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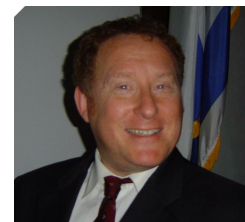
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WE'RE STILL HERE (I hope)!

by Rabbi Baruch Binyamin Hakohen Melman



If you are reading this message then the world has not ended. In truth, every generation seems to have its appointed doomsday prophets. But just as the "storm of the century" will now be arriving every few years according to those in the know, prognostication vis a vis eschatological imminence are now more frequent than ever.

Now if you were living on Long Island's south shore along the coast, especially the Rockaways, or along the Jersey shore, or the south side of Staten Island, you may be forgiven if you feel the world you had always known has come to an end. Your life will have been unalterably changed. Nothing will ever be as it was before. Neither in terms of things or in terms of values. We must continue to help these communities and the individuals rebuild and restore a semblance of normalcy to their lives. Most importantly, they must never be allowed to feel that they have been forgotten or abandoned.

I am proud that our community has had a role to play in this effort. We may not be able to help everyone, but those who received will always be grateful for what they received. As much as they needed blankets and clothing and cleaning supplies, what they needed the most was the feeling that someone actually still remembered and cared. I am so proud that our local Hadassah chapter, our local Jewish federation and Temple Israel of the Poconos all stepped up to coordinate efforts to aid in the relief effort. The Torah teaches us, "*al taamod al dam re'echa*: do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor."

It is our duty to get involved.

And shooting our gaze to the Middle East, Israel has survived having some 1500 missiles and rockets rain down all over her southern cities, even as far as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. But this was only a precursor to the ultimate conflict with Iran. The negotiations are but a fig leaf by which Iran feels it has the cover it needs to continue with its ambitious nuclear weapons program. Ultimately, Israel will always survive, as we are called the "eternal people." But in what shape, and with how many casualties, is the question. The longer we wait the worse it will be. Israel's promise was to always defend the lives of the Jewish people, to actively defend the Jewish nation and to reverse the historical momentum of the Jew as the eternal victim.

I write these words on the first night of Chanukah. When the Syrian Greek army attacked the Jews on the Sabbath, and we did not fight back on the Sabbath because it was a holy day and we believed that God would intervene and save us, a great slaughter ensued. But when we were being slaughtered on the Sabbath we realized that God expects us to be active participants in our own salvation.

There is no place for passivity in these circumstances. The lesson of Chanukah is that God helps those who help themselves. He will meet us half way. But we must first take responsibility for our own lives and survival. We must never depend on a miracle. And only then will the miracle be revealed!

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January 2, 2013**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:30 — 12:00 noon

To talk in person please call me to set up an appointment.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Temple Family,

As hoped last month, Operation Pillar of Defense has a cease fire in Israel – Amen.

I would like to thank everyone for their donations for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Sandra Alfonsi has taken a truck-load into New York and is hoping to take another. It will take quite some time for them to recover.



The Community Candle lighting and our Annual Chanukah Dinner will be held later this week. Our Annual Chanukah Raffle drawing will take place at our Board Meeting on January 2, weather permitting. In January, we never know what Mother Nature will bring our way.

The part of my position I do not like is asking for donations. I know you are receiving requests constantly but, please remember Temple Israel with your dues and anything more you can spare. We were not spared during Hurricane Sandy. We had an added expense – some of our very large trees were blown over. This is not covered by insurance. We had to pay out-of-pocket. Large donations are nice but even a donation of Chai - \$18 will help.

Barry and I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy New Year.

Shalom

Suzanne

RABBI'S UPDATED CLASS SCHEDULE

ALITI (Adult Learning Institute of Temple Israel) presents...

MORNINGS:

Tuesdays 10:40 - 11:30 AM Parsha of the week with Etz Chaim commentary. pt 1

*Wednesdays 10:40 - 11:10 AM Parsha of the week with Etz Chaim commentary. pt 2
11:10 - 11:30 YIDDISH with Bernie!*

Thursdays 10:40 - 11:30 AM Parsha of the week (continued), with Etz Chaim commentary. pt 3

EVENINGS:

Mondays: 3:30 PM @ Starbucks. Coffee with the Rabbi. Come and chat with me.

Thursdays 5:15 -6:00 PM Understanding the Talmud -Tractate Kiddushin, Study and Discussion.

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:30 PM Conversational languages of the Middle East: Hebrew and Arabic.

