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ATTENTION TODDLER-12TH GRADE FAMILIES!
WE HAVE A QUESTION....



Please join us for an all-school Shabbat celebration at the synagogue! Dinner begins at 6:30 PM Followed by services at 8:00 PM.

Friday, October 28, 2011

RSVP and Questions?

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***To help make meals affordable to all members, we have a new pricing plan. We ask that everyone pay at least the minimum amount (\$5) but list the actual cost for each meal (\$12), and encourage all who can to pay that. We also accept donations to help make up the difference. It is our intention that this helps make everyone feel welcome at the Temple of Aaron.

Let's Continue Celebrating & Reflecting Upon Our Traditions

Friday, October 7 ~ 7:45 pm

Kol Nidre

Saturday, October 8 ~ 9:00 am

Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 13 ~ 9:00 am

1st Day Sukkot

Friday, October 14 ~ 9:00 am

2nd Day Sukkot

Thursday, October 20 ~ 9:00 am

Yizkor & Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 21 ~ 9:00 am

Simhat Torah

**Annual Festive
Simhat Torah Celebration
for Children and Adults
of All Ages
7:00 PM in Sanctuary**

- Energetic Service
- Dancing with Torahs
- Special Holiday Music
- Caramel Apples

From the Rabbi's Desk . . .



*Wishing You a
Sweet and Joyous
New Year*

From the Staff of Temple of Aaron



Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein

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Torah Cover a New Tradition

Long time volunteer Linda Eisenstadt needlepointed a Torah cover as part of the Temple of Aaron's Jubilee celebration. It is now held by most of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students when their families take photos before their simcha.

The Torah cover, which resides in the Liefman Chapel, was designed by member and local artist Judy Freeman, constructed with Linda's hard work and dedication, and was partially funded by our Daily Minyan Fund which was created to honor dedicated work by Ritual Coordinator Larry Eisenstadt. We enjoy the beauty of the Torah cover as part of the daily minyan every time the Torah is read.

This is just one more reminder of the significant, lasting contributions that our volunteers make to our community.

B'nai Mitzvah Lead 2011 Yom Kippur Havdalah

Our annual tradition continues with our B'nai Mitzvah students from the past year leading the havdalah service. These young men and women agree to fast for the first time as a Jewish adult.

Havdalah candles have been endowed in honor of B'not Mitzvah of Brittani and Danielle Berg by their parents, Judy and Jim Berg.

Sukkot Salad Bar on Friday October 14, 2011

Lea and Herbert Schaffer, of blessed memory, created an endowment to sponsor the annual Salad Bar following the 9:00 am holiday service. The Schaffers were thoughtful, generous and gracious in making our holiday experience more festive.

Berg Endowment Enhances Sukkot Kiddushes

We gather after the 9:00 am service on the first and final day of Sukkot and Simhat Torah to enjoy the holiday with food and conversation. A special thank you to the David A. Berg Family Endowment.

Make a Sukkah Donation to the Temple of Aaron that Stands on Its Own

The Temple of Aaron Men's Club has successfully undertaken a mission to bring a brand new Sukkah to the Temple for 5771. It is a modular design consisting of 2-foot by 4-foot panels that slide into a frame. The new Sukkah is easier to construct, safer and prettier than the previous one lost to heavy rains in 2009.

You can help support this new Sukkah for the Temple of Aaron by purchasing a panel for \$100.

We have already had 50 donors of the needed 72 step forward to complete the Sukkah! Contact Committee Chair George Bier (george@thebierfamily.com) or 651-690-1979 for additional information or to purchase a panel. You can dedicate a panel or panels to a person or an event and we will place the dedication language in an upcoming *Aaronion*. If convenient, we will place the donation on your monthly statement.

Cantor's Column

The Power of Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur

There is a 24 hour period that happens one time a year. In Judaism it is perhaps the most intense 24 hours that a Jew could go through. During Kol Nidre service, the prayer itself is giving each and every one of us the opportunity for a clean slate. What an incredible opportunity that is. To actually have the opportunity to start fresh. As Jews, we have this opportunity every single year. There is lengthy liturgy during the Yom Kippur service. It goes through many phases of emotion and prayer. The main theme is forgiveness. We must first go to our fellow human being and ask for forgiveness for mistakes we had done before we can have the opportunity to talk to God and ask for forgiveness. To be human is to make mistakes. My father and mother have taught me years ago that I will learn more from my mistakes than from successes. How true is that for each and every one of us? Some mistakes we make are small. Some are big. But each and every one of us will make them. We will make them because that is the way we learn. To be human is to experience growth. From the adolescent years to mid-life and to old age – every step along the way gives us an opportunity to learn and grow. Some mistakes are hard to forgive. There are so many ugly and horrible things that we read in the paper and see on the news that we hear about every day. We wonder to ourselves and talk to our family and friends and ask the question, “How can this possibly be?” “How can human beings treat each other in such a way?” It is simply mind boggling to make sense of some of these incidences that take our breath away.

Are we as a congregation going to be ready for this opportunity of forgiveness? Have we truly learned and are truly sorry? These are questions that we need to ask ourselves. We may be able to hide our feelings from each other from time to time. But we cannot hide from God. God knows what is in the depths of our hearts. God knows our sincerity, and God knows our excuses. I for one am ready to talk to God. I realize that I am just like you and have this tremendous

opportunity and have an obligation, to you my congregation, to my children and family and most of all to God. During our life we all go through changes. Some years seem to be more difficult than others. It is up to us to see how we can meet the challenges of those rough years that help define our character.

