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President's Perspective

The State of the Temple

Now that we've heard from George W. Bush on how the U.S.A. is doing and Jennifer Granholm on how Michigan is doing, let me tell you how the Birmingham Temple is doing.

Our School

According to School Principal **Rebecca Smith**, the growth in our school has been steady over the past few years. In 2002-2003, we had 80 students, in 2004-2005 that number grew to 84, and this year we have 94 students.

"Most new families come here through a connection with Tamara—a life cycle event or a class," says Becca. "They also come through word of mouth or because they want to learn more about our philosophy." Here is what some of our kids say about the school:

"This is the place where I learn how to enjoy being Jewish," says **Jody Schechter**, 11th grader.

"The people are great and over the years we have become a tight group of friends," says **Alex D'Amore-Braver**, 8th grader.

"I especially love Hebrew School because the teachers make it fun," says **Emily Cronizer**, 5th grader.

"I look forward to going on Sundays because my teachers are very helpful and the other kids are all friendly," says **Felicia Goldberg**, 2nd grader.

"It doesn't matter if you are different or the same because you can just be yourself," says **Katie Voigt**, 3rd grader.

"But I love temple school!" said **Sarah Broida**, kindergartner, upon learning of the two-week winter break.

Our Building

With a new roof, new carpet in the family room and new entrance lighting, the Birmingham Temple has new life! There are many people to thank:

Allan Daniels got the ball rolling on the new roof during his term of office. **Mark Sims** and **Mark Geoffrey** led the board through the complexities of the best course of action, the choice of a contractor and the materials to use. **Judi Freund** calmly worked with the roofers to make sure their work didn't interfere with the smooth running of the Temple Art Show and other activities. She also successfully negotiated the repair of the ceiling damage resulting from the roofing job, at no cost to the Temple, and made sure the new carpet was in place in time for a large party. And through it all, **Grigoriy Kopeles** kept the Temple neat and clean.

Thanks to the efforts of **Peter Molnar**, new en-

trance lights now welcome us to the Temple and make it much easier to spot the building. **Hank Gluckman** is responsible for the redesign and renovation of the office space that took place last year.

We encourage you to use the building for parties, events and meetings. The Meeting Room, Family Room and outdoor areas lend themselves to parties of all sizes and types. And our two caterers, **Amaryllis** and **Fiddler**, are ready, willing and able to help you with the planning and catering.

Our Finances

According to the mid-term financial report presented by **Bill and Dan Ernst**, the Temple finances are "on track." To make sure we remain healthy financially, we must continue to support Temple fundraising events. Phase II of the 21st Century Fund will add to the 21st Century Fund Endowment established in 2001, as well as raise additional funds through solicitation of Special Gifts.

Our Community

There are three major areas of improvement in communication within our Temple community. Under the able management of **Jennifer Wicker** and **Eric Sieh**, our website not only looks good, but can be relied upon to give members the most current information. The website committee, led by **John Gardon**, reviews the website regularly and works with Jennifer and Eric on content and appearance. Jennifer also keeps members with e-mail informed through weekly messages. **Rick Broida** has done a wonderful job of adding humor, style and energy to the *Humanist*. And our editorial board contributes several hours of proofreading for each issue to catch those nasty typos and misspellings. A change in Rick's schedule is going to require some modification in the way the *Humanist* is produced but we are working on maintaining the standard he has established.

One important area of communication within our community involves you. When you learn of a member, or someone in their family, who is ill - please call the office. Jennifer or Eric will pass the information along to Rabbi Kolton and Rabbi Wine and also will include a notice in the weekly e-mail.

Special thanks to **Diana Lieberman**, whose heroic editing efforts made it possible for us to mail this issue of the *Humanist* on time!

With the rabbis, executive board, board of directors, administration and membership working together, the "state" of the Birmingham Temple is good indeed! □



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Judy Bobrow
President

SHERWIN WINE

Very Fine Wine

An Invitation to an Extraordinary Event

This article is an invitation to participate in an extraordinary event.

Twenty years ago one of the most important moments in the history of Humanistic Judaism took place in the Birmingham Temple. Three hundred people from all over the world assembled in the meeting room of the Birmingham Temple. France, England, Belgium, Australia, Argentina, Uruguay and Israel were represented in the audience. Out of this encounter emerged the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, a collection of ten national communities. A declaration of shared beliefs, called the Detroit Statement, was issued. The enthusiasm of the moment yielded the determination to make the message of Humanistic Judaism available to the Jews of the world.

Every two years since 1986 the Federation has held a grand conclave in a major Jewish city. Brussels, Chicago, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, Tel Aviv, New York and San Francisco have been settings for the Federation meetings. Every congress has brought many members of our movement from distant places. Every congress has provided some of the excitement of that first encounter. Friendships and a powerful sense of movement solidarity have emerged from every biennial. Over the years many members of the Birmingham Temple, the founding community of Humanistic Judaism, have participated in these international get-togethers.

One of the most important goals of the Federation was to establish a presence in Israel. While the founders of Zionism and the overwhelming majority of the Israelis were secular, they had never arranged to create a Secular Judaism. For most of them Judaism was something religious, a negative creation of the Diaspora which inhibited a healthy Jewish nationalism. They wanted nothing at all to do with congregations, rabbis and religious rituals. They found their Jewish identity in speaking Hebrew and celebrating the culture of modern Israel. They saw no connection between what they valued and Judaism. Their secularism was heavy in its rejection of the Jewish past and in its inability to see the continuity between the Jewish past and the Jewish present.

Israeli secularism had many problems. It was able to establish vital communities among the small number of farmers in the Kibbutz movement. But it was not able to generate dynamic communities in the urban areas where most Israelis lived. It also suffered from a philosophic problem. As the national

liberation movement of the Jewish people, Zionism mobilized people for an intense nationalism and a profound experience of group solidarity. But it was not geared to address the individual needs and anxieties of the individual Jews. Its focus was collective, not personal. Many of the children and grandchildren of the Zionist pioneers were searching for a philosophic and 'spiritual' message that Zionism was not equipped to provide.

In the last few years there has been a breakthrough on the Israeli scene for Humanistic Judaism. Sivan Malkin Maas was ordained at the Birmingham Temple in 2005 as the first Israeli Humanistic Rabbi. She returned to Israel—and together with her father Yaakov Malkin, one of the major voices of our movement—organized an extension of our Rabbinic Program in Jerusalem. Nine extraordinary Israeli men and women were recruited to enroll in the program. Their enthusiasm—and the publicity attendant on the emergence of 'secular rabbis' in Israel—generated a second class of seven students and a third year class of thirteen. A dramatic new website has emerged which advertises the availability of these rabbinic candidates to provide Humanistic weddings, funerals, birth celebrations and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. New secular communities have been organized. New adult education programs have sprung up all over the nation. A Secular Humanistic Jewish presence has assumed its place in Israel.

