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USY AND KADJMAH PRESENT

Anything Goes

Men: **Cast List**

Billy- Andrew Weil
Evelyn - Sam Schraber
Moonface - Ben Saxon
Eli Whitney - Asaf Segal

Captain - Robbie Miller
Purser- Dan Kelman
Rabbi- Isaac Spektor
David the Scout- Jacob Abel
Moesha the Scout- Matt Bernick
Lead Sailor - Michael Feinstein
Steward - Ben Hemmingway
Sailor - Andy Bernick
Sailor - Ezra Strohm
Sailor - Gilad Segal
Sailor- Evan Weil
Drunk - Noah Shavit-Lonstein

Women:

Reno - Erica Solomon
Hope - Sara Gotlieb
Bonnie - Alexis Burbul
Mrs. Harcourt - Sarah Johnson
Chastity (Head Angel) and
Asst. Choreographer - Elisa Edelstein
Charity (Head Angel) - Bayley Taple
Reporter - Ellie Schneider
Cameraman - Bevin Waters
Yael the Scout - Ellie Berg
Purity (Angel) - Jeanne Bloomberg
Virtue (Angel) - Lauren Oskey
Steamy (Angel) - Sami Saltzman
Glide (Angel) - Natalie Baldinger
Pixie (Angel) - Rachel Haim
Spicy (Angel) - Sophie Gotlieb
Doc (Angel) - Emily Saxon
2nd Mate - Rachel Kaplan
Girl 1—Shelly Kowitz
Girl 2 - Rachel Lerman
Girl 3 - Marissa Schneider

Dates/times:

- **Feb 5 (7:30pm – USY night)**
- **Feb 7 (6:30pm)**
- **Feb 8 (12:30pm)**

**TICKETS SOLD AT THE TEMPLE OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE
AND THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP**

• **\$8 ADULT**

- **\$5 SENIOR/STUDENT/AGES 5-12**
- **CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE**

Play ChairsJulie Gotlieb
Polly Saxon
Margie Solomon
Student DirectorsJacob Abel,
Evana Kvasnik
CostumesDanielle Perle
Tech CrewElliott Stern
Max Weinberger
SetWilliam Zein
Lights/SoundEddie Winthrop

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Friday, Feb. 6th & Saturday, Feb. 7th — Friday dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by 8:00 p.m. services led by Sisterhood; 9:00 a.m. Saturday services followed by a Sisterhood-sponsored Kiddush. The Friday evening speaker will be Karen Lukin, the IntraContinental Region President of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Sisterhood will also be honoring long-time member Janet Gordon for her many, many years of past and continuing service to this wonderful organization. To register for the Friday

dinner, send your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood by Jan. 30th, to Marcia Taple at 1833 Eagle Ridge Dr. #4, Mendota Heights, MN 55118. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. If you would like to request a vegetarian meal, need a ride, or have any other questions, call Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030. Join your Sisterhood family in this special annual tradition. Watch for your personal invitation.

From the Rabbi's Desk . . .

Truth and Faith

As I sit to write this month's Rabbi Column, I find myself shifting gears. It was my original intention to write about the Madoff scandal, and its effect on the Jewish community. It seemed to me to be very relevant, as it was a topic on everyone's mind. It also has broad implications for rewriting both the national philanthropic landscape, and forces us to address how we as Jews are viewed, both within our community, and from without. And then, violence in Gaza increased, and the question of how we as Jews react, both privately and publicly, was put into a different context. Israel began military operations to stop the constant flow of rockets into its towns, just as the holiday of Hanukah was fading away. In addition to the visual of Hanukah candles being replaced by rockets to light up the night sky, I believe there are additional lessons from our tradition that give us as American Jews a context to help us understand and react to the situation. Hanukah is, at its theological root, a holiday that celebrates great faith (*emunah*) despite overwhelming odds. It is looking

into the face of fear and hatred and refusing to fade quietly away into the night. It is lighting a light knowing that many around you are trying to extinguish it. However it is not a simple, passive faith, but one born of action and movement. And we as American Jews can grab onto this kind of *emunah*. We can remember those generations that preceded us, and the threats we share. We can find inspiration in their survival. Faith can help us come together as a community. But faith within the Jewish community is not enough. Our prayer-book links *emunah* with *emet* in the blessings after the *shema*. It is a reminder that faith alone is not enough, that an understanding of the truth (*emet*) of every situation is also necessary. In this context, *emet v'emuna*, truth and faith, reminds us that intellectual inquiry must be balanced with the emotional expression of prayer. With the current situation in Israel, *emet v'emuna* has slightly different implications. We need to have faith in our community, in Israel and in God. At the same time, we must be able to seek and to speak the truth. We must be able to answer critics



