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Jewish Volunteers Serve Hungry on Easter

(from a report by Tim Blotz, on Fox 9 News)

It's one thing to spend weeks planning an Easter dinner for hundreds of people. It's quite another thing when you hear about who is serving the food. Inside a small kitchen in northeast Minneapolis, the recipe for Easter comes from a place much different than an oven.

The Greater Lake Country Food Bank is preparing 600 meals. They're cooked, packed and shipped by volunteers to 18 senior centers throughout Hennepin County.

For volunteers Mary Andler, Bill Andler, Susie Andler, and Sally Lorberbaum, lending a hand has become a Christmas and Easter ritual. Quite impressive, when on this holiest of Christian holidays, the servers are all Jewish.

Hy Rosen recruited all the volunteers from virtually every synagogue in town.

"There aren't a lot of things for Jewish people to do on Easter and Christmas and this is a wonderful thing," Andler said. "We look forward to it so much."

The volunteers know hunger chooses no church. Faith chooses no kitchen.

On this day, they're feeding souls.

Day School at St Paul Talmud Torah Is Excellent Option

We encourage all parents and grandparents to explore the wonderful advantages of a Jewish private school. Academics are superb. Jewish traditions are shared in a safe welcoming environment. Establish a foundation of Jewish and secular knowledge that prepares you to excel at every high school in Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Interested? Contact Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein. Of course you can call directly to Talmud Torah at 651-698-8807 and speak with some of the experts as you look forward to the 2009-2010 school year.

Synagogue Will Honor Cantor Kowitz

For 20 Years of Excellence on
October 31, 2009 and November 1, 2009

Golden Kephah

The holiday of Passover has come and gone. Through all the matzah, morror and chicken that we consumed let me share one thing at Temple of Aaron that stands out and makes me proud. We had numerous teenagers and adults who blessed us by taking part in torah readings the entire holiday. Many members informed me that these teenagers and adults were very prepared and such a pleasure to listen to during Pesach. I would also like to thank the many parents who juggled their schedules to make sure their children had rides to the synagogue and kvelled at their skill level with our most revered text.

The following students read from the Torah during Passover:

1st day of Passover: Eli Newell, Abe Clark, Gilad Segal, Asaf Segal, Bailey Alexander and Noah Shavit-Lonstein.

2nd day of Passover: Lucy Witchell, Ashley Wilton, Rebecca Wilton, Andy Bernick, Paulina Marell, Samantha Saltzman, and Isaac Spektor (who received his Golden Kephah).

Chol Hamoed Pesach Shabbat: Elaine Adelman, Catherine Wheaton, Terry Troutner, Cheryl Bier, and Nancy Lane, who are all a part of the illustrious adult group "Aaron's 11."

8th day of Passover: Robby Guerrero, Ellie Berg, Natalie Baldinger, Ezra Strohm, Dylan Norgard, and Danny Axelrod.

These Torah readers are either pursuing their Golden Kephah or Yad Hazakah (our advanced Torah reading program) or graduates of both. The next time you see any of these fine readers, please let them know your deep appreciation for all of their efforts. It is fantastic to observe readers of all ages show their love for Torah. Their dedication to Temple of Aaron magnifies we are vibrant, exciting and engaged.

Cantor's Column

The Power of Music

The brain is a powerful thing. We have not been able to duplicate even with artificial intelligence the power and speed of our own mind. It is fascinating that the right side is responsible for certain actions and the left side is responsible for others. When we use our intellect and our ability to reason, we use a certain side. When we listen to music or when emotions come to play, we use the other side. Does anyone know which side is for which?

Music affects our soul, our heart and our emotions. It is a tie to the great depth that we often have no clue of where it is coming from. When I hear certain songs on the radio and listen to the oldies station, it brings me back to a time in my youth. I can remember what grade I was in and what was going on in my life at that particular time. It is probably the same for most of you.

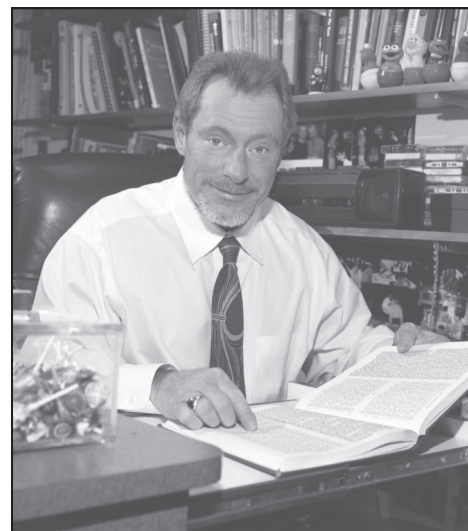
Last Shabbat, I had a congregant comment to me about the emotional power of synagogue music. Besides Shabbat, liturgical music can trigger emotions, both happy and sad, depending on what the circumstance was when it was done. An example would be, when we end the service with a traditional Adon Olam. Many people my age can recall their youth in the temple. *The 23rd Psalm* or *The Lord is My Shepherd* triggers for many a sad time of someone who is passed from our midst.