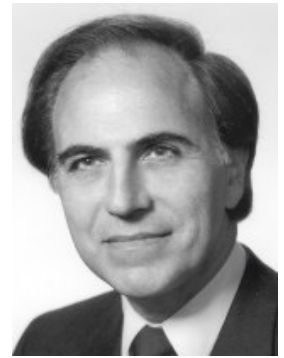
All this exciting development meant only one thing. The next biennial meeting of the International Federation had to be held in Israel. It had to coincide with the first ordination of nine Humanistic Rabbis in Israel. It had to be centered in Tel Aviv, the cultural and intellectual capital of secular Israel. It had to bring dozens of Humanistic Jews from North America, Latin America, Europe and Australia to experience this amazing success – and to taste the wonders of Israel and even Jordan.

We had an 'appetizer' for this biennial at the Colloquium last October. Our nine rabbinic candidates from the first class came to Detroit to experience the Birmingham Temple and to witness American Humanistic Judaism. They were excited by what they discovered—and we were excited by their talents and their promise.

And now the invitation.

Please join Rabbi Kolton and me in a travel experience that will be uniquely powerful in learning,

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TAMARA KOLTON

Rabbi Kolton Writes

The Election of Hamas: A Good Thing?

I was stunned. Hamas? They elected Hamas? How was Israel ever going to make peace now? I mean Hamas isn't exactly a nice neighbor, the kind you walk over to borrow falafel mix from. Hamas won 42.9% of the vote, becoming the leaders of the Palestinian Parliament with 74 out of 132 seats. The Palestinians held a democratic election and chose Hamas to be their national representative.

I sat and digested the news for a while. And I realized that what appeared to be a disastrous outcome for Israel was actually cause for optimism. What could Hamas bring to the table that Arafat and Abu Mazan could not? How could it actually be a good thing that Hamas was elected? There are three clear reasons why Hamas may actually be good for the Jews.

Number One: Remembering Begin and Sadat

From 1948 until the early seventies, no politician dared talk with the PLO, let alone a dictator living in Egypt named Sadat—especially after the Yom Kippur War, when Egypt's surprise attack brought Israel to the brink of destruction. But in 1979 Begin and Sadat signed the Camp David Accord. Who could believe that a hawk like Begin would shake hands with his arch-enemy Sadat? And out of this meeting would flow decades of a viable and lasting peace.

The precedent for making peace with your enemies has already been set. And the peace that Israel forged with Egypt has not been without challenge. First Jewish settlers in Yamit had to be forcibly evacuated from their homes in the Sinai desert. Then Israel lost its partner when Sadat was assassinated by the Muslim Brotherhood, gunned down for selling out to the Jews. The test continued years later when Egypt demanded that Israel return Taba Beach, a small strip of coastal land. The peace with Egypt was tested time and time again. Yet it remained steady and constant in an ever-changing Middle East.

Number Two: Acknowledging The Real Power of Hamas

For most of Israel's existence, Israel has tried to cultivate moderates among the Palestinian leadership, hoping to deal with reasonable people who value democracy and condemn terrorism. The problem was that no real moderates ever emerged and the few who seemed to be viable negotiators had no real power to negotiate with. Even if he wanted to, Arafat could not control the myriad of terrorist cells in his domain and Abu Mazan's authority never compelled any real respect among the majority of Palestinians.

Hamas is the first group representing the Palestinians that has the necessary authority to enforce law and order. Hamas has the power of intimidation. If Hamas decides to desist from terrorism as a tactic to

destroy Israel, they have the power to enforce their decision. The Palestinians were not particularly afraid of Arafat or Abu Mazan, but Hamas is a whole new game.

Number Three: Understanding The Pressure Hamas Is Now Under To Deliver

It is easy to blame the Jews. If you don't have enough money for adequate shelter, if you can not adequately feed your family, if you can not get a proper job because they won't let you through the check point, blame the Jews.

With this election Hamas will have to assume responsibility for its people. If life does not improve for the Palestinians, Hamas will be held responsible. Hamas will be under great pressure to deliver. Israel still provides electricity and water to Gaza. Hamas will soon have to take over these responsibilities. They can build a makeshift bomb and sneak onto a bus. They can organize large riots and incite great passion through rhetoric; they are experts in teaching hate; but can they make the lights go on? Can they employ an engineer clean water to flow through the city? Hamas will now have to answer to the demands of a large Palestinian population who voted for them because they believed Hamas would give them a better life. For the first time Hamas will have to deliver on their promise to increase the living standards of the Palestinians. It won't be the fault of the Zionist conspiracy if the roof collapses.

I remember the words of Yitzchak Rabin. At a presentation before his country he declared, "You do not make peace with your friends. With your friends you have peace. You make peace with your enemies."

What Rabin understood is that peace is a slow and frustrating process. There is no magic wizard behind the curtain. Decades of pain and suffering create a hate that needs to be disciplined if peace is ever to emerge. You do not wait until you are in the mood to make peace. You make peace with your enemies while you are still in pain, while you still hate, and then you give it time.


Israel may not be excited by the possibility of sitting across the negotiating table from Hamas. But Hamas is what is. Hamas is the enemy and with Hamas Israel needs to make peace.

Life is ironic. Certainly the Middle East is no exception. It is a complicated place of intricate alliances, fierce loyalties, and tigers that change their spots. It is a place where the half moon symbolizes Muslim civilization, fluid, ever-changing, and unpredictable. It is also a place of deep irony. It is a place where your worst nightmare may become your best opportunity for a better life. □



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Tuesday, March 14: Raising Kids

Tuesday, March 21: Holidays and Life Cycles

Tuesday, March 28: Extended Family Issues,
Summary and Evaluations, with
a visit from Rabbi Tamara
Kolton

Admission:
Members: Free • Non-members: \$100
Please RSVP to the temple office: 248-477-1410
Facilitated by Rabbi Miriam Jerris, Ph.D., SHJ Community
Development Director

JUDITH FREUND

Notes From the Executive Director

Dog Days

With the advent of the recent Westminster Dog Show, it was exciting to watch all the different breeds under the floodlights of Madison Square Garden. From the small fluffy dogs to the largest, owners and handlers groomed their canines for many hours, waiting for their moment to run around the ring, hoping to capture the watchful eye of the judge, and be the chosen one.