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with truth, and challenges with calm honesty. The clouds of violence can obscure the truth and choke our faith. We have, on the synagogue website (templeofaaron.org), a series of resources that can with both prayer and truth. Together we can light the way.

Rashi and Coffee: One True Pairing

By Bevin Waters

Why do I love Coffee with Rashi? Well, I actually learn a lot of interesting things both from Rabbi Alan and the other members of the Rashi class. Lately, we have been doing an in-depth study of the Creation story. We read Midrashim along with the Rashi about this section. I found it very interesting that many of the ideas that the rabbis, including Rashi, had about B'resheet are things we wrestle with today. Also it was interesting to look on my own and see that many Creation stories, from Greek mythology to B'resheet to the big bang theory have a lot of similar themes in them. They all obviously start with nothing and then — bam! — something happens and it leads to the creation to the universe as we know it. I started looking for this connection during the Rashi class. I've learned a lot about Judaism and thusly, life from the Coffee with Rashi class. It's a great way to spend an hour on a Saturday morning.

Almost every Saturday morning at 8 am before Shabbat Services, a group of Temple of Aaron members get together with Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein to study the words of the weekly Torah portion, alongside the classical commentary of a medieval wine making rabbi known as Rashi. You are cordially invited to join us. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are served, and no Hebrew is required. Please contact Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein for more information.

Star Shabbat 2009

The third community 6th Grade Shabbaton will take place May 1 and May 2, 2009. Our students will build community with Mt. Zion, Talmud Torah, Beth Jacob and JCC. The UJFC is providing the seed money to invest in our future leaders.

Cantor's Column

Jewish Music Month

All synagogues select February as Jewish music month. It becomes the most joyous month. The Torah reading "Beshallah" signals us to recall the *Song of The Red Sea*. We sing the beginning part each Shabbat in our preliminary service. We focus on the great miracle of the splitting of the Red Sea as we left Egypt and Pharaoh's chariots are not far behind.

God provided this miracle of having us cross safely from one side to the next while causing the waters to engulf Pharaoh's chariots in the process. The *Shira* or song was led by Miriam, Moses' sister, in exultation of this great miracle that God provided for the Jewish people. We will be featuring special music to honor and celebrate Jewish music. We have come so far in Jewish music. From classic cantorial standards of the 40's to new interpretations of Jewish songs in the 60's and modern compositions that provide congregational sing-a-longs of the present.

Our Erev Shabbat Live Service is a fantastic example of the metamorphosis that has happened to Jewish music over the last 50 years. To be able to celebrate Shabbat with instrumentation and new musical settings is the future of Jewish music. There are exciting new artists that are emerging on the scene each and every year. I encourage you to go to www.oysongs.com or do a search for "Jewish music" on your computer. We are at a new and exciting time for synagogue music. We are able to embrace our classical standards while we are on the threshold of experimenting with new settings to traditional words. This to me is what Jewish music is all about. It should never be stale or stagnant. Music is there to recall our childhood while shaping the future for our children and our children's children.

May this new year of 2009 be one of exciting new interpretations for all composers to praise God and for us to appreciate how lucky we are to be alive in this joyous and exciting time.

HAZAK WINTER EVENT FEATURES TAI CHI

On March 1st, Hazak will welcome David Sakry, the Tai Chi instructor from the JCC, to give us an introduction to this wonderful program.

Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese martial art that uses slow, controlled movements and various postures for meditation and breath regulation. It enhances the flow of vital energy in the body, improves blood circulation and enhances immune functions. Tai Chi is one of the most broadly applicable systems of self-care in the world.

Please join us at 3:30 for an hour of time with David. We will then have an early supper with box suppers from Cecil's and time for socializing. Come dressed in comfortable clothes.