When I was in Sunday school as a teenager, I once asked the assistant rabbi about the story of Moses losing his patience and hitting the rock. The rabbi explained to me in a simplistic way something that has stuck with me all my life. The greater the person – the greater the responsibility. The greater the responsibility – the more accountability that person has to that responsibility. Doctors, lawyers, politicians, clergy, actors and actresses, fathers and mothers - it doesn't matter. Each of them when they are in a position that people depend on them or when people look up to them they have a responsibility of being accountable to these people. All of these people and more will make mistakes. We all will make mistakes. The question is, “What are we going to do about our mistakes?” Once we ask for forgiveness from our fellow human beings and plead forgiveness from God we are left with a clean slate. But it shouldn't just stop there. What it should mean is that we now must take action and learn from our mistakes. When I was a kid, my mother and father taught me another phrase. “Fool me once, shame on you – Fool me twice, shame on me.” Let us all realize that we all can be smart. We don't have to repeat mistakes that we've made in the past. Nor do we have to beat ourselves up for our mistakes we've made in the past. As we have this opportunity to start all over again, I wish each and every one of you a year of health, happiness and growth. It is my honor to have been your Hazzan for over 20 years. And with God's help and your confidence, I look forward to serving with all my heart for another 20. Shana Tova!



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OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We display every 5 years and all anniversaries of more than 50 years

מזל טוב

- 15 Sandy and Neal Gale
- 15 Kimberly and Eric Lipman
- 15 Heather and Adam Rutzick
- 20 Jodi and Dan Saltzman
- 20 Anna Vaynerman and Michael Shishkin
- 30 Linda and John Nides
- 30 Gayle and Bill Saeks
- 45 Carol and Mark Epstein
- 53 Mindy and Seymour Leventhal
- 57 Gracia and Merrill Kuller
- 58 Riva and Lou Polansky
- 58 Gertruda and Yefim Milshteyn
- 61 Sana and Dmitry Bubar
- 63 Geri and Milt Blumenfeld

Department of Youth Services



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TEMPLE OF AARON YOUTH^{BLVD}

2011-2012 Youth Department Membership form is now on the Temple of Aaron website!

In order to participate in programming, please complete and return to Robby!

Form can be found at: www.templeofaaron.org on the right-hand side!

Robby's Rap

During August 30 - September 1, I had the opportunity to travel to Chicago with other Youth Directors from the Midwest and Southwest to learn and to share. I learned many techniques into how to build young Jewish leaders and how to engage the unaffiliated with unique programming. I also received first aid training in CPR and AED.



TUSY Members Justin Boschwitz, Natalie Baldinger, and Gilad Segal (L-R) smile for the camera while on USY Pilgrimage to Israel!

October Youth Department Programs!

Oct. 2	Apple picking for Chaverim and B'sheet		Time TBD
Oct. 2	USY goes Apple picking	Outhouse	Time TBD
Oct. 16	USY goes Knocking for Cans	Inhouse	Time 12:30 PM
Oct. 16	Kadima Iron Chef Israeli style!	Inhouse	Time 12:15 PM

Lilmod U'lilamed — “To Teach and to Learn”- Pirkei Avot

ללמד וללמד



Joshua Fineblum
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We have had a wonderful start to our school year and are now in the full swing of things. Much thanks to Administrative Assistant Susie Haim for all of her hard work to get things together for the beginning of school. Thanks also to Shari Lowenthal for her curriculum work, Margie Schneider for her recruitment efforts, and to our entire faculty to making sure our children will have a successful year in our schools. Our very part-time faculty puts in so much time and effort to make Judaism and its many facets come alive and be meaningful for our students each time they walk into the classroom. Thank you also to our many tutors and aides who have also helped get the year going.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class Families on a successful and yummy Pancake Breakfast and Used Book Sale to start the year. The event continues to be a wonderful way to have families come together and eat for a good cause in helping to fundraise for the Confirmation programming. I am already thinking about next year's breakfast and looking forward to adding chocolate chips to my big stack of pancakes.

We also want to wish *Mazal Tov* to Rachel and Eddie Winthrop on the birth of their son Noah Daniel born on August 25, the day after our teacher meetings which they both attended. We are very happy that the whole family is doing well and wish them many years of happiness with their new son.

Please be on the lookout for information about all of programming throughout the year and Andrea, Rocky, and I want to wish each of you a *Shana Tova Umitukah* — A Sweet, Happy, and Wonderful New Year!

צֵעַר בְּעֵלֵי חַיִּים

Midat Hachodesh: Tza'ar Ba'ale Chayim

Showing we care about respect animals, is an important value as begin the Torah again this month. We show sensitivity to animals in the way that we treat them, not in the way that we feel about them. Human beings have permission to use animals for our benefit, not license to exploit them. In Parshat Noach we have the story of Noach and the building of the Ark. In this story, the importance of animal is seen in the action of the animals on the Ark and in the job of the dove, who eventually helps Noach and his family find dry land and help build a “new” place for people and animals to live. I'm not stating that we should all become vegetarians but we should think about how animals help us and how we should help them as well. What can you do to uphold this value today?