In the last Aaronion, I gave you an article on composition and my passion for doing it. When composing liturgical music, I, like others, draw on experiences of my youth and also draw upon what has already been written and sung for many years. I am a great proponent of congre-

gation singing. The power and feeling of hundreds of voices is incredible. We all feel that way when we sing during the high holiday services. There is a delicate balance between congregation singing and the solo cantorial art form. Singing a *Ahavat Olam* as a congregation is a powerful experience. When I first came to the temple, this prayer was sung together in the beginning and in the middle Shelly Singer would solo. At the end, the congregation joined and sang together until the end of the prayer. Do you remember it that way? One of the things that I did during my first year was to write a congregational singing line for the middle section and take out the solo part. Many people think we have been doing it this way for 40 years. That is one example of the power of music and congregational singing.

There are many new settings for prayers during the last 25 years. There has been an explosion of compositions and new choral and congregational music for many well-known prayers. *Adon Olam* is one. On Friday night, *L'Kha Dodi* and *V'shamru* have been set to dozens of musical motifs. When people come to the synagogue, they are moved into a world of past, present and future. Trying to figure out our place in the universe is one of the most difficult questions that we must ask ourselves. Music and prayer help transcend all of these as it works through our souls and our hearts. To come to the synagogue is to hear the past while living in the present and getting a glimpse of the future. Our emotions and hearts are truly affected by the great power of this median.

What do you think? I would be interested to hear your opinions on the power of music.



Hazzan Mitchell D. Kowitz
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JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 5 Elyse Park and Mark Ettinger
- 15 Sandra and Steve Edelstein
- 15 Rachel and Michael Lewine
- 20 Wendy and Tim Oskey
- 25 Eileen and Steven Lesk
- 35 Diane and Harvey Levitt
- 35 Janice and Gerald Gould
- 35 Shelley and Al Diamond
- 45 Gail and Gerry Frisch
- 50 Suzanne and Howard Malmon
- 50 Arlene and Richard Cardozo
- 51 Linda and Leonard Schloff
- 51 Isabelle and Gerald Shear
- 51 Sima and Igor Blyakher
- 51 Louise and Jerry Segal
- 51 Zhanneta and Pyotr Cherner
- 51 Sheila and Stuart Kaufman
- 53 Ellen and Senator Rudy Boschwitz
- 54 Libby and Joe Rosenzweig
- 55 Phyllis and Sanford Brody
- 55 Mimi and Len Nachman
- 56 Judy and Stan Starkman
- 56 Norene and Everett Karon
- 57 Connie and Harry Katz
- 58 Helene and Hillard Ward
- 59 Eleanor and Arnold Lapinsky
- 60 Bev and Sherm Kaminsky
- 60 Charlotte and Edward Nusbaum
- 60 Sylvia and Arnold Goldman
- 61 Gloria and Harold Daniels
- 63 Eileen and Joe Garelick
- 67 Mary and David Raskin
- 70 Nellie and Ruben Zamansky

Security Option For All Members

The tragedy at the Los Angeles JCC several years ago motivated Temple of Aaron and many other institutions to raise their level of security. We contacted some security experts and they toured our building and reviewed actual hours of typical use. They suggested we add off-duty police officers at the High Holydays and during each weekend school session. Experts further advised us to balance needed security with the realities of risk and available budget. Each member will again have an opportunity to support our security effort with an annual donation. We will place a suggested donation on your July 2009 statement. We appreciate your previous generosity and hope we can rely on you in 2009 as we finalize preparations for the High Holydays.

Department of Youth Services



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REFLECTIONS ON 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR . . .

Some highlights come to mind: shofar making, the matzah factory, model sederim for Pesach, Tu B'Shevat sederim, challah and hamantashen baking, learning how to put on t'fillin, making mezzuzot, Yom Ha A'tzmaut festivities were newly organized to include adult interactions, a highlight of the morning was the camel and the pregnant donkey, our entire Primary department visiting Sholom East, students participating on the bimah during Friday evening and Shabbat morning services, early services and dinner, Purim and Simhat Torah festivities, Purim pageant, Hanukkah party, Special Persons Day, Israeli dancing, special High Holiday programming, Pancake breakfast, Shabbatonim, numerous visits to Sholom East, Dr. Phil Kibort speaking with Confirmation about Medical Ethics, Paul Applebaum speaking about ethics and the legal system and Dan Saltzman speaking about ethics in medicineit's been a year of classroom enhancements, rewarding and exciting. We look forward to another challenging, rewarding and solid school year.

WHAT DO WE DO DURING THE SUMMER?

So many people have asked if we work during the summer months since our education (both formal and informal) programming is on "hiatus" until late August. Some even think that we have the summer off, and are surprised to learn that we do not.

