

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

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FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

One of the joys and challenges of living in a small community is that news travels fast - the good news as well as the bad news. In this instance, however, it is a joy for me to be able to confirm that as we enter a new secular year, the rumors some of you may have already heard are indeed true. After nearly thirty years as friends, and 25 years as a couple, my boyfriend Cliff Lopate and I have decided to get married.

As a rabbi I am blessed by being able to share life cycle events with the members of Temple Adath Yeshurun, the happy times as well as the sad. Every baby naming, every funeral, every bar or bat mitzvah allows me the privilege of sharing your lives, so it is a unique gift that I am able to invite all of you to celebrate with me. I hope many of you will mark your calendars

now for Friday evening, June 20, when Cliff and I will celebrate our aufruf. The TAY family is invited to celebrate with us at the oneg following services.

In addition to the good news, my engagement (I never thought I would use that word) has also spawned some rumors that aren't true — I am not pregnant, I am not moving to Newmarket, and I am hoping to remain as TAY's rabbi for the rest of my rabbinical career. And yes, Cliff is Jewish. Raised as a Conservative Jew, he is learning to appreciate Reform Judaism. For those who may not have met him at Shabbat evening services or at other TAY events, Cliff is an astrophysicist working at the University of New Hampshire.

A number have people have asked "Why fix it if it ain't broke, why get married now, after 25 years together?" The answer to this question is that I think it is the Jewish thing to do: to celebrate our relationship before God, our family and friends. Our tradition holds that all existence is derived from God. Time and space, which are God given, are thus sacred. We set aside special times and places to keep them apart from the profane. *L'Kadesh* is the Hebrew word used to describe this act of "setting apart." We set the *Shabbat* aside with the *kiddush*, marking sacred time,

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THANK YOU

A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped keep the office open during the first two weeks in

December:

Barbara Davidson, Rivelle Feldman, Jet Goldberg, Lizzie Goldberg, Missy Haas, Linda and Sol Rockenmacher, Karen Rothstein, Hope Rubin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dana Neitlich

When my daughters were young they loved that Jews have two "new year" opportunities. They felt that Rosh Hashanah was very personal while the secular new year causes the whole world to pause, to remember and to celebrate the promise of new beginnings.

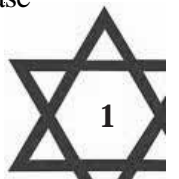
This time of year seems to come back into our lives like an old friend—bringing back memories, inspiring dreams, and asking us to make our world a warmer place. It is a reminder to care deeply, give freely, think kindly and take action to repair the world.

As you pause and reflect on what you will do in 2008, please keep TAY in your plans.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Lisa Schechtman

When I was a child going to Jewish day school, we always had a Tu B'Shevat Seder. For those of you unfamiliar with the concept of Jewish day school let me explain: basically one half of my school day was devoted to English, math, and social studies; the other half was spent learning Torah, Prophets and Judaica, with a good deal of time praying in between. Anytime we could break the routine and have a seder, we were happy.

We were told that Tu B'Shevat was the New Year for the trees which seemed odd because it was always in the dead of winter. As a child I couldn't understand how the trees could be experiencing a new year in the bitter cold and why we would have a seder now. Passover was the only seder

that I knew of, up to that point in my life.

This winter seder was also odd because we were given almonds in their shells, raisins, dried apricots, dates and this strange bark-like stuff that we were told was carob. I thought carob was that stuff that was pretend chocolate, but this didn't look or taste anything like it. Besides, a seder was supposed to have songs and a meal and this had none of those things. We were always given certificates to fill in to plant trees in Israel, and we were told how very, very important it was to plant trees in Israel! We must help turn the desert and swamps of Israel green. I grew up thinking this holiday very odd indeed.

Tu B'Shevat has changed a great deal since I was a child. While it is still a holiday for the trees (*Chag Ha Illaynot*), and we still buy trees to replant and

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HOW MANY JEWS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?

While that question may sound like the beginning of a bad joke, it's actually the subtitle of the "A Light Among the Nations" campaign by the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, which encourages Jews around the US to switch to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.

The goal is to raise consciousness about countering the effects of greenhouse gases on the environment. Compact fluorescent light bulbs, or CFLs, use up to 75% less energy than incandescent light bulbs. If every US household replaced one bulb with a CFL, it would have the same impact as removing one million cars from the road.

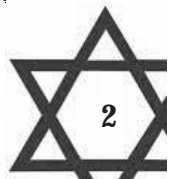
The TAY Religious School is selling CFL light bulbs as a Tu B'Shevat fundraiser. Please support the school, and the environment, by calling Mrs. Schectman at 669-5650 to order your CFL bulbs.