DIVINE COMMUNICATION?*by Norman Gelber*

In an early scene in Shakespeare's tragedy, *Hamlet*, the brooding protagonist who has just experienced a traumatic visit and story from his slain father's ghost, says to his loyal friend, Horatio, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your Philosophy." Hamlet cannot be referring merely to the belief in the existence of human souls after death, for that belief was already an integral part of the Roman Catholic religion. So what "things in heaven and earth" could Hamlet have had in mind?

Whatever the answer, it probably refers to matters beyond the scope of the known philosophy and theology prevailing at that time. I suggest that it concerned the extraordinary event that Hamlet had recently experienced— the visitation and story of his father's ghost – that prompted him to refer to the mysteries that exist beyond the scope of philosophy or a university education.

The Torah is our primary source of information on this subject. In the Torah we learn that God speaks to Adam and Eve, to the Patriarchs, to Moses, to King David, to his son Solomon, and to His prophets. We speak to God in our prayers to Him, in our belief and faith in Him, and in our obedience to His commandments. The point is that communication between God and human beings may be in words or in the context of a seeming miraculous event. The Exodus, the division of the Red Sea, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the trek of the Israelites through the Wilderness to Canaan, the survival of the children of Israel despite enemy occupation, many years of exile and dispersion, attest to Divine intercession in behalf of His "Chosen People." In other words, these miraculous events do not need spoken words to assure the Israelites of Divine protection. Just as a picture is said to be worth a thousand words, so can meaningful events convey a message: if we take the time and make the effort to search for one.

Despite these modes of Divine communication, we are rarely aware of them today because of our busy involvement in the practical concerns of daily living. Besides, we tend to be skeptical and wary about experiences that we cannot weigh, measure, or actually perceive. Yet I believe that "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform," and that He communicates with us in non-verbal ways. For example, I have discovered that spending many weeks in the hospital and in rehabilitation was a blessing in disguise, for it gave me the opportunity to meditate on what seemed to be adverse experiences and to find their unexpected advantages.

The Biblical story of Joseph provides an instructive example of God's communicating with man by means of a prophetic dream-vision. When Joseph reveals his dream that he will become the leader of his family, his father Jacob and his envious brothers believe that his dream foretells the future. Their belief is vindicated when the story ends with Joseph's becoming the Pharaoh's overseer as a reward for his foreknowledge and advice on how to adapt to the impending seven years of drought that Egypt will suffer.

Most people today would probably describe a prophetic dream-vision as just anecdotal, nothing more than a personal experience or coincidence. Thus far, direct Divine communication with humans cannot be empirically proved or disproved!



Happenings

From Debbie Smith

Tuesday, January 8	4:45 — 6:45
Tuesday, January 15	4:45 — 6:45
Tuesday, January 22	NO PROGRAM
Saturday, January 26	Havdalah and Tu B'Shvat Seder 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 29	4:45 — 6:45

TUESDAY EVENING LEARNING PROGRAM ON JUDAISM AND HEBREW

We are now beginning our Chai Program *Family Education Series*. While our children are enjoying the CHAI Program, the parents can take advantage of the time to further their appreciation of Judaism and to learn to read Hebrew.

We will be offering 2 classes especially for the parents of our children in the CHAI Program. Please note that it is also open to others who may be interested, upon approval from the rabbi. This is being made available for all those who are working during the morning class times.

CLASSES AND TIMES

5:40- 6:10 PM: I will be leading a learning/discussion on The Basics of Jewish Thought, Belief and Practice.

6:15 - 6:45: I will be leading a Basic Crash Course on Hebrew Reading.

I hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Blessings,
Rabbi Melman

Would you like to chant the haftarah every now and then?

In honor of your Bar or Bat Mitzvah anniversary?

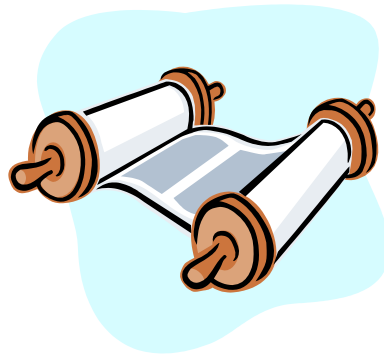
Or for any reason?

No problem!

***Just pick up the phone and call Bernie Driller, head of
our Ritual Committee, and let him know what date
you would like to have the maftir aliyah and chant the haftarah.
He will mark it on his special Haftarah calendar.***

Just call Bernie at 570-421-6103

***If you need a brush up or a recording, just call Rabbi Melman.
And if you've never done one before and you'd like to learn,
just call Rabbi Melman, at 570-730-4799.***





ASK THE RABBI

Dear Rabbi Melman,

Is it true that a Jew who has a tattoo cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery? And why does Judaism seem to be against getting tattoos? All my friends have them. They're not bad people. Why is it considered wrong?