We are, in fact, hard at work... planning for the coming school year. Planning new curriculum for grades 7-10, meeting with teachers, interviewing student assistants and Shabbat tutors, planning activities and dates with Sholom Home and Living Legacy, planning High Holiday activities, USY, Kadima and B're Sheet dates to name just a few things!

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE

We wish all of our kids a fun-filled and safe summer! We know many of our kids will be attending Camp Butwin, Camp Chi, Herzl, Ramah, as well as USY pilgrimage. Special thanks to our hard-working scholarship committee chaired by Dr. Paul Schanfield. Members include: Mary Andler, Susie Andler, Larry Solomon, Roz Segal, Howard Bell, Terry Zien, Paula Schrabner.



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DR. JEFFREY WEINGARTEN MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS



Macy Alexander



Brandon Krisko



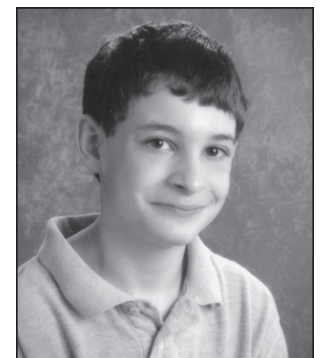
Jamie Oskey

This year's awardees are:

- 5th grade: Macy Alexander
- 6th grade: Brandon Krisko
- 7th grade: Jamie Oskey
- 8th grade: Bailey Alexander
- 9th grade: William Zien



Bailey Alexander



William Zien

REMINDER: THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE DO SO IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO!

נחמו נחמו עמי

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

Hannon (Hannk) Walter
Melvin Shear

Networking Group Informational Meeting –

June 11, 2009 at 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come to the informational meeting to learn about the Jewish Professionals' Networking Group. Open to those between the ages of 30 and 50, the purpose of the group is to introduce Jewish business people and entrepreneurs to one another with the goal of creating leads and referrals to help grow your business. The group will meet once a month at the Temple of Aaron at a time and date to be determined at the informational meeting. For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Norman I. Taple, Esq. of Gurstel, Staloch & Chargo, P.A. at 612-710-5804.

תודה רבה

... to Delia Sevak, Helen Smith, Betty Agranoff for labeling 1,200 May Aaronions.

... to Nina Haugen for agreeing to co-sponsor with Sisterhood the June 20 Saturday morning kiddush.

... to Bea Rothweiler and Neil Derechin for making a donation to our tuition assistance fund in honor of their daughter Helen's May bat mitzvah.

... to Shelley Peilen for inviting the entire congregation in attendance for a Shabbat extended kiddush lunch in May to celebrate the bnai mitzvah of her twins Bree and Luke.

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

April 2009 Nisan-Iyar 5769

Agranoff, Betty & family	Gordon, Frank & Cookie	Orloff, Arnold
Bader, Max	Grosby, Evelyn	Paster, Celia
Becker, Elly Marks	Grunbaum, Eleanor	Paster, Edward & Jacki
Binkin, Vladimir	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Patterson, Esther
Brody, Edwin & Beth	Kaplan, Bernard	Pfleiderer, Bill & Adrienne
Brown, Rita	Kaplan, Esther & Reuben	Phillips, Jan & Janet
Burnstein, Andrea & Brad	Kaplan, Rick & Jane	Rakhil, Solodkina
Burnstein, Gilman	Katkov, Robert	Rein, Myndel
Butwin, Rita	Klein, Mr. & Mrs. Gary	Rosenthal, Goldie & Sam
Cahn, Rabbi Leonard & Elizabeth	Kushnir, Rozaliya	Rubenstein, Ada
Calmenson, Beverly & Cal	Levine, Allen	Rutzick, Sandy
Cherner, Zhanneta	Levitt, Bea & Arthur	Segal, Jerome & Louise
Dudovitz, Sophie	Leyderman, Roman	Sevak, Delia & family
Edelstein, Rebecca	Linder, Harry	Shneur, Revekka
Fireston, Edward	Lovich, Robert & Recie	Siegler, Merna & Sylvan
Fridman, Alla & Vladimir	Mack, Ellen	Simon, Yetta
Garbuz, Khaye	Marofsky, Edith	Skadron, Stan & Nancy
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Mastbaum, Millie	Smith, Edith
Gleekel, Al & Barbara	Miller, Miriam	Smith, Ethel & Norman
Godes, Barb & Steve	Nemer, Helen	Steinman, Elaine & Stuart
Goldman, Barry & Darlene	Novick, Harvey & Bonnie	Straus, Stanley
Goldman, Irene	Nusbaum, Ed & Charlotte	Tilsen, Robert
	Orenstein, Sally	

Temple Joins New Team

The Temple of Aaron is excited to participate in the newly formed consortium of Twin Cities Conservative synagogues. The first event, *Not Your Zayde's Seder Anymore*, was held on Monday, March 23, 2009 with nearly two hundred people in attendance. Temple of Aaron was well represented and one person commented on how difficult it was to choose between workshops because they wanted to attend them all. A total of six workshops were offered ranging from textual studies, to music and cooking. The evening closed with a Round Table discussion on "How to Make a Great Seder" led by local Rabbis including our very own Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein. Afterward everyone browsed for Judaica – set up by Elijah's Cup, Brochins and Fishmans. The next event will take place in St. Paul, information and details coming soon.