The Fourth Grade is sponsoring a family education program on Havdalah, on Saturday, January 5 at 5:00 PM. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend

The religious school is looking for parent volunteers to be classroom substitutes and to help organize school art supplies.

Please contact Mrs. Schectman at 669-5650 if you have a few hours and are willing to help out. Thank you.



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while hanging a mezuzah is an act of *k'dushat habayit*, making our homes sacred space.

Humanity, however, does not only exist in the dimensions of time and space. From birth we live in a world of relationships. The Hebrew word for marriage, *kiddushin*, comes from the same root, and reflects the fact that as Cliff and I embark on the ultimate human relationship, we

will set each other apart, distanced from the profane by the sacred nature of this relationship.

By getting married, I think we are adding both the tangible and the intangible to our relationship, and I think that marriage will enrich our lives together. I hope to celebrate with you all in June.

A happy, healthy, and safe New Year to all.

TU B'SHEVAT

Please join us at 11 AM on Sunday, Jan. 20, for our second annual TAY Tu B'shevat Seder. Fruits from Israel, different color juices, and of course waffles are on the menu, so please call the TAY office to RSVP – we don't want to run short of waffle batter!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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reforest Israel, as reform Jews we also focus on the environment. We not only like to green Israel, but to green the rest of the earth as well.

In essence, Tu B'Shevat has become the Jewish Earth Day. We know it is vitally important to care for Mother Earth and it is our job and a mitzvah (commandment) to be caretakers of this precious resource. Tu B'Shevat comes in January this year, and if it anything like our December we won't see green earth for a long time, so let's green the earth another way.

The school, in cooperation with the social action committee, will sell environmentally-friendly light bulbs as a fundraiser. Please consider greening your home and helping the school raise funds to send extra teachers to the CAJE Teachers Conference this summer in Burlington, VT.



The Gordon family enjoying the Brotherhood Chanukah party

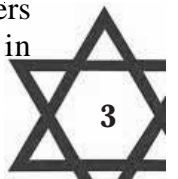


SHABBAT CINEMA

Are you looking for a way to fill some of those long winter hours? On Saturday, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, please join us after services (or torah study) for a movie and discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch



On Saturday, Jan. 26, our Shabbat morning service will be child friendly. Following the service, bring your brown bag or pot luck lunch and join us for a study session to enrich our appreciation of the week's Torah portion.



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BROTHERHOOD

John Waxman

TAY Brotherhood held our annual Chanukah Party on Thursday, Dec. 6. This year's event was a record breaker with over 120 people attending. Entertainment was provided by Boston-based magician Chris Bolter. The night was capped with the traditional distribution of Chanukah gifts to all the children in attendance.

This event would not have been a success without the tireless efforts of Dave and Elaine Penschansky. Thanks also to Howard Tocman, Sol Rockenmacher, Steve Short, Jay Hodes and Ted Yegerman for their help cooking, setting up, serving, etc. And a special thanks to Dr. Jim Haas and his balloon skills.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, please join us for our annual candidate's forum.



Brotherhood Hosts Candidates Forum

Offering presidential hopefuls a last-minute platform to sway the undecided, the Brotherhood at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester will host a Candidates' Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 6, the day after the final television debate on WMUR-TV in New Hampshire's presidential primary and two days before Granite State residents enter their polling places.

With about a dozen candidates from both parties eligible to appear, the ground rules for this Brotherhood program have been changed this year from a formal debate to a greet-and-meet format, said Dr. Sol Rockenmacher, a spokesman for Brotherhood.

"Each candidate will be allowed about 15 minutes or so to speak and answer questions and then mix with voters, Dr. Rockenmacher said. "It's supposed to run from 9 to 11 AM, but, if need be, we'll start at 8:30 and run to noon."

Every candidate has been invited to take part and because they will be in town for the TV debates the day before, Brotherhood members expect to attract a healthy cross-section of politicians. Among the early respondents, Democrats Joe Biden, Dennis Kucinich and Bill Richardson have accepted the invitation, while Republican Fred Thompson replied with a "probably a probable," said Dr. Rockenmacher.

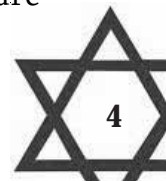
George Bruno, Dr. Michael Kramer and Steve Short will be the hosts, introducing the candidates.

Bagels, coffee, tea and Danish will be served at this free event (donations will be accepted), but since the temple social hall only holds 150 people, reservations, by calling 669-5650, are recommended.

FINDING GOD



Please join us on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM for Finding God. This class will explore traditional Jewish views of who God is and how God operates in the world, and will encourage participants to develop their own theologies.