Some of the happiest memories of my childhood relate to my experiences of growing up with my cocker spaniel, Cindy. Cindy was the object of my affection, friend and often consoler, when no one else in the whole world seemed to understand me! She was a real friend, and added great love to my life as I grew up.

It was because of Cindy that spaniels hold a special place in my heart. Their soft coat, medium size and gentle nature are unbeatable. When my children, Ken and Caryn, were ages 4 and 2, the first English springer spaniel, Stacey, was introduced into our home. She was out of a champion hunting litter and she reflected many of their fine qualities.

A few years later when our family moved to the Midwest from Boston, I wanted my children to experience having a litter of their own to care for, and I met Julia Gasow. As I later found out, when we joined the English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Mrs. Gasow was considered the reigning national expert on the breeding of springer spaniels. She and the English springer have been inseparable for over 60 years, and during that tenure each had benefited from the other in many ways. Mrs. Gasow's kennel, Salilyn, the names of her two daughters combined, has been attached to the names of a host of champion show dogs. She was



Jonathan and Molly

an icon to fanciers of the breed and remained a breeder at heart, totally devoted to the well-being of her breed above all.

After having several beautiful litters, all sired by Salilyn dogs, our latest female, Molly, had the good fortune to produce an outstanding litter, sired by Ch. Salilyn's Condor, also known as "Robert." Robert took the highest honor by winning Best in Show at Westminster in 1993. He also established new records for his breed and for all Sporting Dogs. One of his offspring, Samantha has performed beautifully, and has also won the Best in Show at Westminster. Currently, another Robert offspring, James, is capturing the limelight, winning many national show titles, including Best of Breed at the recent Westminster show.

Keeping one of this latest litter was a great joy, and that is how we now have our sweet and loving Jonathan. Jonathan is totally oblivious that he descended from royalty! He roams our wooded property as king of the yard, overseeing his many subjects of rabbits, squirrels, deer, and occasionally a skunk. New Year's Eve, however, was a first for him.

Robert

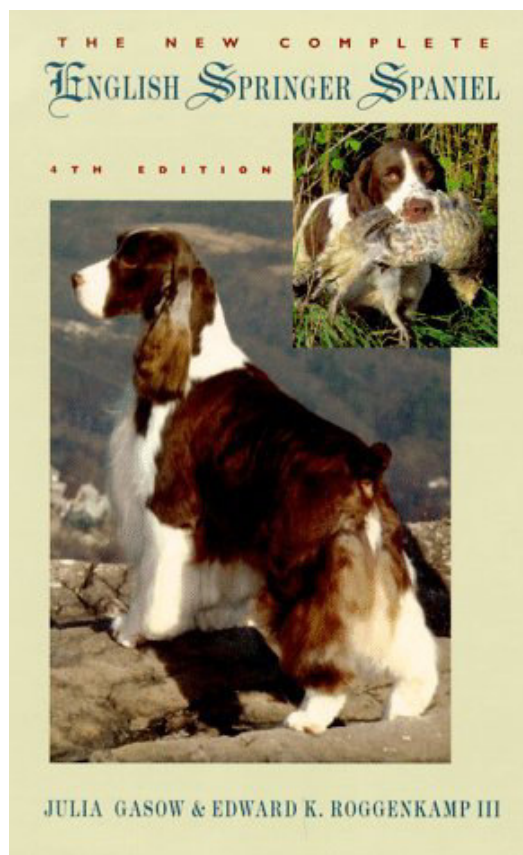
Outside, just before midnight, Jonathan captured an opossum. A primal scream from my mouth caused him to drop the animal, which, of course, we assumed was dead, since there was absolutely no movement. Silly us! As we went to get a flashlight and examine this poor little animal, it looked at us as we approached, and scurried away!

If you are a dog lover, Detroit has its own wonderful Bench Show coming to Cobo Hall on March 18th and 19th. The wonderful thing about a Bench Show is that the dogs are all on view for the entire show, and families and children can admire, touch, and learn about all the various breeds. What a great opportunity for children to learn to relate to these wonderful and loving pets! What an enjoyable family activity. □



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Judith Freund
Executive Director



The Birmingham Temple Dinner Club Invites You to Join the 2005-2006 Season for Friendship, Fun, and Fine Dining!

If you have not joined Dinner Club in the past, or are a new Temple member, this is a great way to get involved! Singles and couples are welcome as full-time or substitute members. Reserve your place in the Dinner Club by mailing this form to the address below, or call Carol Gorosh at 248-738-2274.

Yes, I/we would like to join the Dinner Club.

Yes, I/we would like to join you on Sunday, Sept. 18 for the potluck and will bring a dish for 12 people. Bring your prepared dish, as well as serving utensils marked with your name for easy retrieval.

There will be an \$8/person charge to cover the cost of beverages, help and various items that complete the dinner. Make checks payable to Carol Gorosh or pay at the door.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, ZIP: _____

Schedule:

- Next Dinner at Members' Homes: Sat., March 18, 2006
- The Shabbat dinner with the Reading Circle: Friday, May 5, 2006

Return to: Birmingham Temple, c/o Dinner Club, 28611 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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Enjoy great evenings of theater with other Birmingham Temple members! Evening includes:

- Dinner prior to the show
- Coffee and dessert at someone's home after the show

Final 2005-2006 Season Production:

- **Coming of Age** by Kitty Dubin, May 6

If you are not already on the group distribution list, please contact Jerry Lieberman, 248-737-4356, or glieberman@decisionstrategies.com for further information or to be notified about the evening plans. Make your own reservations, either for the season or for single tickets, at the JET box office: 248-788-2900.



Memoir Writers, Mark Your Calendars!

The next meeting will be
March 11 at the temple.

SHERWIN WINE

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inspiration and fun. There are three parts. The first part is the adventure in Jordan, the wonders of world-famous Petra and the splendor of the classical ruins of Jerash (June 30 – July 4). The second part is the biennial congress of the International Federation, with the ordination of Israel's first Humanistic rabbi, a keynote address by A.B. Yehushua, Israel's most famous writer, and a symposium of Israeli poets and songwriters at the very building where Ben Gurion declared Israel's independence in 1948 (July 5-7).