Lost Item

A member lost a collectible sterling silver and turquoise earring at the Matzah Brei lunch. It has great sentimental value. REWARD. Please contact Ken at the Office 651-698-8874 ext 106.

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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Sisterhood News

Building Fund Cards - These cards for all occasions are available year-round and are only a phone call away. Don't have time to run out and pick up a card for a birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, simcha, sympathy, anniversary, etc.? Forgot to get to the post office for stamps? Call Janet Gordon (651-698-8809) or Sis Goren (651-686-0425) from the comfort of your own home and your special card will be in the mail in a timely manner. Support Temple of Aaron by using these cards for every occasion. Feel free to call Janet or Sis with any questions.

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Sisterhood Book Club will be meeting this summer and the booklist will be available in the near future. This group meets the third Sunday of the month at The Highland Café and Bakery in Highland Park at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing *Open Doors* by Gloria Goldreich on June 21. For more information, call Teddy Gerr (651-405-6658) or Anna Specktor (651-454-4612).

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Tour The New Shaller Family Sholom East Campus!! This new facility opened its doors on February 24th of this year. If anyone is interested in touring this lovely new facility during the upcoming summer, call Marcia Taple (651-688-3030).

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Rosh Hashanah Fundraiser - Wish your Temple of Aaron family a Happy and Sweet New Year in this fall's Aaronion for only \$10. It's a great way to start the new year by giving to others. Watch for more info to come.

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Attention: New Sisterhood Gift Shop hours for June and the 20% off sale has been extended to the end of June!! Sundays 9-11:30; Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and special appointments can always be made by calling Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030.

Women's Voices in Synagogue Choirs

Adat Shalom Synagogue in Detroit, where I grew up in the 1950s and '60s, did not allow women to sing in its choir, which only performed on the high holydays, so I was thrilled to join the Temple of Aaron Choir in St. Paul, Minnesota, when I moved here in 1984. While I now have considerable tenure in the choir, I still cannot hold a candle to several of my colleagues, now in their 80s who started singing there as teenagers. We are happy to have several intergenerational family pairs singing regularly; for a while, there were three generations of the Schwartz family in the choir loft!

I often think that synagogue leadership doesn't truly understand or appreciate the dedication of their choir members. How many other members of the congregation are at the synagogue twice a week (when the choir sings weekly) or even twice a month, other than choir members, who must rehearse and then perform at services? Even when we are just sitting in the congregation, we know the service and the tunes and spread the strength of our voices throughout the sanctuary.

Still, it is very difficult to recruit new members to the choir. Many Conservative congregations, like Adat Shalom, do not have a strong tradition of choral singing. Rightly or wrongly, many people who have sung in high-school or college choirs do not think of Jewish liturgical music as being exciting or challenging. Making a commitment to be at synagogue services to sing when there are so many other interesting musical experiences in the community is a tough choice. But for me, it was a good one, and I'm glad that the Temple of Aaron has the egalitarian tradition that allows kol ishah - a woman's voice - to be heard, enjoyed, and validated for so many years.

Doris Rubenstein
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Wednesday 10-1

By Appointment Call:

Marcia Taple, 651-688-3030

Temple of Aaron Celebrates 100 Years and Soaring:

The Centennial Steering Committee (Layne Rosen, Ben & Nicole Gitler, Jon & Becca Kvasnik, Marilyn Smith, and Executive Committee liaison Sally Lorberbaum) is thrilled with the progress being made by the programming committees.

Launch Event:

September 20, 2009

Community Service Day:

November 15, 2009

Game Night:

January 30, 2010

Festival:

May 2, 2010

Time Capsule:

October 10, 2010

*Interactive Display &
Golf Tourney in the works.*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY TO
SUCCESS - CONTACT OFFICE**

B'nai Mitzvah

Laura Jopp, daughter of **Deborah and Kenneth Jopp**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 5 & 6, 2009.

Laura is in 7th grade at Highland Park Jr. High in St. Paul. At school, she participates in volleyball and National Junior Honor Society, and qualified for the National History Day state finals this year. She also enjoys drawing, listening to music, cooking, being outdoors, and hanging out with friends. Laura is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Laura has designated the Abraham and Edith Berman Summer Scholarship Fund for her tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat refreshments will be sponsored by Laura's grandparents, **Lydia and Willi Jopp**; Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Laura's parents, **Deborah and Ken Jopp**.