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You are cordially invited to a book review with
TAY and Sisterhood Member

Dr. Nona Fienberg

Dean of Arts and Humanities at Keene State College
At TAY, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, 7 PM



Suite Française was a planned sequence of five novels by Irène Némirovsky, a French writer of Russian Jewish origin. In July 1942, having just completed the first two of the series, Némirovsky was arrested as a Jew and detained at Pithiviers and then Auschwitz, where she died of typhus. The notebook containing the two novels was preserved by her daughters but not examined until 1998. They were published, in a single volume entitled *Suite Française*, in 2004.

Suite Française is available in paperback and can be purchased at Barnes & Noble or online
Please read the book in advance

Your TAY Sisterhood dues help to support this program

are filled with many choices and priorities. Your family is a full-time commitment and your children's activities are overwhelming.

But I do find that if you take a little time to reflect on your religious beliefs, you will realize that being part of your temple family and helping others can make your life and responsibilities easier to deal with. There are always helping hands available within the temple walls.

Won't you lend your hands to help out, and receive the rewards that come from being part of something much larger than us all? Come to the temple, be part of our sisterhood and all temple events. Everyone has a place to fit in and we want all of you to be part of the whole experience. Please call me at 483-5035 or 759-3697 to get involved.

SISTERHOOD

Dot Warshaw

As the year 2008 arrives, I find myself thinking about membership participation. Sisterhood has done so much for the temple and will continue to do so, but the responsibilities continue to fall on few. I'm not sure I know how to get more women involved in activities at the temple, but I do know that

for those who do continue to participate, the rewards are many.

Over the years, at each activity there is always a sense of fulfillment when we complete our work or when someone new comes up to you and thanks you for our efforts. The friendships that are built from being at the temple on a regular basis are irreplaceable. Our lives

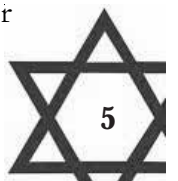


**TO SAVE A LIFE
CPR AND FIRST AID**

COURSE AND CERTIFICATION

Sisterhood is planning this program and needs your input. All TAY members are welcome. A fee will be charged; dates and times will be determined. If you are interested in taking one or both of these courses, please contact Karen at 641-3668 or karen@drewcomputer.com.

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Welcome Hope Rubin TAY's Office Manager

With her sons Justin and Corey, reaching the ripe young age of seven, Hope Rubin decided it was time to go back to work.

Not that she had been idle since 2004, when she married Jeff

Haselton and moved to Bedford. She had been involved in running a commercial and residential cleaning business with Jeff. But it was based in Pepperell, MA, and Hope was tired of making that trip. "I was in the car more than I needed to be and the pressure of getting back in time for the boys was always there," she said.

So when she heard about the job of office manager at TAY opening up, she quickly applied. In addition to being ideal for her schedule, the position fit neatly into the lifestyle of the Rubin-Haselton household.

After Jeff became a Jew by Choice in the fall of 2006 and joined the TAY board of directors as treasurer (he has since resigned because of Hope's job) she "wanted to get more involved in the temple," she said. The family had joined TAY three years ago and the boys (born one day apart and adopted from Guatemala by Hope and her first husband) are in the temple religious school. The family attends services "as often as we possibly can," she said.

This interest in Judaism came easily to Hope. Born and reared in Worcester, MA, she attended a Lubavitch yeshiva from kindergarten to sixth grade. "We actually belonged to a Reform congregation but my parents wanted me to have a good, solid Jewish background," she explained.

After studying at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and before and during her first marriage she worked in marketing, hospital administration and public relations. These varied career experiences, she said, made the job as office manager "a good match for me."

She looks forward to working with temple members and getting to know how the temple operates. "My job," she said is "to help things run smoothly for everyone – the rabbi, the board members and members of the congregation."

With the restructuring of the temple office positions, Jane Dustin, who had been secretary in the temple office, has moved on. The TAY Board of Directors thanks Jane for her hard work over the last four years and wishes her well.



We welcome the following new member who has joined our TAY family:

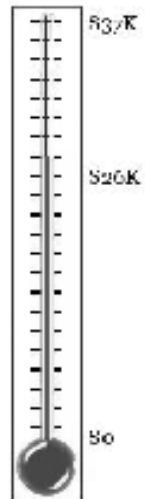
Julia Thomas and her daughter Rosemarie, Amherst

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN ANNUAL APPEAL

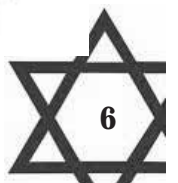
Our annual appeal is an integral part of our budget. Without it, we could not continue welcoming all families, regardless of their financial circumstances. Our goal for the 2007/2008 fiscal year is \$37,170 , with 100% participation. To date, we have received pledges of \$25,772 from 46% of our members. If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your support.

