In memory of Sharon Marcus
Beatrice Greenberg	In memory of Irving
Nicholas Fredericks	In memory of Florence Lewis
Jack Shevrin	In memory of Sally Shevrin
Emanuel Fineberg	In memory of Ester Lerner
Burton Kravitz	In memory of Rhoda Kravitz



**HESSED FUND**

Hessed is a Hebrew word meaning kindness and a reaching out to other people.  
It is the way you can express sympathy, warm wishes or celebrate simchas for any one within or outside the Jewish community. If you would like something included here:  
Call Suzanne Tremper at 588-6148.

Please leave all the information on the machine so Suzanne doesn't need to call you back.

**OR**

Better than telephone, is contacting Suzanne by e-mail at [suebah@ptd.net](mailto:suebah@ptd.net). That's the best!

If you would like us to send a card to a **person who is not a Temple Israel person, you must include the recipient's address** when giving Suzanne the information. Cards are usually sent within three days of the request.

To: Lester Abeloff

Mazel Tov on your 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday !

From: Camille Breslauer

Art Glantz

Ed & Bobbie Krawitz

Sam & Maryjane Newman

Herb & Sylvia Rosen

Paul & Judy Schuchman

Paul & Mindy Solomon

Michelle Star

Barry & Suzanne Tremper

Merle Turitz & the Ruben Brothers

**THANK YOU MERLE....**

**LAST MONTH WE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COORDINATE THE HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND MEMORIAL BOOK FOR NEXT YEAR.**

**Merle Turitz promptly responded "Yes".**

**THIS BOOK HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT SOURCE OF FUND RAISING OVER MANY DECADES. REQUIRES JUST A FEW HOURS EACH WEEK DURING THE TWO MONTHS PRECEDING THE HIGH HOLIDAYS.**

**HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR TEMPLE?  
THERE ARE MANY JOBS OPEN.... THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO.**

**January Birthdays**

January 01	Steve Goldstein Cindy Blake
January 04	Judy Brown
January 09	Myra Goldberg
January 13	George Vogel
January 15	Jackie Speicher
January 16	Rosa Brownstein
January 17	Ivan Margolies
January 18	Turey Rodriguez
January 24	Daniel Hertz
January 27	Rose Reader
January 28	Marc Wolfe Michelle Star
January 30	Mindy Solomon

**January Anniversaries**

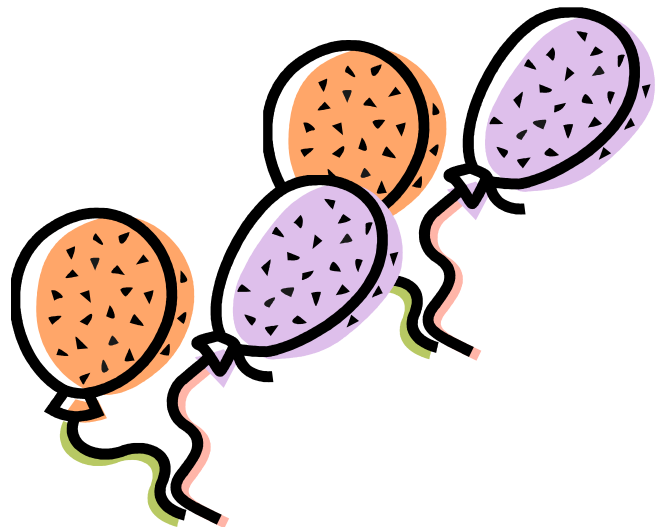
January 05	Dan & Marilyn Hertz
January 26	Charles & Caron Manley

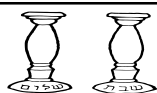
**If you are celebrating a milestone year, whether it be birthday or anniversary, please let me know so others may celebrate with you.**

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588-6148 or suebah@ptd.net**