Laura Jopp



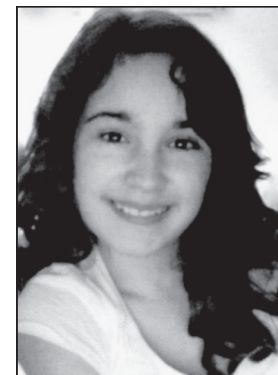
Benjamin Golden

Benjamin Alexander Golden, son of **Barbara Golden and Jeffrey Golden**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 12 & 13, 2009.

Ben is in 7th grade at Talmud Torah of St. Paul. At school he participates in school musicals, volleyball, and basketball. He also enjoys reading, listening to music, biking, playing with his pet dog Rodéo, and talking with friends.

Ben is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Ben has designated Canine Castaways for his tzedaka contribution. Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Ben's mother, **Barbara Golden**, and his father, **Jeffrey Golden**.



Faye Golden

Faye Golden, daughter of **Barbara Golden and Jeffrey Golden**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 12 & 13, 2009.

Faye is in 7th grade at Friendly Hills Middle School. At school she participates in choir. She also enjoys tap dance, biking, hiking, walking her dog Rodéo, and ice skating.

Faye is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Faye has designated American Cancer Society for her tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Faye's mother, **Barbara Golden**, and her father, **Jeffrey Golden**.



Yasha Hoffman

Yasha Max Hoffman, son of **Dr. Julia and Marshall Hoffman** of Morris, Minn., will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah (Mincha) on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Yasha is in 7th grade at Morris Area High School, where he participates in cross country, Knowledge Bowl, choir, art club, speech club, jazz band and plays French horn in the school band. He also plays piano, soccer, computer games, and was in a school musical this winter. He is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Yasha has designated the Sam and Sue Hoffman Senior Services Fund at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center for his tzedakah contribution.



Rachel Burbul

Rachel Burbul, daughter of **Jason and Eden Burbul**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 26 & 27, 2009.

Rachel is in 7th grade at Skyview Middle School. At school she participates in student council, basketball, track, choir, and school play. She also enjoys hanging out with friends.

Rachel is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Rachel has designated Relay for Life for her tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Rachel's parents, **Jason and Eden Burbul** and her extended family.

Temple of Aaron Veterans Honored

Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein conducted Memorial Day Services on Monday May 25, 2009 at 11:00 am at Temple of Aaron's Cemetery in Roseville as we honored the memory of our loved ones who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Volunteer Irv Rosenblum (651-698-2919) coordinated supplying names including those of loved ones buried at a different cemetery, but whose family member attended the Temple of Aaron service.

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Harvey Aaron
Gerald Abrahamson
Maynard Abrahamson
Joseph Abramowitz
Sam Ackos
Joseph Adelman
Sidney Adelman
Harry Agranoff
Leo Agranoff
Morris Alt
Robert Alch
Berthod Aldes
John Alpern
Bette Austrian
Jerome Averbach
Jerome Axelrod

George Devitt
Jacob Dim
Albert Dorshow
Ben Dorshow
Joseph Dudovitz

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Henry R. Edelstein
Irving Edelstein
Jack Edelstein
Kermit Edelston
Albert Effress
Shalby Ellis
Louis Epstein
George Esrig
Samuel Ettinger

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Hershel Feldman
Harold Field
William Fields
William Fine
Daniel Fink
**Ernest Fink
Herman Fink
Louis Finkelstein
Sam Fisher
Harry Foldman
Mark Frankel
Arthur Freeman
Earl Freeman

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Saul Garelick
Ronald Geller
Howard Geller
Maurice R. Geller
Nathan Geller
Nathan Gellman
Irving Gerr
Sidney Gershcov
Joseph Getsow
Leslie Ginsberg
David Glickson
S. Goff

Albert Goffstein
Solen Goffstein
Daniel Goldblatt
Milton Goldberg
William Goldberg
Hyme Goldfus
Harry Goldman
Sherwin Goldman
Harold Goldish
Harry Goldman
Herman Goldstein
S. Goldstein
Alex Goloven
Arnold Goodman
David Goodman
Mayer Goodman
Theodore Goodman
Albert Gordon
Frances Gordon
Louis Gordon
Samuel A. Gordon
Sidney Gordon
Solomon Gottfried
**Sam Gottlieb

Jack Gottlieb
Israel Gottlieb
James Gottlieb

William Greenberg
Harold H. Gurstelle

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Israel Hackner
Joseph Hafter
Albert Hafter
Albert Halper
Lester Halper
Norman Halper
Jack Hartman
Samuel Hartman
Louis Haven
Lloyd Hertz
Myron Hertz
Mervin Hites
Joseph Hoffman
Jacob Horne
Lester Horne
Godfrey Horowitz



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Irving Johnson
Louis Johnson
Nathan Johnson