The third part is a special tour of Israel, with its base in Jerusalem and with its focus on extraordinary historic sights of Humanistic interests (July 8-13). One of these sites will be Qumran, the 'home' of the Dead Sea Scrolls, with Adolfo Roitman, the charismatic curator of the Shrine of the Book, as our personal guide. The whole experience will be a memorable one; it will reinforce your connection to the Jewish people and to Humanistic Judaism.

You can choose all three parts (June 30 – July 13), two parts or just one. There will also be a family track, which will allow parents to bring their teenagers and younger children. There will be the opportunity to meet Humanistic Jews from all over the world. Our Israeli Humanistic hosts are very eager to welcome us and to celebrate together the movement we share.

The information and application are now in your hands. Do not hesitate. Sign up now! □

MEMOIR

Life Stories from the Memoir Writers

Did I Really Do That?

By Kalman O. Nager

Why do things always happen to me? They shouldn't. I'm just an average kind of guy. But they do and when they occur I say to myself, "Did I really do that?"

For example, when I was seventeen, growing up in New York, I met a guy who came from a family of drummers. There were three boys and a girl who lived together in an apartment without any parents in sight. These folks were all totally engrossed in practicing and playing with drumsticks as the jazz music blared from their radio at all times of day and night. I was completely intrigued with their lifestyle, their lack of supervision and the unending freedom that they had in pursuing their unquenchable interest in keeping the beat to the ever-present music of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and other bands of that era. Influenced by them, I, too, started practicing on a drum pad and then I bought a drum set and pounded on it at home day and night, to the dismay of my family.

One day my drummer friend asked me if I wanted to play a job in a Chinese restaurant in downtown New York. I was a neophyte who could barely hold onto a pair of drumsticks, but I foolishly acquiesced to this offer and that night carried my drum set a mile to the subway station. Then as I was on my way to this new adventure in my life I really began to worry. I kept saying to myself again and again, "What in the world am I doing pretending to be a real drummer?" As you can imagine, it's very awkward carrying a set of drums in the subway during rush hour. I stood in the front area of the train near the door, being pushed and shoved back and forth as people got in and out at each station. Looking back at this scene in my mind's eye, the crush of humanity, people with arms and legs wrapped around each other in such an ungainly tableau presented so surreal an appearance that it all seemed unreal to me. My drum set was very hard to maneuver, especially since I had attached the pole from my sock cymbal at the bottom of the set and it was sticking out on the floor.

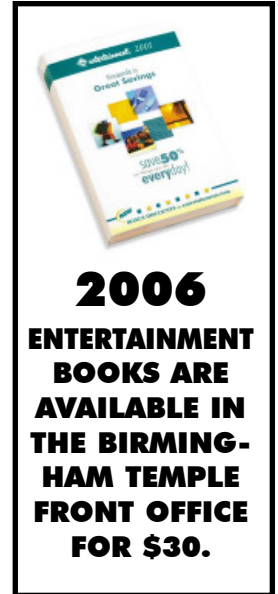
Finally the train emptied out at one stop and I was alone with my drum set near the door when a thin, nervous-looking woman who, realizing at the last minute that this was her station, rushed for the door and somehow got her foot caught on the pole that was sticking out from the bottom of my set. As she tripped, this woman was somehow catapulted onto the floor of the station's platform. This horrible incident took but a minute and then everything

seemed to be happening in slow motion. This troubled woman pulled herself up from the floor, raised her fist towards me in a threatening manner while I shrank back into the bosom of my bass drum. I was the focus of multiple imprecations and epithets from this bedeviled woman's lips. She was so mad. Her glowing eyes burned a deep hole into my consciousness, withering me with an overpowering burst of hate—hate which emanated from her with such a deep source of power and energy that I literally feared for my life. I'll never forget her warped face, her burning gaze, her pointed fist and the oaths directed towards me for what seemed like a lifetime. Then gradually the door of the train mercifully closed. As the train left the station I was actually trembling because of this unfortunate incident. After this, time seemed to slow down to a crawl until I finally reached my stop and trudged my way to the Chinese restaurant.

I entered the restaurant and said hello to a middle-aged, sallow-faced piano player who was stroking the keyboard softly in preparation for the evening's performance. As I began setting up my drum set, the full impact of what I was about to do hit me hard. I said to myself, "What am I doing here? I'm not a real drummer and I've never played in a band before." That's when I started having a panic attack. My face and body got hot all over, my stomach became knotted, my hands were shaking and there were tumultuous waves of anxiety flooding my entire being.

Our first song began badly when I hit the cursed cymbal and it fell to the floor in a crashing crescendo of cacophony which enervated my spine from stem to stern. I hastily retrieved the cymbal and, shaken, fixed it. It was then that I noticed with chagrin that the sophisticated patrons of the restaurant had barely noticed my faux pas since their attention was focused solely on shoving mounds of food down their gullets. They didn't seem to even be aware of our music at all. We started at 7:00 p.m. and after a while I calmed down and somehow managed to get by playing until two o'clock the next morning.

Finally at closing time I trudged my way back to the subway and made the ride back home in a brightly lighted, dirty, deserted, desolate train that roared into the night like an injured beast moving back and forth, back and forth endlessly. When I returned to my apartment early that morning everything about the night before seemed unreal to me and I asked myself again and again, "Did I really do that?" □





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Thursday, April 13, 2006

Gather at 6:00 pm for *hors d'oeuvres* Dinner at 6:30 pm

Hors d'Oeuvres

Liver Pate with matzohs
and chilled apple slices

Basket of fresh veggies
with sun-dried tomato dip



First Course

Gefilte fish loaf with Moroccan carrots
Haroset

Entrée

Tender beef Brisket

**Chicken Picatta
with artichokes and capers**

Crisp potato kugel

**Crisp cabbage slaw with
Italian parsley, shredded carrots
and a lemon vinaigrette**

Soup Course

Rich Chicken
Soup with
Matzo Balls



Sweet Table

Flourless chocolate cake with strawberry sauce
Lemon cream puffs
Lucho's luscious chocolate macaroons
Flo's fruit compote
Fine coffee and teas



**Wine
and
Water
Included**



Fee per Person

\$35 Adults
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WHAT'S NEW

News, Events, Etc.

Mack Duo to Present Exciting Piano Program

Vivace is delighted to welcome back to the Birmingham Temple the piano duo of Yuki and Tomoko Mack. They will demonstrate their celebrated elegance and virtuosity in works by such composers as Mendelssohn, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Leonard Bernstein. Two Steinway pianos will fill the temple stage.

Born in Japan, the Macks came to the US in 1977. After gaining strong recognition as soloists, they combined their artistry into an award-winning duo piano team.