From Matt Bernick

2011-2012 TUSY Executive V.P. / Israel Affairs

Sprinting off my thirteen-hour flight I knelt to kiss the ground. I was finally HOME. Words could not explain the energy of myself and 67 other teens were experiencing. As my trip began I was excited to float in the Dead Sea and hike Mount Masada. Although, as time passed, I learned that Israel is much more than a tourist destination and a dot on the map. Throughout meetings, lectures, scavenger hunts and free time, I realized what Israel truly is: a welcoming Jewish homeland. Due to my strong Israel connection, I decided to become Vice President/Israeli Affairs of Temple of Aaron's United Synagogue Youth Program. I chose to become Vice President to help other Jewish teens better understand their connection to Israel. This four-week-long adventure in Israel forever altered my life. Now it's your turn!

Samantha “Sami” Saltzman joins Education Team

Sami joins us as our Education Intern this coming year. She has been a part of the Temple of Aaron mishpacha for the past 18 years. She has fond memories of her many classes, teachers, and being a part of fun programming with her friends and family. She is a proud 2010 Confirmand and has been an active member in our youth department since 2004. Sami has already begun helping to plan programming for this coming year including our new “Got Shabbat” program, Jewish Literacy Day, and many fun events planned for this year. She is excited — and so are we — that she is working with us during her senior year at Henry Sibley High School.



A shout out to all people who made our Youth Services great during High Holydays!

Matt Bernick
Shari Lowenthal

Lindsay Berg
Elliott Stern

Thank You Todah Rabah

תודה רבה



נחמו נחמו עמי

Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away

**Richard Shaller
Mildred Mastbaum**

תודה רבה

... to Anita Ernst, Burt Katz and Betty Agranoff for labeling nearly 1,100 September *Aaronions* so members can be fully informed about religious services and social, educational programs.

... to Linda Eisenstadt for labeling 1,100 High Holyday envelopes and nearly 1,800 tickets to help make the Holydays more organized.

... to all members and friends who donated used books to help 2012 Confirmation Class host a Used Book Sale on September 11, 2011.

... to all Men's Club volunteers who donated time to prepare pancakes for the September 11th opening day for the Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School.

Thank you (*todah rabah*) to those listed below who supported our Yahrzeit Fund in memory of loved ones with donations of \$10 or more
August 2011 Av-Elul 5771

Abramovich, Lyubov
Alch, Sandra
Bar, Gitya
Berkman, Jerry
Besner, Rae
Bloom, Evelyn
Braufman, Maddy & Janie
Bream, Rose
Divine, Arnold
Dudovitz, Sophie
Edelstein, Sandy & Steve
Fayngersh, Feliks
Fink, Delores
Fridman, Vladimir & Alla
Frisch, Gail
Ganz, Isaac
Geller, Rosie & Loren
Getsug, Ray & Elissa
Ginzburg, Riva
Glickman, Jane
Gochberg, Peter & Vera
Godes, Barb & Steve
Goldberg, Sharleen
Goldman, Arnold
Goldman, Irene

Goldstein, Carol
Gordon, Frank & Cookie
Gordon, Herman
Graham, Esther
Grobovsky, Nancy & Rick
Guiver, Abby
Kahn, James & Marcella
Kamin, Evelyn & Mel
Kaminsky, Beverly
Kaplan, Steve
Kaster, Barbara
Katz, Sidney
Katz, Leon & Chelle
Kopilenko, Alexander
Krause, Eva
Leibman, Jack
Levin, Jeanne, Albert
& family
Lewis, Scott
Leyderman, Mikhail, Anna
& family
Libman, Mae
Lifson, Helen & Ron
Mack, Ellen & Tom Bates
Meltzer, Rose & Bill

Miller, Beryl
Moore, Kathleen
Novick, Bonnie & Harvey
Passon-McNally, Linda
Paterson, Esther & family
Pfleiderer, Bill & Adrienne
Rafowitz, Sam
Rein, Mildred
Rosen, Fran
Rosen, Revelle
Rosenbloom, David
Savage, Edith
Shaller, Jean
Shear, Isabelle & Jerry
Smith, Richard
Suponitksy, Yekaterina
Supornick, Phyllis
Tilsen, Robert
Tilsner, William & Ryvelle
Udodovsky, Mira
Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Vysotsky, Alla & Gak, Feliks
Winnick, Annetta
Wolkoff, Patty
Wolkoff, Dina

*Rabbi Alan and Rebecca Shavit-Lonstein
Would like to invite
the Temple of Aaron community
to the Bar Mitzvah of their son Naveh*

*on Friday November 18 at 8:00 pm
& Saturday November 19 at 9:00 am*

Congregational Kiddush Luncheon to follow services.

We Look Forward to Celebrating with You

(RSVP appreciated by Nov. 4 to BeckySL@me.com)

Tot Shabbat & Prayers in PJs!

(For Toddler-1st Grade Families)

October 14th and 29th

One and all are welcome to spend Friday Nights and Shabbat mornings with us as we dance, sing, and celebrate Shabbat together.

This new dynamic family program will create a way for the entire family to socialize, become acquainted with the synagogue, and learn about Judaism and Jewish holidays in a fun interactive manner.



Times:

Friday Nights 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Shabbat Mornings 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Questions?

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**Temple of Aaron and B'yachad
 joining forces to help those in
 need in our community!**
Be A Part Of The Solution.
Help Now.



This community drive helps create gift baskets for those in need during the holiday season. Please refer to the list to find out how you can help.

**B'yachad bins can be found in the
 Temple of Aaron building.**

**This project helps over 100 families
 and individuals in our community!**

Questions?