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Einar Kaitz
Sam Kane
Stanley P. Kane
Ernest Kaplan
Jack Kaplan
Joseph Kaplan
Abraham Kapplin
Harry Karasov
Irvine Karon
Cy Kaster
Philip Katz
Mayer Kaufman
Myron Kaufman
Perry Kieffer
Shelvin Kieffer
Sherman Kieffer
Israel Krawetz
Melvin Kreiman
Henry Kristal

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**Melvin Labovitch
Meyer Lande

Fred Lang
Leonard Lavin
Harold A. Lee
Calvin Lerman
Morton Levenson
Sonia Levenson
Joseph Levine
R. Levitt
Max Levy
Yale Libman
Charles Liebson
**Leon Linden
Louis Lipshultz
Theodore Lotterman
Henry Lovich
Al Lovick
Jess Lowenthal
Rudolph Lund
David Lynn
Merle Lyons

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Norman Mack
Jacob Makiesky
Louis Makiesky
Nathan Makiesky
Sidney Makiesky
Irving Malmon
Joseph Malmon
Simon Margoles
Samuel Marks
Harry Markus
Sherman Marrinson
Sol Mastbaum
Joseph Mendelsohn
Moe Mendelsohn
A.S. Miller
Donald Miller
Samuel R. Miller
Zondal Miller
Jerry Mogol
James Moore
Milton Moore
Morris Munic

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Max Naiman
Meyer Nemer
Val Nemer
**Alan Nilva

**Jake Nilva
Harold Nolan

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Sol Oleisky
Hershel Orenstein
Joseph Orenstein
Royal C. Orren

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Warren Patterson
Jerome Pearl
Nathan Perlman
Stanley Perlman
**David Pielen
Harry Plotke
Sol Pogoriler
Morris Prawer

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Morris Radow
Stanley Raskin
David Ratner
Phil Ravitzky
**Irving Rein
Arnold Resnick
Herschel Rifkin
Stanley Rikess
Alfred Rischall
Ben Robins
Russell Robinson
Isadore Rosen
Meyer Rosen
Seymour Rosen
William Rosen
Harold Rosenberg
Murray Rosenberg
Aaron Rosenblum
Harry Rosenthal
Ben Rossman
Joseph Rovitsky
Arnold Rubenstein
**Bernard Rubenstein
Sigmund Rubenstein
Phil Rutchick
Joseph Ryder

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William Schachtman
Stephen Schiffer
Marvin Schloff
Harry Schumeister
Melvin Schumeister
Edward Schwartz
Philip Schwartz
Eugene Schway
Robert Schway
Isadore Segal
James Segal
Harry Shaller
Saul Shark
Gordon Shapiro
Maurice Shapiro
Sidney Shapiro
Harold Shear
Howard Shear
Louis Sher
Maurice Sher
Clarence Siegel
Louis Siegel
Howard Silverman
Joseph Silverman
Howard S. Silver

Julius Silvers
Louis Silverstein
Albert Simon
Milton Simon
Morris Simon
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Benjamin J. Singer
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David Singer
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Reuben Unowsky
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James Ward
Cecil Warren
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Saul Weinberg
Benjamin Weiner
Edward Weinstein
Abe Weisberg
Morse Weisgurt
Jack Weitzman
Joseph Weitzman
Richard Wine
Samuel Winnick
Neil Winston
Louis Wolf

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Edward Zamansky
Max Zamansky

** Note: Interred at another cemetery

Up Close and Personal with Janet Gordon

On Friday evening, June 5, if all goes according to plan, Janet Gordon will finally be presented with the Ner Tamid trophy by Dave Rosner and Marcia Taple. The trophy has had her name on it since February, safely waiting for her in the Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein's office for far too long. In preparation for that evening, I had a chance to catch up with Janet and ask her a series of questions in effort to learn more about her thoughts on volunteerism, the Temple of Aaron and other things.

How many years have you been involved at Temple of Aaron?

I have been volunteering at the synagogue for 56 years but I've been involved for many more years than that. While my family was orthodox when I was young, I convinced my father that I wanted to be confirmed. He then began bringing me to Temple of Aaron where I was fortunate enough to be confirmed when I was 16. I've been a member ever since.

What are the various types of things that you have done as a volunteer for Temple of Aaron?

I first began as a volunteer for Sisterhood handling Torah fund donations, which were sent to the Seminary in New York. When Rabbi Raskas began the effort to get the new building erected, he approached me and asked if I would mind changing the effort to a building fund. As he said, "charity begins at home." And while the mortgage on the new building has been paid off for many years, the effort continues.