If not, please consider donating to this important cause.

THANK YOU



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MEET THE BOARD

Each month we introduce members of the TAY Board of Directors. This month, meet Linda and Sol Rockenmacher. Linda is secretary of the board of directors; Sol is chairman of our fundraising committee.

On paper, Sol and Linda Rockenmacher are retired. But most days the couple can be found somewhere at TAY, usually elbow-deep in work.

He is generally in the small room behind the office, packing books for mailing because as chairman of the fundraising committee, Sol does more than just think up ways to add to TAY's coffers; he gets down to the nitty-gritty. Brotherhood and the social action committee also demand his time and efforts.

Between her duties as secretary of the board of directors, her frequent Sisterhood chores and her responsibilities on the membership committee, Linda is frequently at the synagogue.



And when her hands aren't otherwise occupied, she is knitting; these days colorful scarves for underprivileged women.

This involvement doesn't just stem from their retirement: he in 2005 as a pediatric cardiologist (the first in the state) at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Hanover, and she last August from her post as clinical dietician at the Elliott Hospital. Unwilling to just pay lip-service to temple

membership, they have been active since 1993 when they finally arrived in Manchester after living in Hanover for seven years. They had heard about TAY from friends and "immediately joined and found a home," Sol recalled.

"It's important to maintain an active Jewish life in our community," he explained.

"For both our social and spiritual lives," she added.

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MAZEL TOV TO:

Rabbi Beth Davidson and
Cliff Lopate on their
engagement

Ana and Mitch Utell and big
brother Myles on the birth
of Mariana

מזל טוב!!!



Congratulations to the following children (under age 18) who are celebrating their birthdays in January:

Martha Beard, Alexa Cannon, Spencer Cannon, Jonathan Crockett, Adam Flanders, Brooke Flanders, Sara Gallin, Adam Grant, Daniel Haas, Jacob Herlicka, Amy Katz, Cameron Levenstein, Molly Margolis, Samantha Miller, Ariva Paiste, Justin Silver, Zachary Silversmith, Ashley Waxman and Joshua Waxman



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First Sisterhood

Knitting Social



Please join Sisterhood
Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30PM

With featured guest and Sisterhood Member
Susan Guiradet

Owner of Pearl's Yarn Shop
412 Chestnut Street, Manchester

All knitters from beginner to advanced are welcome.
Please bring your own supplies and needles.

Susan will be available to assist and answer questions.
More advanced knitters will help those who want to learn.
Projects once completed may be donated to the needy.
Join us to knit and socialize.

Please RSVP to Karen at 641-3668 or
karen@drewcomputer.com

the temple, as a favor to the Jewish partner of Linda's uncle," Sol said. "My family was not too thrilled."

At first, Linda, who was raised in the Congregational Church, "was not ready to think about converting. I didn't know anything about Judaism," she explained, and was "not ready to stop celebrating things I was accustomed to."

So while they lived in Boston where Sol completed his medical studies at Harvard and did his residency in pediatrics, Maryland while he served in the Navy, and Durham when he practiced in Dover, they maintained the kind of dual religious life common among interfaith families.

"We celebrated both Christmas and Chanukah," Linda said. "Remember that metallic Christmas tree?"

"Our Chanukah bush," Sol laughed.

"And I took the girls to my parents for Christmas Eve services," she continued. "We wanted them to learn what both traditions were."

By 1971, nine years after their marriage, while they were living in Durham, Linda felt comfortable enough with Judaism to study for conversion. She became a Jew by Choice and soon after was the first woman on the bimah

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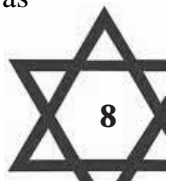
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Born in Brooklyn to Orthodox Polish immigrants - his father was a tailor; his mother, a housewife - Sol was reared in Redondo Beach, California. A scholarship to Dartmouth brought him east and to Linda, who traces her roots back to the 1600s and the original Yankees in New England.

They met in a lab in Hanover when Sol was in his second year of medical school and Linda, a native of Farmington, NH, was an intern working on her degree in medical technology from the University of New Hampshire.

"We were pinned for a year and engaged for a year and a month," Linda said, "and married in 1962."

"By a rabbi who married us in a private home, in Durham, not



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Chanukah at TAY

With lights, laughter and, of course, latkes, TAY devoted two days to celebrating Chanukah. Attracting children from the religious school along with their siblings and youngsters from the community, Brotherhood's family party got the holiday off to a festive start on Thursday in the social hall.