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Susan Balto and Morgan Werthausen
 USY Co-Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice Presidents
 susan.balto@gmail.com or morgville@comcast.net

B'yachad drive goes until
 December 1, 2011

Requests from community:

Toddler-1st grade families: men and women's scarves and hats, baby bottles, baby wipes, and pacifiers

2nd-4th grade families: Toothbrushes and toothpaste for all ages, hair brushes, blankets, pillows, and flashlights

5th-7th grade families: children's books, toys, men's and women's wallets, footballs, basket balls, soccer balls, & sports items for teens

8th-12th graders: men's and women's shaving razors and cream, children's mittens and hats, kids puzzles, arts and crafts materials, and backpacks

We need everyone's help to make this happen!

Every family in the congregation can bring: alarm clocks, basic car kits, basic tool kits, bath and hand towels, board games, box of greeting cards, cosmetic bags/Dopp kits, \$5 or \$10 gift cards to local organizations, men's and women's slippers, toiletries, picture frames...

If you have an idea of something you would like to donate and it's not on the list please contact Joshua Fineblum

Monetary contributions to B'yachad can be sent to :

Jewish Family Service
 1633 W. 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55102
 Attention: Debbie Vertelney

Participating organizations:

Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Jacob Congregation, B.O.N.D, Jewish Family Service, Mount Zion Temple, Shaller Family Sholom East, St. Paul JCC, Talmud Torah of St. Paul, Temple of Aaron, and The United Jewish Fund and Council



2nd Grade

Family Education

Tzedakah: A Charitable Way of Giving

October 30, 2011

9 pm – 12 pm

(Includes brunch, social time,
 and some education too!)

This program for 2nd graders and parents will teach families about tzedakah and how we can perform acts of tzedakah in many different ways. You will also create a tzedakah box which will enhance your own family's experiences in giving tzedakah (charity) at home.

**Facilitators: Tracey Agranoff and
 Joshua Fineblum**

Questions?

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The Festival of Sukkot

Background Facts to Help Everyone Understand Its Meaning

Sukkot begins on the fifteenth day of the month of *Tishri* — after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — and continues for seven days. It is known by several names.



The *lulav*, a palm branch composed of three myrtle twigs and two willow branches, and the *etrog*, a large citron resembling a lemon, both symbols of the harvest season, are used in keeping with the biblical commandment in *Vayikra* (Leviticus 23:40): “You shall take the fruit of the pleasant trees, palm branches, thick leafy boughs, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice...”

The eighth day of Sukkot, known as *Shemini Atzeret*, is punctuated by two special prayers during services. The first is familiarly referred to as *Geshem*, the prayer for rain in which the Jewish people pray that the Almighty will grant a sufficient rainfall in *Eretz Yisrael* to make the land fruitful and the crops plentiful.

The other is *Yizkor*, the memorial prayer for those we have lost, which is recited three other times during the Jewish year: on Yom Kippur, the eighth day of Pesah, and the second day of Shavuot.

The final day of this holiday season, *Simhat Torah*, celebrates the Festival of Rejoicing in the Torah, at which time we give

thanks that God gifted us with the Five Books of Moses by parading the scrolls around the synagogue in a joyous ceremony known as the *hakafot*, in which men, women and children of all ages participate.

It is on this day that we complete the annual reading of the Torah and begin again with the first words of *Berayshit* (Genesis).

The Religious Meaning of the Sukkah

The sukkah is indisputably the major symbol of the festival. The reason for the sukkah is: “That I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 23:43) While Rabbi Akiva says that the booths mentioned in the Bible were real booths in which the children of Israel dwelt while in the desert, Rabbi Eliezer suggests that they were clouds of glory with which God surrounded the children of Israel to protect them while they wandered in the desert. By remembering this miracle, the building of the sukkah is thus a means of infusing faith in God, particularly in time of distress.

In the Bible, particularly in the Prophets, the desert period was considered an ideal time in Jewish history, a time when life was simple but noble. When the children of Israel entered Canaan and encountered the vices and corruption of urban civilization, they looked back with nostalgia to the nomadic period of their history, when they were free of these corrupting influences. They saw in this nomadic period a set of standards by which they could purify the civilization of their day. In our day Sukkot should become a call to the ethical life, free from the corruption and vices of the affluent society.

First Day Photos as School Opens on September 11, 2011



Volunteer Men's Club
Pancake Breakfast Chefs



Baubi and Granddaughter
Enjoy Pancake Breakfast and
Mini-Raffle



Jewish Education Inspires
Student Smiles During
Opening Day



9-11 Sanctuary Ceremony
Remembers Loved Ones Locally
and Nationally

JTS Professor Helps Make Peace in the World

Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky Attends Interreligious Events at the White House and the 9/11 Memorial

The Jewish Theological Seminary's Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, was honored with an invitation to this year's White House Iftar dinner. The Iftar is the meal that breaks the day of fasting during Ramadan, when Muslim families and communities eat together after sunset. This followed a special invitation to Rabbi Visotzky to gather a group of interfaith leaders for a special, pre-opening tour of the 9/11 Memorial site at New York City's Ground Zero, by architect Michael Arad.

Approximately 120 guests were invited to this year's Iftar dinner, including members of the diplomatic corps, the religious and grass-roots leadership of the American-Muslim community, prominent Muslim elected officials and members of the armed forces, and leaders of other faiths. During the dinner, President Obama spoke about the meaning of Ramadan, the importance of diversity and religious freedom in the United States, and the effect of 9/11 and its aftermath on the Muslim-American community.