The cost for the program and supper is \$12.00

R.S.V.P. to Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net. Include your preference of sandwich — turkey, corned beef or vegetarian.



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FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 40 Rosie and Loren Geller
- 50 Ruth Ann and Richard Schumeister
- 51 Ludmila and Michail Vizelman
- 53 Shirley and Harold Schenker
- 55 Barbara and Ron Harris
- 55 Rosaliya Davidan & Josif Kleynerman
- 56 Harriet and Miles Lane
- 59 Rossy and Richard Shaller
- 59 Sarah and Joe Eliezer

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Opportunity

Attention all Temple of Aaron members. If you have ever wanted to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, now is your chance. We are beginning a class in the springtime for all those who are interested in pursuing this once in a lifetime event. Please contact Kathy at the Temple office and leave your name, address and phone number so that we can contact you and let you know when classes will begin.

Save Time With Our Phone System: 651-698-8874

Save this article so you know how to bypass the voice message system to quickly leave a message or ask a question: Extensions are:

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EDUCATION IS A WONDERFUL INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

We have steadily strengthened the Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School over the past fifteen years, including the Rossy and Richard Shaller Hebrew School. Dedicated faculty and staff, parents and an active Jewish education committee have worked hard to improve numerous aspects of the students' educational experiences. Our students are fortunate to have their education enhanced by the generosity of our synagogue families.

Tuition paid by the families of students covers the majority of educational costs. For decades, the general congregation has supported the educational options through monthly dues payments. The third area of financial support for our students is the special endowment gift. Families have made gifts to help pay faculty in numerous grade endowments.

We are grateful to these families who support the following grades and programs: Hebrew School by Rossy and Richard Shaller; Kindergarten by Alvin & Judith Brown; 1st Grade by Sherman & Ruth Gordon; 2nd Grade in memory of Father and Grandfather Sam Goldberger by Howard & Debbie Goldberger & Family; 3rd Grade by Richard & Rossy Shaller; 5th Grade in memory of his Family by Dr. Henry Oselka; 6th Grade by Jackie Bregman; 7th Grade by Angie & James H. Moore; 9th Grade by Jack & Molly Handelman; Confirmation in mem-

ory of Leonora Greenberg by Dean & Marilyn Greenberg, Steven Greenberg, Robert & Ellenjoy Fields; Arts & Crafts in memory of Joyce Tilsen by Robert Tilsen; Music by Louis & Dr. Lydia Schaffer; Drug Education in memory of Bradley Straus by Tony & Brenda Straus; Hamantashen baking by Lisa Witchell & family; Shabbatonim by Sherman & Lois Devitt; Special Speakers by Nancy & Dr. Stephen Lane & Polly & Michael Saxon.

We are grateful to those families whose generous funding allows us to enhance our curriculum with special programming: Rossy and Richard Shaller; Sandra and Joseph Wolkowicz.

To explore options, please contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff (651)698-8874 or email at kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 5	USY PLAY OPENS
7 & 8	USY PLAY
14 & 15	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND
16	Kadima Snowtubing
20/21	Rachel Greenberg Bat Mitzvah
27	8th grade Kadima Kinnus
27/28	Charlie Rosenblum Bar Mitzvah

DR. JEFFREY WEINGARTEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Jeffrey Weingarten grew up in St. Paul, the son of Felicia and Leon (of blessed memory) Weingarten. Jeff graduated at the top of his medical school class and was an outstanding and dedicated doctor. He was a devoted and conscientious Jew who lived according to the highest principles of Judaism. His combination of Judaism, public service and compassion serve as an inspiration for generations to come. Jeffrey's life was cut tragically short after a battle with cancer. His parents established a special award at the Temple of Aaron in his memory. Each year, teachers and staff choose one student in each 5th through 9th grade, who qualifies for the award.



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They must be outstanding members of their class, showing enthusiasm, respect, and a love of Judaic learning.

The WEINGARTEN AWARD will be given to students who are chosen during Friday evening services May 15.

