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and the Temple at our core.

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SHAVUOT

Shavuot is known both as the "The Festival of the Giving of the Torah," signifying the completion of our people's redemption from slavery at Mt. Sinai, and "The Festival of the First Fruits," celebrating the harvest season in Israel.

Celebrate our covenantal relationship with God and reaffirm our commitment to a Jewish life of study.

Sunday evening, June 8

6:00 p.m. FIRST FRUITS

For families of babies born since last Shavuot

We reaffirm the entrance of all those babies born since last Shavuot into the covenant of the Jewish people. Their parents, grandparents, and loved ones are invited to a special Shavuot ceremony honoring their newest "living torah."

Please call the rabbis' office to let us know if you will be there.



7:30 p.m. SHAVUOT EVE SERVICE

"Standing at Sinai"

with Rabbi Greenstein and Cantor Kaplan



8:15 p.m. CHEESECAKE & COFFEE!



8:30-10:00 p.m. TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

"Embracing Our Torah"

*Study together on Shavuot with
Rabbi Adam Grossman, our new Assistant Rabbi*

Since being revealed at Sinai, the meaning of Torah has constantly changed. We'll explore the various outlooks of Torah in Reform Judaism and address questions such as: How do we, personally, understand Torah? How does our definition of Torah relate to our movement's definition? Why is it important that we embrace Torah?



Monday morning, June 9, 10:00 a.m.

SHAVUOT MORNING FESTIVAL SERVICES WITH YIZKOR

with Rabbi Greenstein and Cantor Kaplan

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TEMPLE VOICE UNTIL THE MID-SUMMER ISSUE IN JULY.

SHABBAT SERVICES

SHABBAT SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Shabbat Service
at 6:15 p.m.

TOT SHABBATS

June 6, August 1, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study
at 8:45 a.m.

Shabbat Minyan
at 10:00 a.m.

SUMMER B'NAI MITZVAH

The following students will become B'nai Mitzvah during the first part of the summer:

ABIGAIL ALDEA,

daughter of Drs. Patricia Eby
and Peter Aldea, June 14

RACHEL DICK,

daughter of Dr. Charlotte Dick
and Dr. Michael Dick, June 21

BAYLEE and JOSH LESS,

daughter and son of
Monica and Bert Less, June 28

SARAH SISSMAN,

daughter of
Nancy and Ben Sissman, July 5

CHILD CARE ON SHABBAT

continues during the summer

On the **THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**, we will be offering child care for children 18 months to 7 years during the 6:15 Shabbat Service. Please reserve your space **IN ADVANCE** by calling the Education Office at Temple, 761-3130.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

Why is this year's December trip to Israel different than all other trips to Israel?

Because we've never left for Israel on the first night of Chanukah and returned to Memphis on New Year's Night!

Because we've never journeyed to the South and North – covering virtually the entire country in the most comfortable and meaningful way imaginable.

Because something happens on Temple Israel trips to Israel that is transformative Jewishly and spiritually.

Because the leading Jewish musical artist in America, Rick Recht, is joining us again to deepen the musical dimension of our experience.

My chief goal in leading this trip is to create one of the most meaningful spiritual journeys you will ever take in your life. Shabbat in Jerusalem will be magical, our ceremony in the South at the home of David Ben-Gurion will be moving, we will celebrate a bar-mitzvah overlooking the walls of the Old City, spend Christmas Day on the beach in Eilat, and see snow on Mt. Hermon in the Golan Heights.

The Atlanta-Tel Aviv non-stop flight and our first-class accommodations will ensure a smooth journey and ample down time during this remarkable experience for individuals and couples, grandparents, parents, and children of all ages.

Last Rosh Hashanah, I announced our goal – 500 travelers to Israel on Temple Israel trips within 10 years. In three years, 170 have had the Jewish experiences of their lives. I invite you to join me for the first journey we've ever taken during Chanukah.

To learn more, to see a day-by-day itinerary of the trip, or to register, visit our Temple website, www.timemphis.org. Or you can call (888) 811-2812 and speak with our ARZA World representative, Rachel Tenenbaum, at extension 211.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

With excitement and anticipation,

Micah D. Greenstein

Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein

P.S. A Federation subsidy is available for adults only on a first come-first served basis. \$1250 per adult with an agreement to increase your 2009 Federation campaign pledge by \$450.



TEENS TEAR DOWN WALLS

(It's not what you may think!)

If you heard that a group of teens was tearing down walls, what image pops to mind?

Not many people would picture a diverse, spiritual, open-minded, energetic, guitar-playing, laughter-filled, interfaith group learning about each others' faiths!

A group of teens and youth leaders from Hope Presbyterian Church, New Direction Church, and Temple Israel came together on a recent Friday night to "tear down the walls" of bias and prejudice and to learn about each others' faiths and backgrounds.

The inspiration for their gathering was a recent concert event entitled *Tear Down the Walls* at Hope Presbyterian, led by highly acclaimed Jewish recording star Rick Recht.