Rabbi Visotzky sat at President Obama's table and brought the president up-to-date on JTS's most recent and noted Jewish-Muslim dialogue programs, along with JTS's other forms of Jewish-Muslim engagement.

Rabbi Visotzky said of the experience he shared with this diverse group of Americans, "The 9/11 Memorial is exceptional, and captures the immensity and the power of the event it commemorates. Our group included Jewish, Protestant, Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu Americans—and we are bound together by our love for this country and the diversity it represents."

For the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrible events, and the opening of the 9/11 Memorial, JTS and LFI have made available interreligious spiritual teachings and cultural treasures at Our Better Angels: Resources for the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Multiple quick-loading videos of the discussions and the accompanying world-class musical performances can be watched online, and the programs from each evening and the texts that were taught are available to download.

For more information about the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies or supporting JTS, please contact Michele Siegal at (248) 258-0055 or misiegel@jtsa.edu.

Tuesday Book Club - 6:30 p.m.



October 18 - Ruth Brin -
Bitter Sweet Berries

November 22 - Gloria Goldreich -
This Promised Land

December 20 - Saul Bellows -
Adventures of Augie March

Call Deb Bachrach with
questions: 651-690-4130

**Our Annual
High Holyday
Cemetery Service
Led by Cantor Kowitz
will be Sunday,
October 2, 2011
at 1:00 pm.
Please reserve the date
and honor your family
buried at our cemetery
in Roseville.**

Amos and Celia Heilicher
Minneapolis
Jewish Day School
Prospective Parent
Open House
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011
9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Full-day K- grade 8.

- High quality General Studies program with daily Hebrew Language and Judaic Studies.
- Strong arts/specialist curricula.
- Open mid-program, with no Hebrew experience required.
- For more information, to RSVP or to schedule a private meeting/tour, contact 952.381.3566 or visit www.HMJJDS.org

L' Shanah Tovah Tikatevu 2011 Temple of Aaron Sisterhood 5772

*Wishing you and those you love a sweet year,
filled with health, happiness and peace.*

Janie and David A. Berg and Family

Lizbeth Goldberg

Sis and Ron Goren and Family

Bonnie and Harvey Novick and Family

Sally Orren

Judy and Allen Werthausen and Family

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for your benefit.**

Sisterhood News

Wine, Cheese & Mezuzah Making – Thursday, Nov. 10, 7–9 p.m. at Temple of Aaron. Members, non-members, prospective members, women of all ages welcome! There is no charge for this event; RSVP to Linda Eisenstadt by Nov. 1, (651-454-6042 or larrlind@aol.com).

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Book Club – Oct. 16 – *Something Red* by Jennifer Gilmore; Nov. 20 – *Shiksa Syndrome* by Laurie Graff. The Book Club meets the third Sunday of the month at The Highland Café and Bakery at 10 a.m. Call Teddy Gerr with questions or for more info (651-405-6658).

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Annual Sisterhood Dues – If you haven't already taken care of renewing your membership, please do so ASAP. Membership is required prior to participating in any of our wonderful programs. Don't miss out on the fun – get your payment in the mail to Linda Eisenstadt, 1077 Sibley Memorial Hwy. #400, Lilydale, MN 55118. Not a member yet? We are always looking for new members. There are so many different ways to get involved, make new friends and add to our Sisterhood family and synagogue. Call Linda for more info at 651-454-6042.

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Knitting Club – This group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Temple of Aaron Library. All levels are encouraged to come and chat. Bring your own needles and yarn. Feel free to come and crochet, weave or needlepoint if that is your preference. Questions, call Roxanne Portnoy at 612-334-2725.

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Women's Shelter Donations – Drop off toiletries to be donated to local women's shelters. All items needed and they can be dropped off in the Temple Gift Shop. Help out our local community and give someone a lift with these easy donations. Questions, call Alexandria Ganzel, 651-490-7684, or Susan Flynn, 651-683-0706.

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Building Fund Cards – Cards for every occasion are only a phone call away. Pick up that phone and show someone you care by



Sis Goren Susan Kushner Betty Agranoff

sending one of these lovely cards. All funds raised by the use of these cards go directly to benefit our beautiful building. Questions, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner

(651-454-8336). For billing questions, call Betty Agranoff at 651-698-8275.

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Food Shelf – This ongoing project serves our community year round. Donate food items at any time by dropping them off in the cart located in our coat room. Monetary donations will also be accepted by sending a check, payable to Temple of Aaron Food Shelf, to Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, MN 55122. For more info, call Harriet Levy (651-454-6829).

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1973 Israeli War: Recognizing Full Impact on Both Sides

By Dr. Steven Derfler

As the end of the 10 Days of Awe approaches, the culmination of the High Holydays with Yom Kippur, I always think about the tragic days of October, 1973. On Yom Kippur, Syria and Egypt launched a concerted, coordinated attack on Israel with near catastrophic results. We don't realize how close Israel came to annihilation — only through incredible heroism and bravery, and the intervention of President Nixon and Henry Kissinger, did Israel survive and ultimately find herself both stronger and, in some ways, more fragile, than ever before.