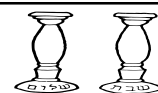


**Note: Hessed Fund wishes  
are \$10 each.**





## January Yahrzeit List



January 1	Tevet 06	Lester Genauer
January 3	Tevet 08	Melvin Goldman Mary J. Katz
January 4	Tevet 09	Irving Jolley Schmeriyam Onia
January 5	Tevet 10	Ida Green Morris Joseph Burros
January 7	Tevet 12	Leon Zacher Lori Basick
January 8	Tevet 13	Jacob Brodowsky Louis Sacks
January 9	Tevet 14	Irving Tremper
January 10	Tevet 15	Ben Hayden
January 11	Tevet 16	Rose Cohn
January 13	Tevet 18	Pearl Sussman-Factor Kate Philippsberg Eva Cohen Benjamin Brown
January 14	Tevet 19	Shirley Irene Glucroft Carol Green Morris Rothstein
January 15	Tevet 20	Adolph Glantz
January 16	Tevet 21	Zalman Gluck David Rosenstein David Cahn Rita Merkin Bernbaum
January 17	Tevet 22	Oscar Feld Edward Yark Pearl Ruth Abeloff

January 18	Tevet 23	Ethel Katz Mendel Zapolsky
January 19	Tevet 24	Samuel Sorger
January 20	Tevet 25	Frank Frankel Marion Wertheimer Bella Hymowitz
January 21	Tevet 26	Lillian Levine
January 23	Tevet 28	Isadore K. Dortort Greta Philippsberg Arthur Z. Zimmerman
January 24	Tevet 29	Sophie Pollan
January 25	Shevat 01	Maurice Cantor Emanuel Greenfield
January 26	Shevat 02	Leo Liebman
January 28	Shevat 04	Herman Berman Thelma Reiter Abraham Gillette
January 29	Shevat 05	Marcia Sagofsky Esther Zubow
January 30	Shevat 06	Mary Merkin Katherine Anderson Rebecca Cohen Sam Block
January 31	Shevat 07	Rhoda Schuchman Martha Manley

**Yahrzeit candles are lit the night before the stated date. If the Yahrzeit occurs on the Sabbath, be sure to light the candle before sundown and before lighting Shabbat candles.**

**If you are in need of Yahrzeit candles, please contact the Temple office.**





## February Yahrzeit List



February 2	Shevat 09	Louis Katz Birdie Steir
February 3	Shevat 10	Ida Odzer Bernice Pollan Louis Rosenblum Sheldon Weisman
February 5	Shevat 12	Davora Ehrlich Minnie Ehrlichman
February 6	Shevat 13	Regina Brown Rose Rubin Glantz Rebecca Lax Leo Cabelly
February 7	Shevat 14	Simon Krawitz Miriam Cahn
February 8	Shevat 15	Julius Polinger Bernard Postol Ben Meyers
February 9	Shevat 16	Harry Magnes Dorothy Reiter
February 11	Shevat 18	Kathryn Petie Cohen Esther Iskowitz Gertrude Sommers Rachel Forster
February 13	Shevat 20	Barney Katon Morris Zimmerman
February 15	Shevat 22	Mamie Farber Julius Rabinowitz
February 16	Shevat 23	Isaac Yenofsky
February 17	Shevat 24	Gertrude Bodenstein
February 18	Shevat 25	Benjamim Kimmel Sylvia Zacher

February 19	Shevat 26	David Vogel Sarah Getz Fannier Blick Rose Beckenstein
February 20	Shevat 27	Jacob Isaac Marion Bornstein
February 22	Shevat 29	Samuel Land Florence Edelstein Sarah Brown
February 23	Shevat 30	Chaim Berlin Harold Cheslow Harry Krumper Victor Taylor
February 24	Adar 01	Sadie Nadelman Ruth Parish Steve Philippsberg
February 25	Adar 02	Myrna Levin Lillian Berkhof Ruth Josephs Meyer Woodnick
February 27	Adar 04	George A. Zussman Julius Kwnitz Gertrude Kimmel Theodore Cahn
February 28	Adar 05	Anne Tremper Ida Jolley
February 29	Adar 06	Yetta Silverman

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## ASK THE RABBI

Note: In all letters the names have been changed.