"The teens there were moved into action," said Celia Mutchnick, Youth Director at Temple Israel. "At the concert, they came to understand that it takes an active, ongoing effort to learn about people who come from backgrounds different than your own. These teens appreciate how important it is to continue dialogue to truly gain perspective on others' beliefs."

Celia continued, "These energetic teens came together to experience Shabbat and Passover with MeFTY, Temple Israel's youth group. They ate great Passover-friendly foods, including matzah pizza, macaroons, fruits, veggies, and sweets, talked about the meaning of Passover and Shabbat, watched a movie, and had an impromptu and enthusiastic song session led by members of the Temple Israel Teen Team and singers from Hope and New Direction."

"Their willingness to learn about each other was extremely uplifting, gratifying, and encouraging. They know that by understanding our differences and similarities, our mutual respect grows." Celia concluded, "Perhaps most importantly, it says that young people of varying backgrounds and experiences want to be engaged in helping to make our community better."

While learning about other faiths may not be a typical way for a group of teens to spend a Friday night, this forward-thinking group will meet again and continue to tear down walls.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AWARDS

On Friday, May 2, at our High School Graduation service, several seniors received awards for special merit.

The Elias Gates Award given to the graduate who has made the greatest all-around contribution to MeFTY was given to Amy Schweig.

The Emanuel Klein Award for the finest all-around essay in answer to the question "What does the statement 'I am a Jew' mean to you?" went to Katie Strasberg.

The Harry W. Ettelson Award recognized Molly Fargotstein for her all-around commitment to Temple and Judaism.

The Temple Israel High School Achievement Award given to the senior who has participated in the most hours of formal Jewish education was presented to Danny Niegelberg.

Mazel tov to these winners, as well as to all this year's fine men and women graduates, for their dedication and participation in our Temple Israel High School.

MeFTY Elects New Officers

Mazel tov to those high schoolers who were elected to lead our youth group, MeFTY, for the 2008-09 year:

Sami Rosenthal
President

Joshua Ellis
Programming Vice President

Leah Jalfon
Social Action Vice President

Karen Stein
Religious & Cultural Vice President

Hayley Gruwer
Membership Vice President

Aaron Poulin
Treasurer

Stephanie Betesh
Secretary

Thanks to Michael Eisenstatt, President, and those who shared in the leadership of MeFTY during 2007-08. And special thanks to Youth Director Celia Mutchnick for another great year.

You get the groceries, and Temple gets the gelt!



Temple gets money every time you use your
“Grocery Gelt” card!

The grocery gelt card is **fast** and **easy** to use.

All you do is:

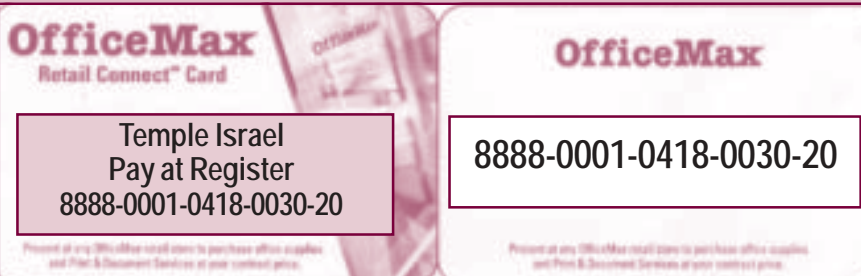
“Load” your card at the customer service counter
and use it when you check out!

- (Q) How do I get a card?
 (A) Call **Karen Snyder** at Temple at **937-2761** or email her at **karens@timemphis.org**, and your card will be mailed to you.
- (Q) What happens when I use this card when I shop at **Kroger** or **Schnuck’s**?
 (A) Temple Israel gets money!
- (Q) How much money will Temple get?
 (A) Temple gets 5% of the amount you put on the card. *The more people that use these cards, the more money Temple gets.*
- (Q) What does it mean when it says to “load” the card at the customer service counter?
 (A) You’re adding a monetary value to the card by using cash, check, or credit card.
- (Q) How do I know how much money I have on the card?
 (A) Your balance is on your receipt. The card does not expire; reload the card when your balance is running low and *use the card over and over again!*
- (Q) Will I continue to earn frequent flyer miles when I use my credit card to “load” the card?
 (A) Yes.

Help the Temple When You Shop at Office Max

Temple Israel and Office Max have partnered to offer Temple members a way to help Temple while shopping for office supplies, technology products, furniture or print and document services.

Just take the card below to any OfficeMax store. Upon your first purchase, it will be laminated for free. When you go to the register to check out, present your card, which will then be scanned. You will receive Temple’s discounted prices, and a rebate will go to Temple. You can pay for your purchases with cash, check or credit card.



MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MONTH

*Tikkun Olam —
our chance to repair
the world*



COOKING FOR ESTIVAL COMMUNITIES

Wednesday evenings, June 18 and July 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Temple kitchen, prepare a light meal at this WRJ sponsored project for residents at Estival Communities, MIFA’s transitional housing facility for homeless families. Call Jane Eckstein, 753-9565, or Barbara Ostrow, 757-0991 - children ages 12 and older welcome.