As you are aware, one of two cornerstones of faith is honoring the Shabbat. By extension this would obviously extend to all *hagim*, especially the 10 Days of Awe. So when word of the attack on Israel began to spread, the FIRST response by the Chief Rabbi was based on *Pikuach Nefesh*, saving a life. The basis is eloquently stated by Rav Shimon ben Tzemach Duran, who would eventually become Chief Rabbi of Morocco in the 14th Century.

“One must desecrate Shabbos even if there is only a slight possibility that the situation is dangerous. One does not need a professional opinion or an expert physician. Whenever one is uncertain whether the situation is dangerous, he is required to desecrate Shabbos. (Shu't Tashbeitz 1:54)

However, this is not my ultimate point this month. As they say, out of all evil comes good. To me, this became very personal during the Yom Kippur War, and would come full circle in the winter of 1979/1980. In 1973, I was working on my M.A. in archaeology that would see six months of study at Tel Aviv University (TAU). I had already been involved in three years of excavation at Tel Beersheva with TAU, and developed many close friendships both with faculty and other grad students.

The war would hit me hard, two close friends would lose their lives in Sinai,

three others severely wounded. In fact one, an archaeology grad student-turned-paratrooper, lost part of his leg. One of the “tragi-successes” of the war was the incredible innovative success of Israel’s medical industry in addressing amputee rehabilitation (long before our own needs in the US as a result of Iraq and Afghanistan). The successful ending in this case is that he went on to finish his degree and work in the field; all the while getting around on a prosthetic limb. (He could still run faster than me! He also got special dispensation to continue to JUMP out of an airplane! As they say in Hebrew, “*meshuggah*”! But that’s MY opinion).

Years later, the war would come back to haunt in a different way. Dec/Jan of 1979-80 would see my first of dozens of journeys to Egypt. I was the archaeological advisor to a university group led by my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Stephen Feinstein (Zi’L). As we landed at Cairo’s Heliopolis International Airport, I immediately felt ill-at-ease due to the presence of scores of Egyptian military. To me, this was a startling “awakening.” (Today, because of the international situation, we all have begun to take a military/police presence at airports, etc., for granted as the rule rather than exception).

I loved the fact that, with the brand-new peace forged with Egypt, my archaeological horizons could be broadened and expanded. I could study both the ancient past and cultural present of a part of the world that I had come to appreciate and love.

However, there was that downside at every corner. “Where was this soldier, or that soldier, in 1973 in Sinai?” “Could he have been the one on the ‘dispensed -end’ of the bullets that hit my TAU student-soldier friends?” The unease lingered in the background throughout this first eye-opening adventure. After all, who even knew in 1980 whether the peace would last?

I sort of worked my way through all that, shuffling it to the far recesses of my consciousness. Then in 1981 I would direct the first of dozens of educational programs to Egypt. On my recommendation, the travel agency would engage the same archaeologist/guide for my programs in 1981 and '82. 1982 was the epiphany for me. One day, this Egyptian colleague-turned-friend rolled up his sleeves due to the warm weather. I noticed a circular scar on his wrist. I asked him about it. He said that it was his “permanent watch-face.” I asked what he meant. He stated that his wrist was shattered by an Israeli bullet in 1973 in Sinai.



That’s when it hit hard. Arab parents mourn their children’s shed blood just as Israeli parents do. But here’s the key- WE NEED TO KNOW those who have shed blood on the other side to fully realize the impact of violence and hatred. They are not faceless, they are not caricatures; in several ways they are us as well. As Golda Meir once stated, “We will have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.” We can add to that, though, “And when both sides realize that blood is the same color on both sides of the battlefield.”

An international educational consultant, public speaker, archaeologist, historian, researcher, teacher and writer, Dr. Derfler has been uncovering the histories of Ancient Civilizations for 35 years. Tracing the development of western religions from their roots in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean countries, Dr. Derfler brings insight to current political and social events, bridging the past with the future to promote greater understanding between people from different faiths and walks of life.



There's A New Shlichah In Town!



Roni Levin, the new Israeli *shlichah* (emissary from Israel) arrived in St. Paul in early September and is excited to begin working in our community. Currently, the 26-year-old holds a job with the Israeli government. Previously, she was a youth program director for the Misgav Regional Council where she was responsible for informal education activities for the youth of the local municipality.

Roni holds a BA in Political Science and Human Resources and served as a training officer in the IDF. As part of her military service, she was responsible for several squad commanders, developing curriculum and program supervision. Upon becoming a lieutenant, Roni was based in a combat engineering unit as a commander's training supervision officer and a weapons system instructor.

Roni will be in St. Paul for the next year and will work with a variety of organizations including the St. Paul JCC, Talmud Torah, Hillel and local synagogues, teaching Israeli studies and enhancing our community's connection to Israel through education, advocacy, cultural and arts events. Here at Temple of Aaron she has already begun meeting our students and enhancing our knowledge of Israel. On second day of Rosh Hashanah she joined us as we focused on Israel.

The *shlichim* program is a joint effort between the United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul and the Jewish Agency for Israel. Young *shlichim* are committed to strengthening the connection between diaspora Jews and the state of Israel.

Simhat Torah Is Fun For All

Children and adults gather in our beautiful sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 21, 2011.

Cantor Kowitz and Ritual Coordinator will lead the service. We then move to Greenberg Room and Stein Hall and hear the popular band music endowed by Sandy and Bob Tilsen as we dance with the Torahs. We complete the evening with the delicious caramel apples provided by the David A. Berg Family Endowment created in memory of Robert H. Berg.