TODAH RABAH... to Jim Berg for serving as the chairperson position of the Youth Committee; to Paul Schanfield for chairing our synagogue Scholarship Committee; to Rosalyn Segal and Lisa Lane for chairing our Education Committee; and to each member who generously gives of their time and dedication by serving on these committees: Mary and Susie Andler, George Bier, Barb Rutzick, Paula Schrabner, Howard Bell, David Baldinger, Jay Baldinger, Jim Berg, Bruce Goldfarb, Esther Kauffman, Becca Kvasnik, Polly Saxon, Neil Derechin, Julie Gotlieb, Judy Werthauser, Debbie Zuckerman, Laurie Kuretsky, Andrea Goldberger, Bob Kaufman, Nan Leventhal, Loren Taple; to Lisa Lane for speaking with 7th grade Hebrew class about non-profits and the Phillips Eye Institute.

Jim Berg Named Potentate of Osman Shrine Temple

Jim Berg, owner of a Minnesota-based magic and costume firm, a long-time community volunteer and a lifelong member of the Temple of Aaron, has been elected Potentate of Osman Shrine Temple for 2009.

As Potentate, Jim will preside over Osman Shrine Temple's 1,300 members with 34 Clubs and Units which help raise funds for the Shiners Hospitals for Children.

Jim will be the fourth Temple of Aaron Member to become Potentate of Osman Shrine Temple. An honor that his predecessors, which include, Leonard Halper, Perry Kieffer and Marv Edelstein, have cherished for many years.

No stranger to Shrine work, Jim, who grew up in Highland Park, was an ardent attendee of the Shrine Circus while growing up. In addition to his Shrine work, Jim is the current chair of the Temple of Aaron youth committee and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Temple of Aaron.

Jim and his wife, Judy, live in Mendota Heights with their three daughters, Danielle, Brittani and Ellie.

Please join the Temple of Aaron congregation on February 13, 2009 at our 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Live Service to help us recognize Jim and the Past Potentates, with an Oneg to follow, which is sponsored by David and Janie Berg. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Ken Guidera, the Chief of Staff at the Shriners Hospital, Twin Cities Unit.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Every year, the 22 hospitals provide care for thousands of kids with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, in a family-centered environment at no charge. It's how Shriners Hospitals has been helping kids defy the odds since 1922.



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Hi, my name is Julie Adelman Sander and I am a third generation member of the Temple of Aaron. Over the past few years I have served on the Rabbinical Search committee and the Strategic Planning committee, as well as become a board member and co-chair of the Membership Committee. I choose to be active in our congregation because its future is important to me and because I believe its strength as an organization is directly related to the dedication invested by its members.

The Membership Committee believes the Temple of Aaron can be even more vibrant for future generations by preserving and expanding our membership today. We are blessed with a large congregation, both in terms of membership and our wonderful facility. And, like the individual bricks which together form this building, so too is each individual member a vital part of the integrity of our sacred community. However, sometimes our large congregation can seem overwhelming. It is therefore essential for us to foster an environment which recognizes that the formation and evolution of relationships is a continuous, intentional effort, a foundation on which to build our community one connection at a time.

The goal of the Membership Committee is to welcome people to our synagogue. Jewish tradition teaches us that Abraham and Sarah kept their tent open on all sides to show that travelers from every direction were welcome. In that spirit our congregation must project the image that our doors are not only open, but also wide enough to accommodate all who are searching for a spiritual home. Whether we realize it or not, we are all informal members of this committee. In our day-to-day lives we act as ambassadors for the Temple of Aaron as we share our lifecycle events, holidays and other interactions with our family, friends and co-workers.

I invite you to join me in shaping the next 100 years of the Temple of Aaron. Join a committee. Attend daily minyan. Take an Adult Education class. Participate in programming. I look forward to working with any member who shares my enthusiasm about the future of this wonderful congregation.

URGENT NEED AT New SHOLOM!!!

The BIG move to the new nursing home in Highland on the Rossy and Richard Shaller Family Sholom East Campus takes place Monday-Tuesday, February 23-24, 2009! Special volunteers are needed to help with the vital mitzvah of helping residents make the move to the new building! A professional company will handle the physical job of moving furnishings and belongings, but help is needed working with residents on a one-to-one to pack their belongings and accompany them the day of the move to their new home. If you would like to volunteer (training provided!!) for this wonderful mitzvah, contact Jim McDonald at Sholom East 651-637-0287.