WRJ MOTHER BEAR and MIFA LOVE CAPS PROJECT

1:30 p.m. every Thursday at Temple, volunteers get together for this combined program for knitters and crocheters. The Love Caps Program provides caps, lap robes, and other winter clothing for our neighbors in need. For more details, contact Jenny Baer at jjb8126@aol.com or 754-8126.

WE’RE COLLECTING DURING THE SUMMER

Look for the bins on the **Mitzvah Mile** located on the north side of the building near the preschool entrance. Just drive up and deposit your donations.

MITZVAH DAY TOILETRY COLLECTIONS

The summer months are the perfect time to collect toiletries for gift bags for Mitzvah Day agencies. We need unopened hotel and motel toiletry samples. **Mark your calendars for Mitzvah Day, November 2, 2008.**

MANNA HOUSE

Adults T-shirts (L, XL, XXL), athletic shoes, baseball caps, backpacks and duffle bags, men’s jeans and khaki pants.

CANNED FOOD

Following is the list of foods requested by the Memphis Food Bank.

Please do NOT leave any other food items in the collection bins.

Creamy Peanut Butter, Canned Chunky Soups, Canned 100% Juice, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meals (Chicken & Dumplings/Beef Stew, etc.
Please no pork or shellfish)

Barbara K. Lipman
Early Learning Center
Introduces a new program for
Summer 2008:

"SUMMER BY THE DAY!"

Busy schedule? Sign your child up for
a day or two at Temple's ELC!

June 2 – August 1

Monday through Friday
Infants - Toddlers - Preschool
Rising Kindergarten - Rising First Graders

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Extended Care available

Preschool and older:
Gigglebytes computer program
Art with professional artist
Little Amigos Spanish Language program

Advanced registration required. Space permitting.

NAEYC accredited

Call 937-2784 for details.

IN SEARCH OF NEW PROJECTS FOR 2008 MITZVAH DAY

Do you have a favorite agency that might benefit from our serving them in some way? Let us hear from you, and we'll look into it together.

Would you like to captain or co-captain a Mitzvah Day project?

Contact Erma Cohen at
ermac@timemphis.org or 937-2770.

MITZVAH DAY IS NOVEMBER 2



**Volunteers
needed!**

**Sisterhood
Adopt-a-School
Program**

Wed., June 11, 18, & 25

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Do you have a few hours free on
Wednesday mornings in June?

Join WRJ this summer for a very
rewarding experience.

WRJ provides three fun-filled
activities for visually limited children
from the Colonial School Vision Camp.

June 11 - Children's Museum

June 18 - Bowling at Cordova Lanes

**June 25 - Roller skating at Cordova
Skating**

Choose as many dates as you can.
This is also a great opportunity for your
kids to get their credit for service hours.
Contact Phyllis Niegelberg, 758-0427,
or Debbie Jackson, 757-5271, to sign up.

**Rabbi Greenstein
to lead services
in Brownsville, TN**

On Friday evening, June 6, Rabbi
Greenstein will be leading the
Shabbat service at our sister Reform
congregation, Temple Adas Israel, in
Brownsville, Tennessee. The service
will be at 6:30 followed by a dinner
discussion. If you would like to
attend the service at this historic
synagogue, please call Ray Dan at
491-5776.



Young Leaders Volunteer



*As part of their year long curriculum, on April 27 Temple Israel Young Leaders
and their director, Israeli Schaliah Tomer Meir, volunteered at the soup kitchen
at First Presbyterian Church.*



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- Sign up to receive email updates
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- Access map to Temple and cemetery
- See pictures of various Temple events
- Read the VOICE newsletter
- Get updated items on calendar
- Make a donation online

And much more! Log on often!

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OUR PRIDES AND JOYS

The Temple family shares in the happiness of its members and we are thankful for the blessings they enjoy.

We congratulate:

Carey Cannell and Jason Saunders on their engagement.

Lauren and Sam Notowich on the birth of a daughter; Dolores and Arnold Engelberg and Marcia and Alvin Notowich on the birth of a granddaughter; Edith Cerrito and Madeleine Blustein on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

Julie and Seth Alpert on the birth of a son; Donna and Dr. Larry Kun, Jeanne and Dr. Bruce Alpert, and Marianne and Bobby Shore on the birth of a grandson; Bobbie and Milton Miller, Lillian Alpert, Marilyn and Irving Kun and Ruth Grubstein on the birth of a great-grandson.

Lauren Weinrich and Justin Bernstein on their engagement.

Devon Ballin and Aaron Jaffe on their engagement.

Kara Schwartzberg and Jordan Kaplan on their engagement.

WRJ - SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP SUMMER HOURS

Beginning June 2, Summer Hours:

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

or call Bonnie Cooper, 937-2768, or
Debbie Whitelow, 278-0200,
to set up an appointment.

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