Enjoy Young Family Service on Yom Kippur

Saturday October 8, 2011 at 1:00 pm will feature a high-energy musical service for young children in the sanctuary. We encourage parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to join our youngest generation in participating in the Jewish New Year. It will be a wonderful experience for all generations.

Operation Isaiah

We collect food each day during the Holydays to help people in need. Please make it a priority to bring food this year. Volunteer Harriet Levy is coordinating the food shelf collection throughout the year so please form a new habit of helping on a regular basis. Harriet will mail cards for special occasions if you prefer to mail a check, and the food shelf will purchase the food.

Support Our 5772 High Holyday Appeal

The mitzvah of tzedakah helps provide the human and financial resources needed to operate the synagogue 365 days per year. Your generosity with a donation ranging from \$18 to \$1,800 will make a positive difference in our daily operations. Shanah tovah!

Temple of Aaron Partners With St Paul JCC on Two Events at Twin Cites Book Fair

Family Fun

Children and Young Adult Book Festival Sunday, October 30, Noon-4 pm
Local companies Kar Ben and Yozeret Publishing are setting up shop at the St. Paul JCC. With their broad array of Jewish-themed books for children and young adults, you're sure to find something for all your young readers. Bring the family – children of all ages will enjoy presentations by our guest authors, readers, and a professional illustrator.

- 12:00 pm Deborah Lakritz,
author of *Say Hello, Lilly*
- 1:00 pm Carrie Hartman,
children's book illustrator
- 2:00 pm Amy Ariel,
author of *Friends Forever*
- 3:00 pm Dori Weinstein,
author of *YaYa & YoYo:
Sliding Into the New Year*

A Time Capsule Reveals

Thursday, November 10 • 7pm
Adina Hoffman & Peter Cole
Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza
MacArthur-winning poet and translator Peter Cole and acclaimed essayist Adina Hoffman tell the story of the retrieval from an Egyptian geniza – a repository for worn-out texts – of the most vital cache of Jewish manuscripts ever discovered. Presenting a panoramic view of nine hundred years of vibrant Mediterranean Judaism, Hoffman and Cole bring modern readers into the heart of this little known trove, whose contents have rightly been dubbed “the Living Sea Scrolls.” A gripping tale of adventure and redemption.

Please note: Opening Night is October 25 at 7:00 pm. Please direct all questions to St Paul JCC.



Social Justice - A Volunteer Committee

DREAM Act Sabbath Organized by Immigration Groups – Sept. 16 through Oct. 11

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition, with support from United We Dream, Minnesota's Interfaith Immigration Coalition (ICOM) and Jewish Community Action, is organizing the DREAM Act Sabbath. The effort will enlist Minnesota's churches, synagogues, and mosques in hosting conversations and presentations about the "Development, Relief & Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act – a narrowly tailored bill that will give undocumented students a chance to earn legal status if they came here as children, are long-term U.S. residents, have good moral character, and complete two years of college or military service in good standing.

The timing of the Sabbath is important given the recent announcement by the US Department of Homeland Security. DHS announced this month that it will implement an agency-wide expansion of prosecutorial discretion guidelines with the goal of allowing immigration officials to

focus their enforcement efforts on targeting dangerous criminals. In addition, a joint committee will be created with the Department of Justice to review nearly 300,000 cases currently in removal proceedings and determine which cases are low priority and can be administratively closed, including students eligible for the DREAM Act.

As Jews, we support policies that fulfill the Torah's mandate to "welcome the stranger," as we know that effective immigration policies have often made the difference for members of our community coming from all over the world.

Jewish Community Action will be working to promote the importance of the DREAM Act in our and other congregations, especially with students and their families.

People can also take action by

1) Thanking President Obama for moving forward with this new policy and asking

him to defer deportation of eligible DREAM Act students. Call the White House Comments Line: (202) 456-1111; Fax (202) 456-2461; Via the web at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

2) Thanking Senator Franken for co-sponsoring the DREAM Act and for his written support to defer deportation of DREAM Act-eligible students. Call Senator Franken's Washington D.C. office: (202) 224-5641; Saint Paul office: (651) 221-1016; Toll free: (877) 777-4778; or http://franken.senate.gov/?p=email_al

3) Thanking Senator Klobuchar for co-sponsoring the DREAM Act and asking her to urge President Obama to defer deportation of DREAM-Act eligible students. Call Senator Klobuchar's Washington D.C. office: (202) 224-3244; Twin Cities office: (612)727-5220; Toll free: (888)224-9043; or <http://klobuchar.senate.gov/emailamy.cfm?contactForm=emailamy&submit=Go>

LIBERIANS GRANTED EXTENSION OF DED STATUS

On August 16, President Obama granted an 18-month extension for Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status for Liberians, that begins on September 30, 2011. Since 1991, thousands of Liberians have relied on Temporary Protected Status or DED being granted by Republican and Democratic Presidents to extend their legal right to remain in the United States. Here is a section from the President's memorandum to the Department of Homeland Security: "I have determined that there are compelling foreign policy reasons to again extend DED to those Liberians presently residing in the United States under the existing grant of DED. Pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States, I have determined that it is in the foreign policy interest of the United States to defer for 18 months the removal of any Liberian national, or person without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia, who is present in the United States and who is under a grant of DED as of September 30, 2011."