Ink or Sink

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Dear Ink,

The Torah is very explicit against getting tattoos. In Leviticus 19:28:

"You shall not etch a tattoo on yourselves. I am the L-rd."

Tattoos were related to paganism in ancient times. They were like a form of branding, to show one's loyalty to a particular deity. Today it is more a fashion statement than a pagan loyalty stamp. But still, anything that pagans used to do still carries with it a residue of the same tumah, or spiritual impurity, regardless of any present day association or lack thereof.

Having said that, there is no law in the Torah that one who has a tattoo cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery. In other words, there is no halacha that says a tattooed Jew cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery.

It is a Jewish urban myth. But individual cemeteries are privately owned entities, and like all private entities, they can decide their own rules. If a particular privately held cemetery has such a policy there is little one can do about it, even if its policy does not comport with actual halacha, or Jewish law.

Now the prohibition on tattooing is but one out of 613 laws in the Torah. There is nobody buried in any Jewish cemetery who has not at any point in his or her life ever transgressed a mitzvah or halacha, whether from the Torah or from the rabbis.

But while eating bacon is prohibited in the Torah, eating it but once does not leave an outward physical mark on the body. Perhaps the blemish is internal. But a tattoo is external. It leaves a permanent reminder. More often than not, over time one comes to regret the action, and it is not an easy process to remove it once it was permanently applied.

Some wish to get tattooed to show their love of Judaism and the Jewish people. Some young people have their Hebrew names or a Star of David permanently engraved on their flesh. While their love is indeed admirable, it may be perhaps better served by outward actions of devotion and inward study of Jewish texts. When I remove my tefillin after morning prayer, the straps of the tefillin leave a mark all along my arm. It feels good to see the impression still on my skin, often hours later. But the point is that it leaves a temporary mark. It is not permanent.

During the Holocaust, tattoos were routinely used to dehumanize us, to reduce us to a mere number, a marked and mutilated cog in the machinery of death. Thus many of us recoil today at the thought of marking one's flesh. The events of the Shoah are still very fresh in the collective Jewish self conscious. Having said that, I recently read of a case of a young man whose grandfather, a survivor of the Nazi death camps, had recently passed. Out of respect for his grandfather's memory, he had his grandfather's same camp number tattooed on his own arm.

Some make the analogy to a Cadillac vs a stock car. Whereas you may find a bumper sticker a positive addition to improve the overall look of a stock car, it may not be seen as appropriate to place a bumper sticker on a Cadillac. Judaism sees the human body as a factory perfect luxury Cadillac from the Creator. It needs no embellishment, which leads us to the topic of circumcision.

Judaism sees the mark of circumcision to be a sufficient alteration of the body. Aside from the foreskin, the body is seen as the perfection of God's handiwork. We remove the foreskin because we are seen as co-partners with God imperfecting His creation. He left a token bit for us to complete. Women come already 100% completely formed in God's image, as it were. Men need a little extra "finishing touch." The Brit Milah, or the Covenant of Circumcision," according to the Torah, is the only mark on the body we would ever need. The Talmud teaches that whenever King David felt sad and depressed that he was bereft of mitzvot to his credit, he would look down, see the mohel's handiwork, and be filled with the hope that he had fulfilled the will of His Creator.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Temple Israel of the Poconos will be hosting our annual
SCOUT SHABBAT
on Friday, February 8, 2013

If you have been to even one of these events in the past, you know that it is “standing room only”. Various levels of boy scouts and girl scouts are in attendance, along with family members and scout leadership. After participating in Shabbat services and learning some interesting facts about Judaism and Shabbat, the attending scouts earn their Scout Shabbat patch. **We will be looking for a few sponsors for the patches. (More information will be available in the February newsletter.)**

Shabbat Across America will take place this year on
Friday, March 1, 2013.

Hundreds of Temples across the United States and Canada will be taking part in this annual event.

Join your Temple family for a delicious dinner followed by Shabbat services.

(More information to follow in the February newsletter.)