The Mack Duo have won prizes in several prestigious international competitions, such as First Prize and Kodama Prize at the fourth International Piano Duo Competition in Tokyo. They were featured at the Quebec International Keyboard Festival. They



also have performed in Poland and Sweden. Very recently they were headliners at the Green Bay Music Festival in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where they excelled in concerts and master classes. Their last appearance in the Vivace Series was hailed as a stunning musical success.

The Vivace event originally scheduled for April 8—the Suhrstedt duo—had to be canceled. Tickets for the Suhrstedts will be honored at the Mack event. For tickets and information please call Joyce Cheresh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348. Ticket prices are \$18 for temple members and seniors; \$21 for non-members; and \$12 for students (18 years and younger). Find out more at the Vivace Web site (www.vivaceseries.org).

E V E N T

What:

Vivace Concert Series: Yuki and Tomoko Mack, Piano Duo

When:

April 8, 8 p.m.

Where:

At the Temple

Join Rabbi Kolton and the Detroit Jewish community for SAJE: Seminars in Adult Jewish Enrichment

What: The Talmud: History, Humanism, and Heart

When: March 16, 23 and 30, 7-8 p.m.

Where: JCC West Bloomfield

What was the historical setting in which the Talmud emerged? Why did Judah HaNasi believe that without a Temple the Jews would survive only if they had a Talmud? What did our sages believe about human nature, law, business, Jewish pluralism and ingenuity? Today, 2,000 years later, how can this work be relevant?

This class will be an exciting and interactive exploration of Talmud. We will discuss Mishnah and Midrash. You will come to understand and appreciate Talmud in a way that you never imagined. All materials will be in English and the class will be accessible to new as well as seasoned students.

Travel and Learn with Sherwin T. Wine

Come see the world with his impassioned clarity

Historic Charleston

April 7-9, 2006

This is a land of history, the home of Revolutionary statesmen. We will explore this charming, timeless city, view its historic architectural splendor and visit the past with Sherwin Wine's thoughtful and humorous perspective.

Tour Includes:

Two nights at the luxurious Charleston Place Hotel; cocktail reception; afternoon tea; daily breakfast; boat tour to Fort Sumter; afternoon at the Middleton Place Plantation; tour of the 1838 Beth Elohim synagogue; early morning walks (optional); daily lectures; uniquely knowledgeable and insightful tours with Sherwin Wine; private luxury motorcoach; entrance fees and gratuities.

Activity Level: Easy; some walking

Not included: Airfare, some meals and arrival transfer

BOOKING DEADLINE: March 1, 2006

Capacity is limited to 30 travelers. Please register early to guarantee a great experience!

For reservations, questions and details of terms and conditions, contact Linda Munson at Royal International Travel: 248-644-1600.

THE SHAW FESTIVAL

The Birmingham Temple's Summer Retreat

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Arms and the Man

By G.B. Shaw

Shaw's most appealing comedy about the unconventional courtship of a heroic young woman and her "chocolate cream soldier".

High Society

Music and lyrics by Cole Porter

A sassy and beguiling musical which combines the sophisticated wit of *The Philadelphia Story* with the brilliant words and music of Cole Porter.

2006 Shaw Festival Weekend Features:

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE - "Ontario's Prettiest Town" hosts the Shaw Festival and offers a diverse blend of fine shopping, dining and accommodations. Nestled like a jewel in the heart of lush vineyards, Niagara-on-the-Lake offers the complete winery experience with tours, tasting, wine boutiques and spectacular scenery.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL & SPA - Superior rooms in this historic, newly renovated in town hotel, within walking distance of major attractions.

THEATRE TICKETS - Priority seating in orchestra section for all performances. Optional Saturday matinee for an additional charge: **Design for Living** by Noel Coward.

FRIDAY WELCOME DINNER - Exceptional regional cuisine and Shabbat service.

DELUXE MOTOR COACH - Round trip transportation from the Birmingham Temple, including lunch at the charming Elm Hurst Inn. Baggage handling, tips and gratuities included.

RABBI SHERWIN WINE

* Rabbi Wine will provide stimulating previews and reviews of **Arms and the Man** and **High Society**.

* Rabbi Wine will lead the optional viewing of Noel Coward's provocative comedy **Design for Living**.

* Rabbi Wine will be lead walking tours for the early risers on Saturday morning. First timers and returnees will not want to miss this unique opportunity to experience behind the scenes Niagara-on-the-Lake.

TARIFF: (\$US)

\$510 per person double occupancy; \$275 single supplement

\$ 50 per person supplement for guests of Temple members

\$ 75 Optional Add-On for theatre ticket to Design for Living

Temple members will get priority with \$100 deposit by April 15, 2006

Full payment must be received by May 25, 2006

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Lori Schechter (248) 357-6134

SCHOOL NEWS

Temple School is Cool

Kids Enjoy Pajama Day at Temple School



Sarah Broida, Leah Daniels and Lior Kolton are joined by their teacher-aide, Sarah Brooks, in the kitchen. (Absent: Brandon Keil and Ethan Reider)

The Kindergarten class enjoys Pajama Day on January 22. The day ended with a cereal buffet with the Family of Kids!

Apologies to the Mellen Family for omitting them from the last issue of the *Humanist*. Please add to your list of Friday night B'nai Mitzvah services: Zachary Mellen on May 19, 2006. We will honor Zachary and learn about his hero, Mickey Marcus.



With their teacher, Bernadette Dore (not pictured), the students learn how much fun it is to make Challah together.

2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE

***** CALENDAR CHANGE! NO SCHOOL ON APRIL 11 OR 12!**

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Noon

March 5*, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9*, 30*

May 7, 21*

*Denotes Preschool Class

Tuesday School

4:30 - 6 p.m. (7th grade stays for dinner through 7 p.m.)

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 25

May 2, 9, 16

Wednesday School

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (youth group stays for dinner through 7 p.m.)

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 26

May 3, 10, 17



Odds and Ends...



The **Parent and Me Playgroup** meets every Wednesday at the temple from 3-4 p.m. Children ages 3 months to 3 years are welcome. RSVP to the temple office: 248-477-1410.



Humanistic Jews are atheistic, agnostic, ignostic, or just damn skeptical about the existence of "God" as a "real" entity. Humanistic Jews also reject the tendency of people to assume a relationship of submission to or dependency on such an entity. This is exemplified by the petitioning prayer, even if those who "believe" derive emotional benefits.