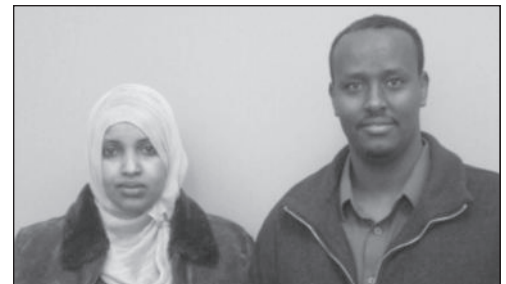
Minnesota Congressman Keith Ellison works with leaders in the Liberian community and introduced the pending Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act to Congress. Mr. Ellison said: "This is not end of our fight for Liberian citizenship. I will continue to work with both the President and Members of Congress to allow these Liberian families to apply for permanent U.S. residency." Jewish Community Action and the Coalition for Permanent Residency have played a leadership role in Minnesota that kept extension of DED status a priority. JCA's Executive Director, Vic Rosenthal, said, "We want to thank Congressman Ellison for his leadership in pursuing permanent legal status for the Liberian community, and thank President Obama for extending temporary status for another 18 months. JCA will continue to work with the Coalition for Permanent Residency and our friends and neighbors in Minnesota's Liberian community to obtain permanent legal status."

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS SEE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR

From July 25 through August 5, members of the Social Justice Committee, along with family and friends, participated in a new build at 967 Edgerton Street in



St. Paul. New owners Adam and Ifrah Nur and their six children are from Somalia. Adam has been living here since 1977 and is an assistant manager at Walgreens. The family has been busy painting the interior of their new home and enjoying watching movies together.



New homeowners Adam and Ifrah Nur

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

October 2011
Tishri - Heshvan 5772

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 9 am Minyan, Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 1 pm Cemetery Service 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>3 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Minyan 4:00 pm Hebrew School 6:00 pm 7th & Honors 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class</p>	<p>7 KOL NIDRE 7:30 am Minyan 7:45 pm Kol Nidre Service Candlelighting 6:25 pm</p>	<p>1 No Coffee w/Rashi & friends 9 am Service, ESP School 6 pm Minyan</p>
<p>9 9 am Minyan, Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>10 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>11 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes</p>	<p>12 7:30 am Minyan No Hebrew School No 7th & Honors 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>13 SUKKOT 9 am Service Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>14 SUKKOT 9 am Service Office Closed 6pm Prayers in PJ's 8 pm Service-ESL Michala Zien Bat Mitzvah Candlelighting 6:12 pm</p>	<p>8 YOM KIPPUR No Coffee w/Rashi & friends 9 am Service, No ESP School 4:30 pm Mincha/ 6:30 pm Maariv/Havdalah</p>
<p>16 9 am Minyan, Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 10 Sisterhood Book Club 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>17 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>18 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Book Club 8 pm Bldg. Closes</p>	<p>19 7:30 am Minyan 4:00 pm Hebrew School 6:00 pm NO 7th & Honors 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>20 Shemini Atzeret 9 am Service Office Closed 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Simhat Torah Service & Program</p>	<p>21 Simhat Torah 9 am Service Office Closed 8 pm Service Candlelighting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>15 8 am Coffee w/Rashi & friends 9 am Service, ESP School Michala Zien Bat Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan</p>
<p>23 9 am Minyan, Men's Club Breakfast No Sunday School 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>24 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>25 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes</p>	<p>26 7:30 am Minyan 4:00 pm Hebrew School 6:00 pm 7th & Honors 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>27 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Sisterhood Knitting 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class</p>	<p>28 7:30 am Minyan 6:30 pm GOT Shabbat? Dinner/Service 8 pm Service-ESL Sam Gantman Bar Mitzvah Candlelighting 5:49 pm</p>	<p>22 No Coffee w/Rashi & friends 9 am Service, No ESP School 6 pm Minyan</p>
<p>30 9 am Minyan, Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>31 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Minyan</p>	<p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website at www.templeofaaron.org</p>				<p>29 8am Coffee w/Rashi & friends 9 am Service, ESP School Sam Gantman Bar Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan</p>

B'nai Mitzvah



Michala Zien

Michala Arielle Zien, daughter of **Chaya and Terry Zien**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Oct. 14 & 15, 2011.

Michala is in the seventh grade at Friendly Hills Middle School in Mendota Heights, where she participates in orchestra, student council, and yearbook committee. Michala also participates in Sting soccer and school soccer. She enjoys listening to music, hanging out with friends, dancing and singing. Michala has designated Make a Wish Foundation for her tzedakah contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush luncheon will be sponsored by Michala's grandparents, **Dr. Jerome and Rachel Cornfield** of Milwaukee, WI.

Samuel Joe Gantman, son of **Kristin and David Gantman**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 28 & 29, 2011.

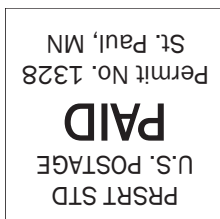
Sam is a 7th grader at Friendly Hills Middle School. He is incredibly passionate about academics, sports, friends and his family. The highlight of Sam's summer came while competing in tournament play at the Cooperstown Dreams Park as a member of the Mendota Heights AAA traveling baseball team. Sam also enjoys wakeboarding, snowboarding, football, golf, and hanging out with his friends.

Sam feels very lucky to share this weekend with his great-grandparents, grandparents, family, and friends.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be served after services on Friday night and Saturday morning.



Sam Gantman



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