Every year, Sisterhood presents the Board of Directors a check for thousands of dollars at the annual meeting – results from our building fund service. The money presented is all for the benefit of the synagogue. We run the building fund like a business. We pay for the printing and the postage from the money we receive. We have unique cards for a variety of occasions that we keep in stock. People can call me any time and just tell me whom they want to honor or remember. If I'm not sure where to send the card, I do a bit of research. After doing this for so many years, I now have my sources to find out the correct names and addresses. We make it very easy for people to donate. There is no established charge per card. Twice a year (May and December), Betty Agranoff

sends out notes to people who have called telling them how many cards they have ordered. And then we wait for their generosity, which we so greatly appreciate.

Beyond the building fund, I still remain active in Sisterhood, doing all sorts of things on the phone for them but the building fund cards takes most of the time.

What has been your motivation for staying involved?

There are several different factors that keep me involved. Personally, I truly believe that by giving, I get back far more than I give. I would be lost without my activities at the Temple. I also get such satisfaction from the fact that I can continue to do something useful at my age. I feel that I've been blessed that, despite the arthritis I suffer from in my hands, I still can be of service.

What has been your proudest moment related to your efforts?

I don't know that I can point to any one moment. I believe that my continuing efforts and involvement at the synagogue have influenced my grandchildren to stay involved as Jews – and that means so much to me. Both are in their 20's and remained active through college and beyond.

What is your greatest concern for the future of Temple of Aaron?

I'm concerned that not enough people will care enough to help. I just feel that the synagogue is a place that is so important to so many people – and will be important to many more who may not even realize it at this point. We must find a way to survive.

Is there any particular advice you would want to offer to people looking to get involved?

I'm hoping that people understand that with membership comes both privileges and responsibilities. Synagogues are important year-round, not just for three days a year. Or me, I've always felt of Temple of Aaron as my second home. It gives me identity and purpose, as well as tremendous satisfaction. These are things we all need in our lives. People need to understand the importance of volunteering, both for themselves as well as the institutions that need help.

— Submitted by Dave Rosner
Chairperson, Keruv Committee

Norgard Earns Golden Kepah

Dylan Norgard is a 9th grade student at St. Croix Falls High School. He is active in band, choir and Students Offering Support – a peer mentor group. Dylan's

main hobby is flying and traveling; he hopes to be a pilot someday. Dylan is the son of Sheri and Charly Norgard and brother of Daniel. He is the Grandson of Mary and Duane Norgard, St. Croix Falls, and Brenda and Tony Straus, Boca Raton Florida.



Troutner Earns Golden Kepah

Terry Troutner did his first Torah reading as part of Temple of Aaron's adult b'nai mitzvah group in December 2007. Since then he has read on Purim, Pass-

over, Simchat Torah, and Shavuot as well as on Shabbat and weekdays. Terry has taught college computer programming and computer networking classes for the last several years. He enjoys reading, listening to classical music, and walking his three dogs. Terry currently lives in south Minneapolis and will be making aliyah to Israel this summer.



Centennial Celebration: LOOKING FOR OLD PHOTOS

Temple of Aaron's Centennial Exhibit Committee is searching for photos or other visuals, particularly from the Ashland Ave. period (1910-1952) that portray the following activities: youth involvement, Women's League, Men's Club, synagogue founders, rabbis, and cantors, prayer services, study groups of any age, and synagogue outreach. Dig through your scrapbooks and dust off your albums. We know how precious old visuals are. We will scan and immediately return your originals. Please help us in this search. Contact Linda Passon-McNally at 651-699-8624 or Linda Schloff at 651-690-2113.



Social Justice

The idea of helping your neighbor is an common theme in almost all religions. As is typical for Jewish thought, our tradition goes into great detail about how this compassion is to practiced. The 12th Century philosopher/physician Maimonides created an entire hierarchy of how we should help others. The lowest levels involve giving indirectly, and often begrudgingly. As we move up the ladder, we see a focus on preserving the self respect of the recipient. The highest level is one which “strengthens the hand of a fellow Jew.” This involves giving the resources (both money and skills) to allow the person to become self sufficient. Teaching them to fish, if you will, rather than just giving them a fish. The power of Maimonides’ formulation is that it gives us practical guidance. It reminds us that each of us can do something, while pushing each of us to ever increasing levels of helping one another.

— Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein



Brush with Kindness: This year, due to the economic downturn and the absence of a local new Habitat for Humanity construction project, Interfaith Builders is joining HFH’s “Brush with Kindness Program” in the Twin Cities area. This program focuses on renovating and repairing dwellings owned by the elderly or disabled who can no longer keep up with repairs needed to maintain their homes, but who desperately want to stay independent.

A house and its grounds usually take a week to complete and require less building experience and stamina than new construction, allowing more members to enjoy volunteering in our community.

- Contact Sue Flynn at suellenflynn1@comcast.net or 651-683-0706 to assist in repairing, painting, lawn care, etc. from **July 13th – July 31st.**
- Volunteer to deliver Kosher meals at lunchtime.
- Cook to feed our hungry crews.
- There is a job for everyone from ages 14 on up - **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**
- 15-17 volunteers needed each day to perform minor repairs at three-four different sites.