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

GENERAL DONATIONS

**Eric & Marjorie Levin (in memory of Maxwell Cohen)
Sam and Maryjane Newman
Barry and Suzanne Tremper (holiday flowers)
Joyce Wetlesen (in memory of Maxwell Cohen)**

Yahrzeit Donations

**Myra Kyle in memory of Merle Steir
Sam Newman in memory of Minda Newman
Sam Newman in memory of Morris Newman
Edith Giblin in memory of Rebecca Nesson**

Memorial Plaques/Prayer Book Dedications

**Dolores Cohen — 2 memorial plaques
Dolores Cohen — prayer book dedication in memory of Maxwell Cohen
Emanuel Fineberg — memorial plaque**

Sponsored Oneg and Kiddush

Sam and Maryjane Newman

To our Dear Friends:

We would like to thank you for your thoughtful contributions in memory of Maxwell H. (Macky) Cohen. Stroudsburg and Temple Israel will always be our home away from home.

**Most sincerely,
Dolores and Family**

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. 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 Maryjane and Sam Newman
In loving memory of Maryjane's mother,
Mary Obal**

Lester and Murray Abeloff
Sandra Alfonsi
Judy Brown
Charlie Cahn
Irv & Eda Effross
Howard & June Farber
Manny Fineberg
Art Glantz
Elisheva Kosmerl
Ed & Bobbie Krawitz
Howard & Ruth Popkin
Herb & Sylvia Rosen
Paul & Judy Schuchman
Michelle Star
Patrice Summa
Barry & Suzanne Tremper
Bennie & Myra Trumpaitzky

**To Lance & Diane Goldberg & Family
in loving memory of your father**

Sandra Alfonsi
Manny Fineberg
Elisheva Kosmerl
Herb & Sylvia Rosen
Shawn & Debbie Smith & Family
Barry & Suzanne Tremper

**To Dr. Charles August
Best wishes for a r'fua sh'leima**

Judy Brown
Art Glantz
Elisheva Kosmerl
Ed & Bobbie Krawitz
Herb & Sylvia Rosen
Barry & Suzanne Tremper

**To Lester Abeloff
Mazel Tov on your 95th Birthday**

Sandra Alfonsi
Charlie Cahn
Lea Katz
Elisheva Kosmerl
Ed & Bobbie Krawitz
Sam & Maryjane Newman
Jose & Stacy Rodriguez
Paul & Judy Schuchman
Michelle & Dylan Star
Barry & Suzanne Tremper
Merle Turitz & Family

**To Robert Kranick
Best wishes for a r'fua sh'leima**

Irv & Eda Effross

**To the Family of Pearl Woodnick
In memory of Pearl, loving mother,
grandmother, great-grandmother
and sister**

Lester Abeloff
Sandra Alfonsi
Judy Brown
Charlie Cahn
Irv & Eda Effross
Art Jolley
Elisheva Kosmerl
Ed & Bobbie Krawitz
Sam & Maryjane Newman
Howard & Ruth Popkin
Rose Reader
Herb & Sylvia Rosen
Patrice Summa
Barry & Suzanne Tremper

Happy Birthday !!	
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	Marshall Ruben

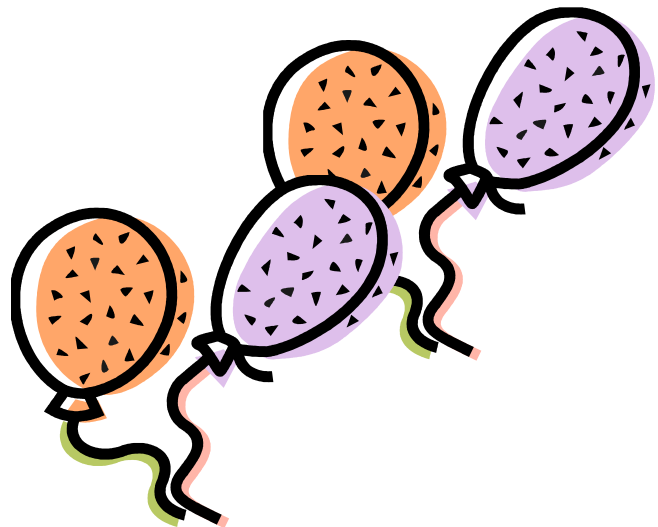


Happy Anniversary !!	
January 05	Dan & Marilyn Hertz
January 19	Russell & Rebecca Bear
January 26	Charles & Caron Manley