One objective of **Inner Path** work is to develop self-helpful alternatives, other than "praying to God." One approach, for instance, relates to imaginative and creative modification of emotions, attitudes and thinking by communicating within one's subjectivity. Annually, we devote a meeting to such alternatives. On Sunday, March 19, the subject will be broached as follows:

When embedded in anger, fear or depression from life experiences, how do you change your feeling to a less painful and more vital state? What do you do to feel more safety and optimism? How do you regain a good, joyous or confident mood? How do you comfort and encourage your self?

The March 19 meeting is at the home of Joel Brown and Nancy Peet, 6644 Vachon Court, Bloomfield Twp. (off Franklin Rd., south of Maple). A silent meditation is available from 10:45 to 11 a.m. Group discussion begins immediately thereafter. Assorted bagels, fruits and beverages are on the house. Call 248-855-1472 for directions.



Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation in suburban Chicago will host the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism seminar *Beyond Tradition: Roots of Secular Humanistic Judaism*, March 17-19. It will be presented by **Rabbi Adam Chalom**, associate dean of the IISHJ and the rabbi of Kol Hadash. The program will explore the most important events leading to today's Jewish diversity, who were the first Jews to connect with Jewish culture independent of Jewish religion, and how these roots relate to who we are today. It will begin with a Shabbat celebration on Friday, March 17, at the

NEED A BABYSITTER FOR SHABBAT?

If you are in need of a babysitter to attend Friday night Shabbat services, contact Rebecca Smith at least 72 hours before the service. Babysitting is available each Friday evening during Shabbat services. Call 248-477-1410, ext. 209



Heller Nature Center in Highland Park, IL, and run through noon Sunday, March 19. The cost is \$35 per session or \$90 for the entire seminar and the registration deadline is March 10.

To register or for additional information call 847-347-3003, or e-

mail info@kolhadash.com. Information also is available on the Kol Hadash website: www.kolhadash.com.

If you are interested in carpooling, contact Kirk Wicker, at the IISHJ, 248-476-9532.



Temple members share their love of literature at meetings of the **Reading Circle**. We meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (this is a new time) in the temple library. We welcome all temple members to join us.

In February, Ed Klarman discussed *Saturday* by Ian McEwan. At our next meeting (March 8), we Shirley Magder will lead the discussion of *Old School* by Tobias Wolff.

The April meeting has been cancelled. Any questions? Call Pera Kane at 248 357-7746.



New member Audry Pleasant is a **Yoga expert** who's interested in forming a temple club. If you'd like to join, call her at 313-562-5937.

SHABBAT CALENDAR

Celebrations for March and April, 2006

***All services begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted**

March 3 HUMANISM AND SPIRITUALITY: HOW ARE THEY COMPATIBLE?

Barbara Kopitz, Madrikha

Can a humanist follow a spiritual path? Two of our members who say "yes," Barbara Kopitz and Judith Goren, will talk about ways they have integrated both positions into their own lives. Informal discussion will follow.

Barbara Kopitz is a designer, columnist, Madrikha and author of "Morning Meditations: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Humanists."

Judith Goren, Ph.D., is a humanistic/transpersonal psychologist and poet, and author of "The Tao of Awakening." Signed copies of the books will be available for purchase.

March 10 THE GREAT PURIM PARTY!

Rabbi Tamara Kolton

Service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Each year we have an incredible celebration of Purim for children and families. Our Temple is transformed into a great palace from the Land of Shushan. In our palace there are court jesters leading the party. This year we will watch a show from a professional magician and his rabbits! Listen to the Megilah being read aloud and join us for games and prizes. Please wear a costume and join us for some fun! Joy will be the theme of the service.



March 17 THE ISRAELI ELECTION PLUS: Honoring Anton Opengeym*

Rabbi Sherwin Wine

Peace in the Middle East is one of the high priorities for anybody interested in world stability. For us Jews it is also essential to the long-run survival of the Jewish State. The March election in Israel will partially determine whether peace will be possible. The surprise and shock of Sharon's disability left the Israeli political scene in confusion and turmoil. Who is the likely victor of the March Election? Will the Sharon initiative continue? In what way has the Israeli political structure been permanently altered? Who are the rising new leaders?

***Come join us for this special Shabbat when we will be honoring Anton Opengeym for his many years of devoted service to The Birmingham Temple.**

March 24 THE L'CHAYIM KETUBAH PROJECT

Rabbi Tamara Kolton

The Birmingham Temple is launching a very special project. In cooperation with MADD, we are using the traditional form of the Ketubah as a document that binds families to responsible behavior with alcohol. It is our hope that our Ketubah project will save lives, educate and encourage families to work together, and send a message of love and responsibility to the community. It is our way of addressing the crisis of drinking and driving in our society while honoring the memory of the beloved Weinstein family.

During this Shabbat family service, we will read aloud and sign the L'Chayim Ketubahs. Please join us to witness this momentous occasion. Even if you do not actually sign a Ketubah, we would love for you to be present for the evening as our witnesses. The children of The Birmingham Temple are our children. Let them be safe. *Reverence for Life* will be the theme of the service.



March 31 THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF SIGMUND FREUD: A CELEBRATION OF PSYCHOLOGY

Rabbi Tamara Kolton

If Freud were alive today he would be 150 years old. In order to honor him and to link us with other Humanistic congregations in North America, The Society for Humanistic Judaism is encouraging all the congregations to celebrate this legendary Humanist.

During this special evening we will honor all the professionals in our congregation who practice a form of psychology. Reflecting on their work and the principles that guide them as professionals, three members of our congregation will speak on the topic, "Three Great Ideas That Guide My Work." If you are a psychologist, social worker, counselor, or psychiatrist, please attend so that we can honor you! *Empathy* will be tonight's theme.

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April 7
"YOUTH SHABBATON (SLEEPOVER)
AT THE BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE"



Rabbi Kolton

Service begins at 7:30 p.m.

It has become a custom with our youth that one time a year they hold a sleepover. Our Temple is transformed into a mini camp for one night with sleeping bags and cereal bowls. Along with brave chaperones, youth spend the night at a giant overnight party in their Temple home. **Children in 4th-12th grade are invited to the sleepover**, although children of all ages are invited to enjoy the family service at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for singing, games, and laughter. You must be a temple member to attend. *Friendship* will be the theme of the service.

April 14
THE ASIANS ARE COMING

Rabbi Wine

The spectacular rise of East Asia – China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan – together with the emergence of a powerful India has changed our vision of the American and Jewish future. Even the dominance of Anglo-Saxons and Jews in the world of American science and medicine is up for grabs. In a few decades Asian elites and Asian owners may dominate the economy of North America. What does this dramatic change entail? How will our lives change? How do we cope with this transformation?