Complete with Rabbi Beth Davidson lighting her baseball menorah; entertainment by Chris Bolter, a magician imported from Boston; latkes, hot dogs and all the trimmings; balloon animals and swords, courtesy of Jim Haas; and more than 60 goodie bags filled with fun chotchkes like plastic spiders and chocolate gelt, the party attracted more than 120 children and adults. Dave Penchansky headed the committee, ably aided by his wife, Elaine, and fellow brothers Bud Baron, Jay Hodes, Sol Rackenmacher, Steve Short, Howard Tocman and Jon Waxman.

If success is measured by the amount of noise produced at an event, said Rabbi Davidson, "then this was a howling success."

On Friday, the celebration moved to the sanctuary where the religious school's second grade led services attended by some 100 adults and children. Invited to bring along their family menorahs, about 20 worshippers did just that, placing them on tables in front of the bimah and lighting them. The luminous blaze gave the sanctuary an incandescent glow.

Unfortunately, not enough holiday cooks brought along their wares, so the latke competition scheduled for the dinner following services was cancelled. "We'll try again next year, so get out those potatoes, eggs, matzoth meal and oil, and start practicing," said Rabbi Davidson.



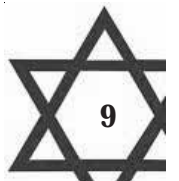
Adam Flanders and Molly Gross playing Israeli jacks



Pictures by Marty Warshaw, Afterimage Photography



Haas Family and Friends at the Chanukah Pot Luck



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DIALOGUES:

A Blog On Paper

This is the first in a new monthly series of personal essays about Jewish life. We hope that readers will respond with their thoughts on the subject. We welcome other essays dealing with or questioning all aspects of Jewish living, both in the sanctuary and in the community. The concept, suggested by the URJ, encourages congregants to think about what it means to be a Jew in contemporary America. So, come on and share your views and your feelings with us.

In late December while watching a Christmas variety show on TV from the Ford Theater in Washington, D.C. the music got to me and I was suddenly struck by a feeling of isolation: isolation as a Jew. It

was something I hadn't experienced in years.

My early years were spent in gentile or mixed neighborhoods in Brooklyn. When I was very young, we were the only Jews in the area. The Christmas ornaments I made in kindergarten hung on the tree of our next door neighbors. We weren't particularly observant. My immigrant father was a twice-a-year Jew, and although my American-born mother kept a kosher kitchen, occasionally tref appeared; of course, on paper plates. So after Chanukah was celebrated, other "holiday" presents mysteriously appeared on Christmas morning on a sewing machine in the foyer.

A move to a mixed neighborhood put me in contact with Jewish kids. While a minority in our grade school, we made our peace with Christmas. Sure, we sang the carols, but it was an unwritten law that we substituted innocuous nouns whenever the word "Christ" appeared in a song. Although I encountered more Jews in high school and then college and always dated Jewish boys and eventually men, religion – mine or that practiced by others — was never a big thing.

Until my father died when I was a freshman in college, and I tried to say yizkor for him at the conservative shul he attended for the high holidays. I was invited to leave, and told it wouldn't count since I was a girl. That incident brought a pronounced negativity to my feelings about being a Jew.

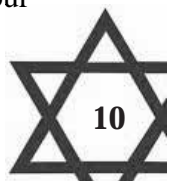
It wasn't until I met and married my husband, a yeshiva bocher, learned to live with his Orthodox family, and had children that my views began to change. True, we were a distinct minority among the year-round residents of East Hampton, but, we felt secure. "They" might have had that December glitz and lights, but we had the latkes, chopped liver and sangria. And to attend a Davidson Chanukah party became the "in" thing for our gentile friends.

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Balloon artist par excellence, Dr. Jim Haas, at the Brotherhood Hanukah Party

Its not too early to start thinking about Purim! If you are interested in playing or singing or baking for this year's *spiel* on Friday, Mar. 21, please let Rabbi D. know by calling or emailing her at rabbidavidsontay@comcast.net

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URJ Introduces a 'Shabbat Initiative'

If the leadership of the Union for Reform Judaism has its way, Reform Jews will increasingly return to Shabbat morning worship and observe a full 24 hour day of rest on Shabbat.

More than a century after the founders of the Reform movement shook up Judaism by moving the major worship service from Saturday mornings to Friday nights to accommodate Jews who had to work on Saturdays, the current president of the URJ, Rabbi Eric Joffie, asked delegates from the union's member congregations attending last month's biennial convention in San Diego, CA to adopt a new two-pronged approach to Shabbat.