If 50 or more volunteers sign on, a member of the Temple of Aaron will contribute \$500 to help us meet our annual goal of \$2000.

PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING – The Temple of Aaron Social Justice Committee recently sent the following letter to Councilmember Pat Harris to reiterate its commitment towards securing affordable housing in Highland and St. Paul:

Dear Councilman Harris:

The shortage of affordable housing in St. Paul, particularly in the Highland community, has been of great concern to the Social Action Committee of the Temple of Aaron. You have graciously spoken to our congregation about this issue. The Congregation has used its building to provide temporary housing for homeless families, provided volunteers for similar church based programs in Highland, built Habitat for Humanity homes and worked with tenant groups in several subsidized housing projects in St. Paul.

We were very excited to learn about Project for Pride in Living’s (PPL) proposal to build a 44 unit affordable apartment building near the intersection of W. 7th Street and Springfield in Highland. The property will house low to moderate income families and includes 10 units of permanent supportive housing which the city desperately needs. Supportive services will be provided by PPL’s Self-sufficiency Program staff. Several members of the Social Action Committee publicly expressed support for the proposal at the Highland Development Committee Meetings.

This proposal meets all the criteria under St. Paul’s Housing Plan and the plan developed by the Metropolitan council. Furthermore, PPL has considerable experience in building and managing affordable multifamily properties throughout the twin cities.

As a congregation, we strongly urge you to support this proposal. Please let us know how our congregation can work together with you to make sure this project is approved.

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

June 2009
Sivan-Tammuz 5769

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	2 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	3 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Grief Group	4 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study	5 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service Laura Jopp's Bat Mitzvah Janet Gordon "Ner Tamid" Candlelighting 8:36 pm	6 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service Laura Jopp's Bat Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan
7 9 am Service 10:30 am Hebrew Class 6 pm Service	8 7:30 am Minyan Office Closed 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	9 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 7 pm Bldg. Closes	10 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service	11 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Service 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Study	12 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service -ESL Faye & Ben Golden's Bnai Mitzvah Candlelighting 8:41 pm	13 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service Faye & Ben Golden's Bnai Mitzvah 6 pm Minyan
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For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website at
www.templeofaaron.org

Membership Committee Spotlight on ...

Hi, my name is Betty Agranoff. I have been a member at the Temple of Aaron for 55 years. I taught 5th grade at the old building that was located at Holly & Grotto in the 40's while Ben Freeman was president. I was married at the Temple of Aaron on August 21, 1949. I was on the sisterhood board as a treasurer when Re Zidel was president. I was a young bride at the time and was accepted with open arms by Mimi Marvy, Sylvia Bisnow, Jessie Swaden and Laeh Raskas. I started singing in the Temple choir with Cantor Nosowsky. I was an active participant when we hosted regional conferences here. I was also a member of the Melody Minyon directed by Edith Goldish. Rabbi Raskas asked her to put 5 men & 5 women together to perform at the Synagogue. We sang music from the Broadway shows, Yiddish songs etc. We ended up performing at the Twin City Synagogues for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, various company meetings and even performed in Duluth. At this time in my life I still sing in the choir and I am on the Temple board, sisterhood board, treasurer of bldg fund raising money for the daily expenses to operate the Temple. I am currently serving on the ritual and kitchen committees. Also, I have helped with interfaith concerts at churches and synagogues on Erev Thanksgiving. I have three grand-daughters Ronit,



**Betty Agranoff and
grandchildren**

Samantha & Jessica whom I love very much. My three children Debbie, Ken and Mark all went to Sunday school and celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs at the Temple of Aaron. My daughter-in-law Tracey leads the synagogue art program. I worked on the very successful Jubilee year master-minded by Rabbi Raskas. I look forward to working with our newly appointed Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and Cantor Kowitz. They are a great combination and asset to our Temple.

HAZAK Features Minnesota Centennial Showboat & Como Park Concert/Picnic

We had so much fun last year, let's do it again! This year's show is called "Is There a Doctor in the House?" by Moliere. It is a wild romp through France in a comedy of misdirection, mistaken identity, and misdiagnosis, that is sure to leave you in stitches whether you need them or not!

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 P.M.
Directions will be provided upon RSVP.
Cost: \$20.00 for senior group rate.
RSVP: By June 14th with your check made out to: Margie Schneider, 1837 Eleanor, St. Paul, MN 55116. (I need to write one check for everybody)
Questions or if you need a ride: 651-698-4358

Concert & Picnic — Como Park

Date: Sunday, August 16, at 3:00 P.M.
Location: Como Lakeside Pavilion

We will listen to the Como Pops Ensemble, then picnic afterwards. Bring your own food with a dessert to share.

RSVP: By phone to Margie Schneider, 651-698-4358, by Friday, August 24th. Please also indicate if you will need a ride.

Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd, Temple of Aaron Smith Library, 7:00 P.M.

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