Pesakh is a perfect time to reflect on this dramatic change in the Jewish world.

April 21
CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION OF
SIGMUND FREUD'S 150TH BIRTHDAY:
"HOW WE HEAL"

Rabbi Kolton

Freud's contribution to psychology and humanity was the innovative idea of the unconscious mind. He believed that our behavior and emotions are controlled by the many drives that live inside of us, seemingly outside of our awareness, but profoundly influencing who we are. He also brought the idea of "Talk Therapy" to the attention of millions. He believed that the therapist was a guide for the patient to make conscious what was unconscious, and by doing so, people could become more in charge of their lives, happier, and more fulfilled.

During this Shabbat Rabbi Kolton will explore Freud's ideas and share her own thoughts on how we heal psychological and emotional pain. How can we move beyond past wounds? How can we create a life that is not defined by what did not go right? How can we grow out of old forms and embrace new strategies for joy and serenity? Join us for this special evening as we ex-

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plore, "How We Heal." *Tikkun Olam, Healing The World*, will be the theme of the service.

April 28
BAT MITZVAH OF BETHANY SCHREIER

Rabbi Kolton

Golda Meir was an ordinary woman who had an extraordinary life. She led Israel through some of its most tenuous years under the constant threat of war from Arab neighbors. She commanded respect. She had tenacity and an incredible capacity for determination. She is the hero that one of our students has chosen for her Bat Mitzvah.

During this evening we will celebrate **Bethany Schreier becoming a Bat Mitzvah**. We will learn about the life and ideals of Golda Meir. Join us for a special service and Oneg Shabbat. *Determination* will be the theme of the service.

HELP WANTED

The Jewish Humanist needs you! If you have experienced with editing, page layout (PageMaker experience strongly preferred), or proofreading, please contact Jennifer at the temple office:

248-477-1410.

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE FORUMS

M A R C H

Political Controversy in America

Two political ideologies have achieved great political power in the last five years. Understanding their vision and their leadership is important to dealing with their power.

March 6 **NEO-CONSERVATIVES** Presentation by Rabbi Wine

The Republican intellectuals who promoted the American invasion of Iraq belong to a powerful political force called Neo-Conservatives. Unlike the traditional economic conservatives who have deep roots in the Republican party, and unlike the social conservatives who promote a religious agenda, the Neo-Cons started out as either liberals or socialists and moved rightward because of the Communist threat or because of the excesses of the Sixties. They are the visionaries of a unilateral and global American foreign policy.

March 13 **CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS** Presentation by Rabbi Wine

Historic conservatism had its roots in religion and patriotism, in the Church and the Army. Not only the rich and the powerful, but also devout peasants and workers filled its ranks. In America, Protestant fundamentalists were generally poor and badly organized. But, in recent years, prosperity and education have turned them into a formidable political force allied with the Republican Party. Appalled by the social changes of the last forty years and suspicious of foreigners, they are eager to restore an America that has ceased to exist.

March 20 **DEBUNKING THE "SCIENCE" OF NUTRITION**

Presentation by T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D.
Campbell is author of *The China Study: Startling Implications for Diet, Weight Loss and Long-Term Health*, which was recognized by the *New York Times* for presenting the most comprehensive study of health and nutrition ever conducted, with results that challenge "much of American dietary dogma." Dr. Campbell is the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor Emeritus of Nutritional Biochemistry at Cornell University; recipient of more than 70 grant-years of

peer-reviewed research funding; and author of more than 300 research papers. He reports that health depends on diet, and presents clear scientific evidence on exactly what to eat for good health.

March 27 **LIBERTARIANS: RADICAL FREEDOM ON CONSERVATISM** Presentation by Rabbi Wine

In the nineteenth century, most liberals were Libertarians. They wanted to remove the government from interfering with business and life style. But in the Depression, most liberals embraced the necessity of the welfare state. The Libertarian movement was revived by the teachings of the philosopher Ayn Rand, who emphasized self-reliance and denounced government altruism. Their economic position is now labeled conservative and their lifestyle attitude is now labeled liberal. Some support a Libertarian party. Most are Republicans.

Coming in April

April 3 **Hamas: The Real Story**

Presentation by Rabbi Wine
Can Israel live with a Palestinian state governed by a radical Arab government committed to the destruction of Israel?

Also in April: Provocative New Books

New and exciting books have engendered public interest. Three of them stand out as stunning and provocative.

April 10 **Jesus and Yahweh, by Harold Bloom**

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

April 17 **The Great Influenza, by John M. Berry**

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

April 24 **End of Faith, by Sam Harris**

Presentation by Rabbi Wine

E V E N T

What:
Birmingham
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When:
Mondays,
March 6, 13,
20 and 27;
April 3, 10, 17
and 24
8 p.m.

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REMEMBRANCES



March Birthdays

Gabriel Alexander	March 1
Katarina Cerny	March 1
Bruce Luria	March 1
Patricia Porter	March 1
Morris Rochlin	March 1
Justin Moshe Finkel	March 2
Daniel Passerman	March 3
Judith Perlman	March 3
David Schechter	March 3
Chad Silver	March 3
Ofer Fuchs	March 4
Sarah Gerendasy	March 4
Henry Pinkney	March 4
Aviva Sandler	March 4
David Weinberg	March 4
Kevin Grimm	March 5
Jack Kaufman	March 5
Arthur W. Wiggins	March 5
Robert Sher	March 6
David Siegel	March 6
Clare Berkowitz	March 7
Maya Jeanette Kolton	March 7
Robert Berman	March 8
Charlie Long	March 8
Marjorie Sharon	March 9
Joshua Brooks	March 10
Martin Zeldes	March 10
Matthew Denenberg	March 11
Rita Kaplan	March 11
Elizabeth Rosenhaus	March 11
Howard Young	March 11
Beverly Zeldes	March 11
Samantha Babineau	March 12
Joan Fox	March 12
Shawn Rubin	March 12
Morton Schneider	March 12
Jack Warren	March 12