Thank You *Todah Rabah*

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Thank you (*todah rabah*) to those listed below who supported our Yahrzeit Fund in memory of loved ones with donations of \$10 or more
December 2008 Kislev-Tevet 5769

Abelovitz, Mr. & Mrs.	Gerr, Teddy & family	Olinova, Bella
Bachrach, Beth	Gilman, Rose	Phillips, Jan & Janet
Barenbaum,	Goldberg, Judy	Portnoy, Roxanne & Gary
Bettie and Stanley	Goldetsky,	Rose, Gary
Berde, Doris	William & Burniece	Rosenthal, Goldie
Besner, Rae	Graham, Esther	Rubenstein, Ada
Binkin, Vladimir	Hirse Korn, Fred & Barbara	Rubenstein, Robert
Binkina, Bella	Horowitz,	Rutman, Henry
Block, Maxine	Leonard & Marilyn	Rutzick, Yale
Blumenfeld,	Jerson, Francine & Sidney	Schneider, Margie & Bart
Milton & Geri	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Smookler,
Blyakher, Sima	Kaplan, Fred	Dr. Richard & Diane
Brazeman, Marion	Katzovitz, Carole & Leon	Tilsner, William & Ryv
Diamond, Harvey	Klein, Frances & Ilene	Tyzelman, Al & Bonnie
Divine, Arnold & Rae	Kopilenko,	Ward, Hillard & Helene
Drucker, Harold	Alexander & Bella	Watchman, Israel
Eisenstadt,	Kristal, David & family	Weinberg, Beatrice
Linda & Larry	Leibman, Jack	Weisberg, Morton & Ruth
Farsht,	Lerman, Bill & Mary	Wolkowicz, Joe & Sandy
Steven & Stephanie	Miller, Ann	Zaretsky, Karolina
Feldman, Kayleen & Ben	Miller, Ruth	Zien, Milton & Annette
Garnett, Sue & Hal	Miller, Diane	
Gerr, Murray	Netzman, Bella	

Janet Gordon Voted Next NER TAMID Recipient

The importance of Volunteerism to Temple of Aaron and the legacy it bequeaths were elevated to a new level at the December meeting of the Board of Directors as the guiding principles of the Ner Tamid award were formalized and Janet Gordon was then voted to be the next recipient. The award will be presented to Janet at the Friday evening service on February 6, as a part of Sisterhood weekend and during an evening dedicated to honoring Janet.

By a unanimous voice vote, the following recognition standards were adopted by Temple of Aaron as the basis for making the Ner Tamid award:

- The recipient of the Ner Tamid award shall be a long standing member of Temple of Aaron
- The recipient will be an individual who, as a volunteer, has had a continuing and visible impact on the welfare and vitality on Temple of Aaron's membership for a protracted period of time.

- The Ner Tamid award shall, in general, be awarded on no more than an annual basis unless unusual circumstances suggest otherwise.

In addition to adopting specific standards for the award, the Board also approved specific nomination process and the manner in which the award will be made and commemorated. Included on each award (and on the commemorative plaque now being considered) will be the following inscription:

A volunteer Who lights the way Through a lifetime Of achievement

Janet Gordon reflects the essence of that inscription and of the Ner Tamid award. For more than 50 years, she has been there to take phone calls (rather than trying to avoid them as many of us do) from Temple members looking to remember other members on both special and solemn occasions. She

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... to Renee Kvasnik, Delia Sevak and Betty Agranoff for labeling over 1,200 January *Aaronions* to keep members throughout the country fully informed.

... to David Baldinger for helping lead the chanting of prayers during Cantor Kowitz's winter vacation.

... to Larry Eisenstadt for helping conduct services during Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein's winter vacation.

... to Larry Solomon, Nancy Lane, Sue Rosner and Dave Rosner for conducting intensive program manager interviews to strengthen our synagogue.

... to Barbara Gitlin for her creative writing with preparing the Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Golden Kepah Certificates for these special events.