He urged them to reclaim Shabbat morning worship, which too often has become a private ceremony for bar and bat mitzvah families. And he encouraged them to "put aside their Blackberries and stop gathering information just as the ancient Israelites stopped gathering wood... to stop running around long enough to see what God is doing."

Pointing out that TAY already alternates Shabbat morning worship with Torah study, Rabbi Beth D. Davidson said "I echo Rabbi Joffie's call to enhance our Shabbat experience. We are not machines and we do need to step back and renew our bodies and souls.

"However, one of the reform movements greatest contributions to Judaism is communal worship on Friday evenings, and while I would be thrilled to see larger congregations on Shabbat mornings, I would hate to see it at the expense of Friday evening worship."

To help congregations move forward with these initiatives, URJ has prepared study guides and established a Shabbat website (www.urj.or/shabbat) and a Shabbat blog (www.blogs.rj.org/shabbat/) for congregations and individuals.

This support is part and parcel of what the URJ does as the central body of the Reform movement in North America and its congregational arm. Dating back to 1873, when it had 34

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REFORM JUDAISM

האיחוד ליהדות רפורמית

SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

ברגשי צער
With Deepest Sympathy

Neil Singer and family on
the loss of Solon Singer

DIALOGUES

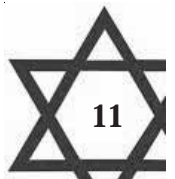
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After my husband's death, I became a rabbi-daughter follower and moved to Port Washington, a safe Jewish enclave smack in the middle of a Christian suburb. It was live and let live and my acquired and, by then, strong Jewish identity made it possible to accept, even ignore, this Christmas thing.

Then came New Hampshire. Okay, so the malls and shops are the same here as on Long Island. Very red (and green, for commerce). But there are few streets and houses dark. And I've yet to find a pop radio station that plays anything but Christmas music. I don't think that I'm paranoid, but the sense of being outnumbered outside of the environs of TAY is very real.

Does anyone else suffer from this Christmas isolation, this malaise? If so, how do you handle it? Most important, as liberal Jews living outside a ghetto, can we realistically hope to raise Jewish children who will remain Jews?

Barbara Davidson



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DONATIONS

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

Income from the General Endowment helps fund Temple operations.

- By Muriel and Ed Broad to Rabbi Davidson in honor of her engagement
- By Muriel and Ed Broad to Mrs. William Green in memory of Bill Green, an extraordinary man
- By Muriel and Ed Broad to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh, with deep sympathy
- By Richard and Ann Friedman to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh
- By Stephen and Ann Foster in memory of Myer Friedman
- By Sidney Freeman in memory of Mildred Freeman

- By Sedra Michaelson and Ron and Ashley Deeter to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh
- By Penschansky Family in loving memory of Jean Penschansky
- By Dr. Marc Rubenson to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

Special Purpose Funds can be created with a minimum donation of \$5,000. These funds may only used for a specified purpose.

Alex Shapiro Building Improvement Fund

- By Charlotte Krentzel to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Muskat in memory of Sophia Muskat
- By Saul Levenson to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh

Chesed Fund

- By Milton and Marilyn Corwin to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh
- By Rabbi Beth Davidson to Dr. Joel Klein in honor of his birthday
- By Barbara Davidson to Lee Hill in appreciation
- By JoAnn Meyers to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh
- By Ted Yegerman to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh

Deborah and Murray Grant Adult Education Fund

- By Clifford Lopate

Janice Whittaker Music Fund

- By Missy & Jim Haas
- By The Meyers Family – JoAnn, Jeffrey, Amy, Ahvni, Hallie, Michael and Whitney - in memory of Milton Meyers

Mazon

- By Ann Feins to Bob Jolton for your continuing recovery
- By Ann Feins to Jeff Forgosh in memory of your dad

FAREWELL TO JANICE WHITTAKER

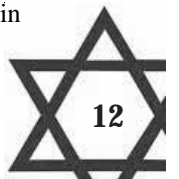
After 54 years of loving service to Temple Adath Yeshurun, our beloved and incomparable organist Janice Whittaker has retired. In recognition of her devotion to this congregation, the Board has created the Janice Whittaker Music Fund. This fund will be used to support music and musical programs at TAY and is a fitting way to honor Janice's legacy at our congregation.

In addition, we will be putting together an album for Janice. If you have family photos that include Janice, or would like include a note, please send your materials to Rabbi Davidson.