Audrey Bricker	March 13
Joseph Gadon	March 13
Tamara Kolton	March 13
Brandon Keil	March 14
Felisa Anthony	March 15
Elizabeth Hoyle	March 15
Goldberg	March 15
Madeline Jacobs	March 17
Resa Jannett	March 17
Benjamin Rosman	March 17
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Gerald Bricker	March 18
Kimberly Molnar	March 18
Kelly Daniels	March 19
Robert Farrah	March 19
Marcia Miller	March 19
Gerald Weinberg	March 19
Matthew Gerendasy	March 20
Frederic Fletcher	March 21
Brian McCaffrey	March 21
Marla Metler	March 21
Mary Nave	March 21
James Walker	March 21
Barbara M. Wiggins	March 21
Deborah Frisch	March 22
Victor Ross	March 22
Allen Stone	March 22
Emanuel Frisch	March 23
Henry Gleisner	March 23
Carrie MacDonald	March 23
Harry Velick	March 23
Diana Golden	March 24
Brian Blondy	March 25
Susan Chalom	March 25
Laura Citrin	March 25
Emily Rose Dempsey	March 25
Bruce Goldsmith	March 25
Sara Hennes	March 25
Donna Kutinsky	March 25
Eve Share	March 25
Toni Babineau	March 26
Heidi Brode	March 26
Shirley Magder	March 26
Margaret Denenberg	March 28
Aaron Warrow	March 28
Marylin Wohlman	March 28
Bethany Schreier	March 29
Debra Weisman	March 29
Bernadette Dore	March 30
Gloria Fogel	March 31
Robert Sandler	March 31
Lisa Tann	March 31
Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy	March 31

March Memorials

Gloria Baer	Florence Lasky
Paula Bass	Lillian Lewis
Samuel Beber	Miriam Lewis Lieberman
Charles Behrman	Sophie Lieberman
Simon Beltzman	Ramauld Locher
Miriam Bennett	Sam Lombardo
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Rose Berger	Ida Marchfeld
Thelma Blevins	David Mellow
Nathan Blum	Sam Meyerson
Maxine Brewer	Albin Molnar
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Miriam Cohen	Albert Paul
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Samuel Kessler	Evelyn Wise
Morris Knisger	Ann Woolf
Gladys Koblin	Leo Yelensky
Melissa Krinsky	Vivian Ziv
Irene Kutinsky	Jennie Zuckerman

March Anniversaries

Ari & Lynn Kresch	March 1
Tami & Gregg Schultz	March 1
Ted & Diana Golden	March 3
Paul & Ann Marie Fisher	March 7
Ron & Lenore Kingston	March 7
Barry & Margo Bremen	March 15
Leslie & Donna Kutinsky	March 16
Toni & Tom Babineau	March 19
Harvey & Penny Brode	March 19
Harold & Ann Black	March 22
Arnold & Irene Citron	March 23
Gerald & Beverly Viedrah	March 29
Nestor & Myriam Kleer	March 30

TRIBUTES

March, 2006

Birmingham Temple Tributes provide a meaningful way to acknowledge a simcha or mitzvah or honor the memory of a friend or loved one. Tributes benefit everyone—the contributor, the contributee and the temple. If you need more handy tribute envelopes, call Jennifer Wicker at 248-477-1410.

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In Memory of Shirley Wayburn, mother of Judy Primak. From Barbara Kopitz and Bill Lichtig

Vivace Music Fund

In Memory of Shirley Wayburn, beloved mother of Judy and Gerry Primak. From Sandy and Larry Altman
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In Honor of Ann Sipher's Special Birthday. From Sandy and Larry Altman

General Fund

In Memory of Melvin KaviEFF, father and grandfather. From Sam and Shirley Perlove
In Memory of Sylvia Paul. From Bob and Susie Citrin

Education Fund

Mazel Tov to Debra Ernst Shanker and Todd Shanker on the birth of their son, Levi Joseph, born on Valentine's Day, February 14. Mazel Tov to his grandparents, Lorraine and Bill Ernst, and Aunt and Uncle, Angela Petersen

and Dan Ernst. With love, Judi and Allan Freund.

Rabbi Wine Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Elaine Fieldman and Mark Sims – Many thanks for your gracious hospitality in hosting Adolfo Roitman in your home. With appreciation, your Temple Family.

Bev and Skip Siegel Fund

"In Honor of the special birthday of Bev Siegel." Love from Sheila, Jeff, Benjamin and Samantha Siegel

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 4:30pm Wednesday School	2	3 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration- Humanism & Spirituality: Are they compatible? -Barbara Kopitz, Madrikha	4 No Shabbat Study Hour
5 9:30am Sunday School and Preschool	6 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	7 4:30pm Tuesday School 7:00pm Intermarriage Workshop 7:30pm Evening with the Rabbi	8 4:30pm Wednesday School 7:30pm Reading Circle	9	10 7:30pm Shabbat Celebration- Great Purim Celebration -Rabbi Kolton	11 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour 11:00am Memoir Writers
12 9:30am Sunday School	13 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	14 4:30pm Tuesday School 7:00pm Intermarriage Workshop Purim	15 4:30pm Wednesday School	16	17 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration- The Israeli Election -Rabbi Wine	18 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour
19 9:30am Sunday School	20 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	21 4:30pm Tuesday School 5:00pm Executive Board 7:00pm Intermarriage Workshop 7:30pm BT Board of Trustees	22 4:30pm Wednesday School	23	24 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration – The L'Chayim Ketubah Project -Rabbi Kolton	25 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour 8:30pm JET
26 9:30am Sunday School	27 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	28 4:30pm Tuesday School 7:00pm Intermarriage Workshop	29 4:30pm Wednesday School	30	31 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration – Celebration of Psychology -Rabbi Kolton	

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2 9:30am Sunday School	3 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	4 4:30pm Tuesday School 7:30pm Evening with the Rabbi	5 4:30pm Wednesday School	6	7 7:30pm Shabbat Celebration- Family Service & Youth Shabbaton	8 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour 8:00pm Vivace
9 9:30am Sunday School and Preschool Passover Model Seder	10 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	11 No Tuesday School	12 No Wednesday School <i>Passover 1st Seder</i>	13 <i>Temple Seder</i> Gather 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm	14 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration- The Asians are Coming – Rabbi Wine	15 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour
16 No Sunday School	17 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	18 No Tuesday School 5:00pm Executive Board 7:30pm BT Board of Trustees	19 No Wednesday School	20	21 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration – Honoring Freud's Birthday: "How We Heal" – Rabbi Kolton	22 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour
23 No Sunday School	24 7:00pm Monday Class 8:00pm The Birmingham Temple Forum	25 4:30pm Tuesday School	26 4:30pm Wednesday School	27 6:00pm NCJW Dinner	28 8:00pm Shabbat Celebration – Bat Mitzvah of Bethany Schreier	29 9:30am Shabbat Study Hour
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