... to all the Temple of Aaron members who celebrated Noah's Bar Mitzvah with us; to all those who baked sweets for the Oneg and Kiddush, and to the staff whose organization and professionalism made the weekend run smoothly.
— *Rebecca and Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein*

... We are indebted to Barbara Kaster for providing funding each year for the Metropolitan Male Choir to come to us in January. Barbara has provided the funds in memory of her late husband Cy Kaster of blessed memory. Thank you Barbara for your kindness and vision.

is always ready to prepare and mail a card for the benefit of the synagogue's building fund. She always seems to know the addresses that are needed and often knows better who is being referred to than the person making the call (which makes it all so easy). Her only goal: to continue to strengthen Temple of Aaron and ensure its longevity for generations to come. We look forward to her continuing to work towards that goal for many years to come.

— *David Rosner, Keruv Committee Chair*

Sisterhood News

Building Fund Cards for every occasion – Don't forget that these cards are available for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, thank you notes, any simcha, blessings, sympathies or just to say "hi." No shopping, no mailing, no fuss – just a phone call away so you can take care of this from the comfort of your home! By utilizing these cards, you are supporting Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron. Send them often!! To send a card or to find out more about them, feel free to call Janet Gordon (651-698-8809) or Sis Goren (651-686-0425).

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Warm-Up America: community service project – Enjoy knitting or want to learn? This group is creating afghans to warm up those in need. For more information, call Catherine Wheaton at 651-730-8330.

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Watch for your Torah Fund letter and donate generously!

Get Your Purim Costumes Ready



PURIM CARNIVAL MARCH 8

Join our clergy for the annual Purim Carnival Sunday, March 8, 2009. The excitement begins at 10:30am, so tell your family and friends.

Free Purim meal at 6:15pm on Monday, March 9, 2009, followed by the Megillah Reading at 7:00 pm.

You Deserve It!

A Temple of Aaron Memorial Plaque assures your family that all your loved one will always be remembered. The plaque will be posted in our Shirley Schleiff Greenberg Memorial Alcove for a full year and then placed in storage. It will be posted each subsequent year on the Hebrew (*yahrzeit*) anniversary of your loved one's death. The ritual observance of *yahrzeit* reaffirms individual dignity and is one of our most important rituals.

A *yahrzeit* notice will be mailed to all designated family members. Your loved one's name will be mentioned from the pulpit at services on the **eve** and **morning** of the *yahrzeit*. The ritual will continue to be performed even though your family moves from the city or when there is no remaining family. The permanency of the Memorial Plaque insures the opportunity of reflecting about the unique character and events of a special person who affected and shaped our lives.

The current price for an eternal Memorial Plaque is only \$1,000. You may charge the \$1,000 tax deductible donation to VISA. All orders and/or questions can be directed to Executive Director Ken Agranoff (651-698-8874). Multi-year payments are accepted. The purchases are used to run the minyan 365 days per year. Your family deserves it, so order now and you will see the Memorial Plaque by Yom Kippur.

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By Appointment Call:

Marcia Taple

651-688-3030

Apply now for United Jewish Fund & Council Scholarships

For information, go to Jewishminnesota.org or call Laura Savin at UJFC, 651-695-3183. Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of the St. Paul Jewish community.

Israel Experience Scholarships are for Jewish teens and young adults living in St. Paul, ages 13-22. Applicants who are planning their first trip to Israel will receive priority. Programs by a reputable organization with strong educational component. Application deadline is March 6, 2009.

Camp Scholarships. Jewish overnight camp, the UJFC can help. The Scholarship Committee meets demonstrated need through a confidential review process. Application deadline is April 1, 2009.

Higher Education scholarships are available for students of all ages, including those who have just graduated from high school and are starting their first year of higher education, and older adults who are returning to school. Awards are based on financial need, scholastic performance, Jewish identity and community involvement, availability of funds. Scholarship recipients must carry a full-time course load of 12 credits, or nine credits if working more than 20 hours per week. Application deadline is April 15, 2009.



First St. Paul Fun Run

With the spirit reminiscent of the Maccabees who fought for Jewish identity, more than 60 St. Paul Jews fought ice and cold for the first Dreidel Dash and Maccabi Mile on the 28th of December. This 5K Hanukkah Fun run went from the corner of Raskas and River Road in front of the Temple, to the St. Paul JCC, both of whom co-sponsored the event. Participants of all ages enjoyed the pleasantly cool weather and warm companionship as they wove their way through the streets of St. Paul. Once at the JCC, almost twenty youngsters ran the Maccabi Mile, receiving a ribbon and small gift bag for participating. After the run, everyone was greeted with hot chocolate and muffins. Mark your calendars for the next fun run, December 20th, 2009.