- By Stephen & Ann Foster to David Goldstein in memory of Diana Goldstein
- By Nancy Frankel to the Denmark-Solendar family with thanks and good wishes
- By Richard & Ann Friedman to David Goldstein in memory of Diana Goldstein
- By Rene Hahn to Jeff Forgosh in memory of your beloved father
- By Rene Hahn to Bob Jolton wishing him a speedy recovery
- By Rene Hahn to Goldstein family in memory of Diana Goldstein

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CHESED FUND



A new fund, the Chesed Fund, has been created to pay for burial and plot purchase expenses of indigent Jewish people whose families request burial in the Hebrew Cemetery. If you would like to contribute to the establishment of this fund, please send donations to the Temple. A sincere thank you to all who participate in this highest level of tzedakah.

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FOREVER YOUNG

Rivelle Feldman

Dr. Timothy Wildman will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of Seniors Forever Young at 10 AM on Thursday Jan. 17. A pastoral psychotherapist, Dr. Wildman will discuss "The Spirituality Aspect of Aging." Dr. Joel Klein will introduce the speaker after coffee and a short meeting. (In case of snow, the program will be moved to Jan. 24.)

Snow interfered with our December meeting and we will try to reschedule the screening of "The Wave," the acclaimed film narrated by John Ritter.

There's still time to pay your dues of \$5 a year. Please send checks to Lea Levy, 92 Highland Road, Manchester (623-1810). Contact Rivelle Feldman, coordinator, with program ideas or other matters at 668-5716.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Think about getting involved on a committee or on our dynamic board. You can make the difference in our community just by sharing your ideas, your thoughts and your time. You will feel the energy that I have come to know by making this commitment.

In 2008, I wish you everything special that can be wished... hope, wonder, peace, laughter, love and good health throughout the whole year.

DONATIONS

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Mazon (cont.)

- By Charlotte Krentzel to Ed Broad with wishes for good health
- By Steven & Andrea Solomon to David Goldstein in memory of Diana Goldstein

Ovid & Laura Slavin Fund

- By Al & Jeannette Popovsky in memory of Molly Popovsky
- By Al & Jeannette Popovsky in memory of Harry Popovsky

Rabbi Starr Interfaith Fund

- By Rabbi Arthur Starr to Janice Whittaker In honor of her more than 50 years of service at TAY
- By Rabbi Arthur Starr to Judy Sandler in honor of her birthday
- By Rabbi Arthur Starr to Celia Straugh in honor of her becoming the 5th doctor in the Straugh family

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- By Paula Blank in memory of David Charles Dressler
- By Pam and Luis Englander to Jeff Forgosh in memory of Elias Forgosh
- By Richard & Ann Freidman to Joan Green in memory of Bill Green
- By Clifford Lopate

By Jeffrey Forgosh to Rabbi Davidson

By Mark & Karen Silverstein to Joan Green in memory of Bill Green

Religious School Fund

- By Jane Dustin in appreciation of my four years of having worked at TAY and meeting so many wonderful people
- By Missy and Jim Haas in appreciation of all TAY's wonderful teachers

Samuel Sugerman Scholarship Fund

By Muriel Buffet in memory of her mother, Sarah Buffet

NAMED FUNDS

Named funds can be created with a minimum donation of \$1,500. Income helps fund Temple operations.

Myer and Ethel Friedman Fund

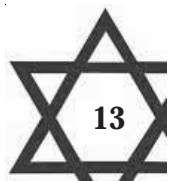
By Claudia & Phil Feldberg to the family of Myer Friedman in memory of their beloved uncle, father, grandfather and great-grandfather

Shelby Tocman Memorial Fund

By Sandra Tocman to Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Allen in memory of Brenda



Arielle Kaplan entertaining at the Brotherhood Chanukah Party



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MEET THE BOARD

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at Temple Israel when she had an aliyah during the High Holidays.

"I had three daughters and didn't want them to feel like second class citizens," she explained. "Oddly, the women in the congregation were harder to convince than the men. I guess the men found it nice for women to assume more responsibilities in the temple."

Two of their daughters, Rachel and Karen, celebrated their bat mitzvahs. The third, Lisa, passed because "she would have been the only one in her class," Sol said.

In college Rachel and Karen went through formal conversions and Rachel currently works at the Harvard Center for Jewish Studies. None of the daughters married Jews, but one of the Rockenmacher's five grandchildren is studying in a Hebrew school.

"We don't push them," Sol said.

"I made my own choice," said Linda. "I didn't convert to accommodate others. And I accept the same behavior in my children. That's why interfaith activities are necessary to understand other cultures and faiths."

"That understanding is important for our children's and our grandchildren's futures," added Sol. "Because it can lead to peaceful resolutions to conflicts. But it's important for children to have some kind of background. I want my kids to have a Yiddisher heart."