Dear Rabbi,

I hope you could give me some advice and through it maybe bring me closer to Hashem. I've gone through a breakup with someone who I valued more than myself. I did everything for her, I gave her all I could and unfortunately the control over the relationship as well. That being said, suddenly the relationship started to decline, and I can't say that I didn't see it coming but before

I knew it (and after long and painful talks about trying to revive the relationship etc) I got dumped before the opportunity to change that. That being said, I thought my connection to her was strong enough to endure something like that and within a short period of time it would be that she couldn't be well without me. Well I was wrong. I know that during this entire relationship my love was the only thing that kept it going and many would agree that the breakup should've occurred earlier.

Anyhow, I am not certain if I want her back, but I want to somehow move on. I want to find meaning in my life. Strengthen the connection I have with Hashem and learn a little. Now I do understand how all this is related to one another, but I'm hurt over the fact that I gave so much and got **NOTHING** in return. Nothing. Just pain, and enough to bring me to my knees. I just want to be able to restore my faith in humanity. It may seem pathetic but I am that one person who helps others in their times of need. I'm the guy who cares to ask how others are doing, I give in so that others can be happy and actually take joy in the little things, and even though I'm not a perfect Jew and I do not observe Judaism as I would love to (but am getting there one step at a time). Just need something to help me continue and forget all about her (not to mention she owes me money).

Its the pain I want to replace with understanding our faith and the ways of Hashem because I really prayed hard this Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur to G\*d to bring me happiness and improve my life. After praying so much and with so much Kavana I can't comprehend how within such little time I got let down so bad. I am turning with questions because I want to know how to move on. I do not blame G\*d obviously, but I do want to see what he has in store for me. But what if its more pain?

I'm literally coming to tears as I am waiting at the bus stop writing this message and this is actually the first time I've cried since the breakup really and the only reason was the realization that life isn't definite and who knows what's gonna happen, and if I had so much faith in G\*d prior to this and prayed harder than I ever did and was let down so hard, how is it possible for me not to dread what is going to come? Please if you can help me move on, I would be so glad, as I am going through deep pain and I don't deserve this, I've invested way too much into a relationship, materialistically and emotionally in order to see it all crumble before my eyes. Please if there is anything u can help me with.

God Bless you Rabbi,  
Sheldon

Dear Sheldon,

The harder you tried the more she lost attraction to you. Maybe you were too accommodating and did not disagree often enough. You were too predictable perhaps and the relationship lost all interest for her. You have a good neshama, and love is all about giving, and you gave and gave while she took and took.

A real relationship is give and give. In other words BOTH partners must be giving (and forgiving). The sad thing was that it took you so long to see how one sided the relationship was. Only you were truly giving.

~Rabbi Melman

**Sheldon's reply:**

I read this and tears came to my eyes and you are right. Definitely what happened. Thank you.

**NOW IT'S EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE TO SPONSOR AN  
ONEG OR A KIDDUSH**

**YOU CAN CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, LIFE  
CYCLE EVENT OR JUST BECAUSE.....**

**TEMPLE ISRAEL OF THE POCONOS KOSHER  
KITCHEN ANNOUNCES**

***SHABBAT ONEG AND KIDDUSH PACKAGES***

**Friday Night Oneg: \$75**

**Package includes cakes, cookies, fresh fruit in season, hot coffee, milk, sweeteners, seltzer, paper goods, cutlery, setup and cleanup.**

**Shabbat Kiddush: \$125**

**Package includes 4 different salads, veggie platter, fresh fruits of the season, assorted cakes and/or cookies, hot coffee, milk, sweeteners, seltzer/cold beverage, paper goods, cutlery, setup and cleanup.**

***Each package is priced for 25 people.***

**Other special request items (including lox) are available upon request and for an additional fee; please contact us to design your own special event. For scheduling, availability and more information contact: Lois LaBarca at 421-6103**