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

**Contact: Suzanne Tremper
588-6148 or suebah@ptd.net**

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





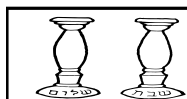
January Yahrzeit List



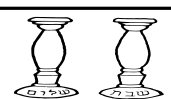
January 1	Tevet 19	Carol Green Shirley Irene Glucroft Morris Rothstein	January 17	Shevat 06	Rebecca Cohen Mary Merkin Sam Block Katherine Anderson
January 2	Tevet 20	Adolph Glantz	January 18	Shevat 07	Martha Manley Rhoda Schuchman
January 3	Tevet 21	David Rosenstein Zalman Gluck David Cahn Rita Merkin Bernbaum	January 20	Shevat 09	Birdie Steir Louis Katz
January 4	Tevet 22	Edward Yark Oscar Feld Pearl Ruth Abeloff	January 21	Shevat 10	Louis Rosenblum Sheldon Weisman Bernice Pollan Ida Odzer
January 5	Tevet 23	Ethel Katz Mendel ben Nosson Zapolsky	January 23	Shevat 12	Minnie Ehrlichman Davora Ehrlich
January 6	Tevet 24	Samuel Sorger	January 24	Shevat 13	Regina Brown Rose Rubin Glantz Rebecca Lax Leo Cabelly
January 7	Tevet 25	Frank Frankel Marion Wertheimer Bella Hymowitz	January 25	Shevat 14	Miriam Cahn Simon Krawitz
January 8	Tevet 26	Lillian Levine	January 26	Shevat 15	Ben Meyers Julius Polinger Bernard Postol
January 10	Tevet 28	Isadore K. Dortort Greta Philippsberg Arthur Z. Zimmerman	January 27	Shevat 16	Dorothy Reiter
January 11	Tevet 29	Sophie Pollan	January 29	Shevat 18	Gertrude Sommers Kathryn Petie Cohen Esther Iskowit Harry Magnes Rachel Forster
January 12	Shevat 01	Maurice Cantor Emanuel Greenfield	January 31	Shevat 20	Morris Zimmerman Barney Katon
January 13	Shevat 02	Leo Liebman			
January 15	Shevat 04	Abraham Gillette Herman Berman Thelma Reiter			
January 16	Shevat 05	Marcia Sagofsky Esther Zubow			

**Yahrzeit candles are to be lit the evening before
the date listed.**





February Yahrzeit List



February 2	Shevat 22	Julius Rabinowitz Mamie Farber	February 16	Adar 06	Yetta Silverman
February 3	Shevat 23	Isaac Yenofsky	February 17	Adar 07	Solomon Gabin Irving Jacobs Rose Dwoskin
February 5	Shevat 25	Sylvia Zacher Benjamin Kimmel	February 18	Adar 08	Samuel Libfield Rose Summers Benjamin Wilkins Jack Goliger Richard Moskovitz
February 6	Shevat 26	Fannier Blick David Vogel Rose Beckenstein Sarah Getz	February 19	Adar 09	Rose Berger Milton Miller Morris Cantor Emil Hertz Harold Levin
February 7	Shevat 27	Marion Bornstein Jacob Isaac	February 20	Adar 10	Nathan Garfinkel Lisbeth Breslauer Hannah Miller Pearl Yark Ruth Rosenthal
February 8	Shevat 28	Marilyn Margolies	February 21	Adar 11	Mae Block
February 9	Shevat 29	Samuel Land Sarah Brown Florence Edelstein	February 22	Adar 12	Harry Kleinfeld
February 10	Shevat 30	Harry Krumper Victor Taylor Harold Cheslow Chaim Berlin	February 23	Adar 13	Frances Tremper Dora Chamrock
February 11	Adar 01	Sadie Nadelman Ruth Parish Steve Philippsberg	February 24	Adar 14	Rachel Solomon
February 12	Adar 02	Meyer Woodnick Ruth Josephs Lillian Berkhof Myrna Levin	February 25	Adar 15	Melisse Rosen Shifrin
February 13	Adar 04	George A. Zussman Theodore Cahn Gertrude Kimmel Julius Kronitz	February 26	Adar 16	Ida Rood Alfred Berkhof Henry Reader Frances Isaac
February 15	Adar 05	Gertrude Bodenstein Anne Tremper Ida Jolley	February 27	Adar 17	Morris Friedman Harry Hymowitz Frederick Berkowitz
			February 28	Adar 18	Marshall Feinsilber Benjamin Gelber

**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 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	3	4 CANDLE LIGHTING 4:28 p.m.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 CANDLE LIGHTING 4:34 p.m.	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 CANDLE LIGHTING 4:42 p.m.	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CANDLE LIGHTING 4:51 p.m.	26 TU B'SHVAT Havdalah/Tu B'Shvat Seder 6:30 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

**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 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.

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.

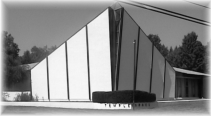
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