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congregations in 28 cities, the URJ now has 912 congregations in the US, Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, representing 1.5 million Jews. Its basic goal is to create and sustain vibrant Jewish congregations wherever Reform Jews live.

It offers support on spiritual, ethical and political issues, and provides materials and consultation for programs in the congregations. Basically, said Donald Cohen-Cutler, a spokesman, this is accomplished through various departments:

Synagogue management, to help with "nuts and bolts" issues like finance, contracts and architecture.

Outreach and membership, which assists congregations in welcoming, teaching and involving Jews-by-choice, interfaith families, and nonaffiliated Jews.

Youth, which runs the 63 Union camps and NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth.

Jewish Family Concerns, which focuses on matters facing the Jewish family

Lifelong Jewish Learning, which is charged with educating Reform Jews from the youngest to the oldest

Social Action, devoted to applying Jewish tradition to such issues as human rights, civil liberties and religious freedom

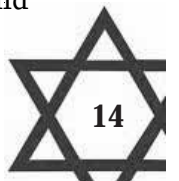
Worship, Music and Religious Living, designed to enhance the Reform experience.

Employing about 250 professionals and support staff, the URJ provides the support through programs and materials devoted to each area. Fourteen regional offices bring the expertise closer to the individual congregations.

The Union's 2007-08 budget is \$23.3 million of which \$19.3 millions comes from congregational dues set by a committee of lay volunteers, said Paul Wilcox of the Maintenance of Union Membership office. Dues are based upon the size and expenses of each congregation. Standard dues are \$25 per member family and 8% of total expenses in the previous year. This year, membership in the Union will cost TAY \$27,000.

As far as Rabbi Davidson is concerned, "we get our money's worth. The varied programs available to us – particularly the educational material and the ability to send our kids to these great camps exposing them to summer camping in a Jewish context – are valuable and worthwhile. Too, the connections to national and international Reform communities make the dues money well-spent."

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JANUARY 2008

Friday, Jan. 4, 6 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 5, 10 AM
 Saturday, Jan. 5, 5 PM
 Friday, Jan. 11, 7 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 12, 9 AM
 Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 AM
 Friday, Jan. 18, 7 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 19, 10 AM

 Friday, Jan. 25, 7 PM
 Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 AM

Family Service, Potluck Dinner and New Israeli Game
 Seventh Grade Shabbat Morning Service and Brown Bag Lunch
 Fourth Grade Havdalah Service and Pot Luck
 Erev Shabbat Service with Torah reading
 Tot Shabbat
 Torah Study, Shabbat Cinema, Brown Bag Lunch
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, no Torah reading
 Shabbat Morning Service, Shabbat Cinema,
 Brown Bag Lunch

 Erev Shabbat Service with Torah reading
 Torah Study, Lunch and Learn Potluck Shabbat



upcoming events

This Month

Tuesday, Jan. 1
 New Year's Day: Office Closed, no Hebrew School

 Sunday, Jan. 6, 9 AM
 Brotherhood: Candidates Forum

 Tuesday, Jan. 8
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet

 Thursday, Jan. 17, 10 AM
 Senior's Forever Young: Dr. Timothy Wildman

 Monday, Jan. 21, 10 AM
 Civil Rights Day: Office Closed

 Sunday, Jan. 20, 11 AM
 Tu B'Shevat Seder, Make-Your-Own-Waffles

 Tuesday, Jan. 22
 Tu B'Shevat

Next Month

Feb. 1 - 3
 MANTY: Winter Wonderland

 Sunday, Feb. 3
 Brotherhood: MANTY Breakfast

 Saturday, Feb. 9
 Brotherhood: Deli Night

 Wed., Feb. 20, 11 AM
 Sisterhood: Book Discussion, Suite Française
 with Dr. Nona Fienberg

The Rest of the Year

Thursday, Mar. 13
 Brotherhood: Purim Party

 Sunday, Mar. 16
 Sisterhood: Health Forum on "The Generation in the Middle"

 Friday, Mar. 31
 Purim Service and Spiel

 Sunday, Apr. 16
 Sisterhood: Passover Second Night Seder

 Wednesday, May 7
 Brotherhood: Seniors Dinner

 Saturday, May 17
 Fundraising Event

 Tuesday, Jun. 3
 Brotherhood: Annual Meeting and Bar-b-que



The social action committee is collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves throughout the month of January. A collection box is downstairs, across from the office. Warm winter items will be donated to Angie's Shelter for Women at New Horizons and Families In Transition. Items can be hand-made, store bought or gently worn.

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