~ January 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 6 Tevet	<b>2</b> 7 Tevet	<b>3</b> 8 Tevet	<b>4</b> 9 Tevet	<b>5</b> 10 Tevet FAST DAY	<b>6</b> 11 Tevet	<b>7</b> 12 Tevet HEBREW SCHOOL STUDENTS/PARENTS ATTEND HAVDALAH SERVICE
<b>8</b> 13 Tevet	<b>9</b> 14 Tevet	<b>10</b> 15 Tevet	<b>11</b> 16 Tevet	<b>12</b> 17 Tevet	<b>13</b> 18 Tevet	<b>14</b> 19 Tevet
<b>15</b> 20 Tevet	<b>16</b> 21 Tevet DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>17</b> 22 Tevet	<b>18</b> 23 Tevet	<b>19</b> 24 Tevet	<b>20</b> 25 Tevet	<b>21</b> 26 Tevet HEBREW SCHOOL STUDENTS/PARENTS ATTEND MORNING SERVICE
<b>22</b> 27 Tevet	<b>23</b> 28 Tevet	<b>24</b> 29 Tevet	<b>25</b> 1 Shevat	<b>26</b> 2 Shevat	<b>27</b> 3 Shevat HEBREW SCHOOL STUDENTS/ PARENTS ATTEND SERVICES 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> 4 Shevat
<b>29</b> 5 Shevat	<b>30</b> 6 Shevat	<b>31</b> 7 Shevat	Notes: FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES: 8:00 p.m. SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9:30 a.m.			

**WE ALL HAVE SIMCHAS AND NACHES IN OUR LIFE  
CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING...**

**SEND WARM THOUGHTS**

Give Suzanne Tremper a call at 588-6148 or e-mail her at [suebah@ptd.net](mailto:suebah@ptd.net) and let someone know you're thinking of them. For a small contribution to the **Hessed Fund**, Suzanne will send a card wishing a Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Mazel Tov, Get Well or Condolences. A notice will appear in this bulletin, as well. When you call, please leave all the information needed.

**TREE OF LIFE AND MEMORIALS**

Add a leaf to the Tree of Life to celebrate births, birthdays, marriages, bar and bat mitzvahs, or any other special event for a minimum contribution of \$150. Remember loved ones with a Memorial Plaque at a minimum contribution of \$600 for members, \$850 for non-members. Contact Suzanne Tremper at 588-6148.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

Hey, it's always a great time to make a contribution. Make your check out to "Temple Israel." Another thought to consider, remember Temple Israel in your will. Call Herb Rosen at 424-1161 with any questions.

**Honor or Remember Someone Special**  
**with a Bookplate**

A bookplate can be placed in a Siddur, the weekly prayer book we use every Friday evening and Shabbat morning, or in a machzor, the prayer book which is used on the High Holidays. Remember a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, bnei mitzvah or any other occasion you want to note for a relative or friend. You can also place a dedication in someone's memory. A nameplate with the donor, recipient, and occasion will be inserted. The minimum donation is \$50.



**Contact Herb Rosen, 424-1161, or at [herbr12@ptd.net](mailto:herbr12@ptd.net).**

**Do you need a Mi Sheberach Recited?**

When you can't make services, but would like a prayer said on behalf of someone important to you, please don't hesitate to call the synagogue and leave a message on the Temple answering machine for Rabbi Melman so that your prayers will be included in our services.



**FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....**  
**we offer you a challenge!**

*We need everyone to help with this. Surely you know individuals and families who have no affiliation with a Synagogue. Encourage them to become members of our Temple Israel Family!*

**If every family brings in one individual or family,  
think of the possibilities!**

*At Temple events, be they regular Shabbat Services or a social occasion, introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. You'll make new friends and assist us in enlarging our family.*

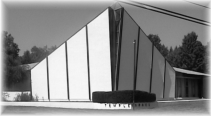
**YOU CAN BE PART OF OUR SUCCESS!!**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**