Introducing The Temple of Aaron Program Manager

The Synagogue is proud to announce that we have hired a part-time Program Manager. Lisa Stein, daughter of members Jim & Linda Stein, joined the staff on January 6th, 2009.

Lisa brings with her experience in organizing and running programs, a great deal of energy and ideas, a deep connection with Jewish practice and knowledge of the synagogue. Out of several qualified and strong candidates, she has the characteristics we are looking for to help raise the quality and improve the reach of many of our programs. Working with Temple of Aaron volunteers and staff, she has already begun connecting our members by reaching out to more circles of the community in new and exciting ways.



Lisa has a Bachelors degree from Boston University in International Relations with a focus on regional development and a Masters degree from Georgetown University and the Universidad Nacional de San Martín in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in Development Management and Policy. Lisa has worked for various not-for-profit organizations including the Microcredit Summit Campaign in Washington D.C., the Integrated Care Initiative at Hennepin County, Minnesota International Health Volunteers, The Center for Victims of Torture, and Fundación Grameen (ALDEAS) Argentina (Grameen Foundation in Argentina). She is also currently working as International Manager for Healing Hands for Haiti International.

Lisa enjoys traveling and has lived in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. She speaks fluent Spanish and is working on her French (tutors are welcome). She loves the outdoors and playing with her puppy "Nash." Lisa is also busy planning for her wedding and marriage to Dan Rothstein at the synagogue in August.

Temple of Aaron Links the Jewish Past with the Jewish Future

The synagogue has earned respect for modernizing many of our beautiful traditions. We were leaders in offering a bat mitzvah opportunity. We were leaders in honoring females with the right to read from the Torah. We were leaders in counting females in the daily minyan. We were leaders in moving females into synagogue leadership. We were leaders in welcoming a female-male rabbinical team to our community. We were leaders in annually creating a new musaf service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. We were leaders in adding art to beautify our house of worship. We were leaders in inviting community churches to our Friday Shabbat service. We were leaders in supporting the local food shelf. We were leaders in supporting freedom for Russian Jewry. We were leaders in supporting Operations Moses and Solomon. We were leaders in supporting social action programs.

The future continues to evolve for Jews everywhere in the world. President Nancy Lane expressed great pride in progress Temple of Aaron has made with our strategic planning process involving over 200 members. We will continue to create a place where people of all ages can explore their ritual traditions, their cultural history and their historical legacy. We are living in exciting times as the world moves at a faster pace. Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and Cantor Kowitz are thrilled to face the new challenges and work with more people on our varied committees and task forces to provide the range of worship options, programs, support of Israel and community building activities to make Temple of Aaron a beacon for St. Paul/Minneapolis Jewry. The future of the Jewish people will be determined by the energy members apply to blending knowledge of our past with the needs of the present and future. The practice of Judaism has evolved for centuries. Judaism will continue to evolve so please share your ideas, wisdom, needs, wants, concerns and desires. Members, clergy and support staff can work together to generate the synergy needed to keep Judaism thriving in today's world.



Social Justice

EXODUS 22:20-26

You will not wrong those on the margins or oppress them,
 for you lived on the margins in Egypt.
 You will not impoverish a widow or orphan.
 And if you do actually impoverish them,
 and if they cry out to me,
 you can be sure I will hear their cries,
 and I will be angered,
 and I will cut you down with a sword,
 and the women among you will be left widows,
 and the children among you, orphans.

And if you loan money to My people,
 the poor among you,
 You will not come after them as a creditor,
 and you will not put the bite on them with interest.
 And if you take a coat in pledge, you'll return it at dusk,
 because that is all they have to cover themselves,
 And if they cry out to me, I will hear, because I care.



Roxanny Armendariz, Dave Snyder,
and Ron Elwood

Concerned about foreclosure?

Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA) acts as an advocate for those individuals and families facing foreclosure. They can present options for lender and the person facing foreclosure to work together. For more information, contact Roxanny Armendariz at 651-292-0131 or www.nedahome.org

- At the St. Paul JCC in mid-December four speakers enlightened their audience to the Jewish response to the foreclosure crisis:
- Professor Earl Schwartz of Hamline University quoted from the Books of Esther, Isaiah, and Exodus to emphasize their basic message: THAT JEWS SHOULD NOT STRUT WHILE OTHERS SUFFER.
- Roxanny Armendariz, a counselor with the Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA), discussed the role of NeDA in helping individuals avoid foreclosure or minimize the effects.
- Ron Elwood of the Legal Services Advocacy Project works at the State Legislature to affect public policy on foreclosure reform. This past year an anti-predatory lending bill was passed. They are also working on a "bill of rights" for tenants whose rental properties are facing foreclosure.
- JCA organizer Dave Snyder talked about Jewish Community Action's foreclosure prevention and volunteer work. 1500 at-risk mortgages have been identified in North Minneapolis. JCA then approached and sat down with these at-risk individuals and gave them information that would help them avoid foreclosure.



Interested in volunteering to assist Jewish Community Action (JCA) in thwarting foreclosure?

Contact:
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Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

February 2009
Shevat-Adar 5769

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am Service, Men's Club World Wide Tefillin Wrap; School 4:30 pm Men's Club Super Bowl Party 5 pm Hebrew Class 6 pm Service	2 7:30 am Minyan OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	3 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	4 7:30am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Service, NO Honors & 7th grade 6:30 pm Grief Group 7:30 pm Fundamentals Class	5 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm USY Play	6 7:30 am Minyan 6pm Sisterhood Dinner 8 pm Service Sisterhood Shabbat Candlelighting 5:09 pm	7 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service Sisterhood Shabbat Shabbat School 5:00 pm Minyan 6:30 pm USY Play
8 9 am Service, School 12:30 pm USY Play 5 pm Hebrew Class 6 pm Service	9 7:30 am Minyan OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	10 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	11 7:30am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Service, Honors, & 7th grade 7:30 pm Fundamentals Class	12 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study	13 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm ESL Service Honoring Jim Berg Candlelighting 5:19 pm	14 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service NO Shabbat School 5:15 pm Minyan
15 9 am Service, NO School 5 pm Hebrew Class 6 pm Service	16 7:30 am Minyan OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	17 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	18 7:30am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Service, Honors, & 7th grade 6:30 pm Grief Group 7:30 pm Fundamentals Class	19 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study	20 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service Rachel Greenberg's Bat Mitzvah Candlelighting 5:29 pm	21 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service Shabbat School Rachel Greenberg's Bat Mitzvah 5:15 pm Minyan
22 9 am Service, School 5 pm Hebrew Class 6 pm Service	23 7:30 am Minyan OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	24 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes Rosh Hodesh Adar	25 7:30 am Minyan 4 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Service, Honors, & 7th grade 7:30 pm Fundamentals Class Rosh Hodesh Adar	26 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study	27 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm ESL Service Charles Rosenblum's Bar Mitzvah Candlelighting 5:39 pm	28 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service Shabbat School Charles Rosenblum's Bar Mitzvah 5:30 pm Minyan

B'nai Mitzvah

Rachel Elizabeth Greenberg, daughter of **Andrew Greenberg** and **Lisa Greenberg**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on February 21, 2009.

Rachel is in 7th grade at Talmud Torah of St. Paul. At school she participates in basketball, volleyball, ORIM, and drama. She also enjoys art, ice skating and softball.

Rachel has designated Gillette Children's Hospital for her tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Rachel's grandparents, **Dean & Marilyn Greenberg**; father, **Andrew Greenberg**; and mother, **Lisa Greenberg**.



Rachel Elizabeth Greenberg

Charlie Michael Rosenblum, son of **Marissa Rosenblum** and **Ken Rosenblum**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on February 28, 2009.

Charlie is in 7th grade at St. Paul Academy. At school she participates in band, jazz band, drama, and fencing. He also enjoys downhill skiing, art, and writing. He is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Charlie has designated Jewish Family Children's Service (JFCS) Big Brother/Big Sister program for his tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Charlie's grandparents, **Harriette and Harold Rutstein**.



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