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**Election of Officers
May 7th
7:00 p.m.**

**Beginning May 2nd
Friday evening services
will start at
8:00 p.m. for the
duration of the
summer.**

**JEWISH HERITAGE
NIGHT
May 22nd
Iron Pigs Baseball
see p. 7
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COUNTDOWN TO ECTASY

by Rabbi Baruch Binyamin Hakohen Melman



We are firmly in the season of counting. Some are counting days until their birthdays. Some are counting the years of their anniversaries. Many marriages and hence anniversaries take place in June. In fact, the anniversary of the marriage between God and the Jewish people is the 6th of Sivan, which usually falls out in early June.

Something truly remarkable happened at Sinai. A small nation, recently liberated from generations of bondage and suffering in Egypt, gathered at the foot of a tiny mountain in the wilderness to experience the Revelation of God's Divine Words to humanity. This theophany, this revelation of the Divine, was the first time in history that any nation witnessed anything of this nature: the thunder and lightning, the smoke and fire on the mountain, the Word emerging from the midst of the cloud, the utter silence, of even the birds, as the Creator revealed Himself to mortals; not to an individual, but to a people.

God is the Creator of all humanity. The Rainbow sign of the Covenant between God and Noah following the Great Flood gave humankind renewed hope that the world can once more be a place of goodness, justice and mercy, no longer a world necessarily steeped in unremitting violence and vainglory. Indeed, the dove replacing the raven in the flood narrative symbolized the monotheistic ideal of peace finally superseding the polytheistic pagan ideal of "might makes right."

Passover's message was that all people have a right to dignity and freedom. God demonstrated His presence in history, beyond the Deistic notion that God "merely" created the world and then went on permanent holiday. Passover teaches that God indeed is a God of history and providence. Sinai teaches us that true freedom is wedded to responsibility and law. Anarchy breeds nihilism and contempt, notions antithetical to a redeemed world.

Judaism's message is that one day the entire world will know and experience the One God, that one day all the world will know justice wedded to mercy, love wedded to responsibility, and peace wedded to justice. We are called an "am k'shei oref," a stiff-necked people." That is actually our strength. History and logic alone would decree that we should no longer exist as a people. But we are called to bear witness that one day the world shall be redeemed. We remain Jews for the sake of humanity, revealing glimpses of redemption, glimpses of the Light.

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10:30 — 12:00 noon

To talk in person please call me to set up an appointment.

Please provide Barbara with any information that is missing for you in the above grid. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Pesach has ended; dishes are put away for another year; bread is again on our tables. Life is rapidly returning to its normal pace. Yet as I sit in my home writing this message, I am engulfed by wonderful memories of Pesach preparations at Temple Israel. I hear the sounds of laughter and the groans of pain as Dave Rosenberg, Tony Stefano and I cleaned the synagogue and its kitchen. I see the look of pride and joy on our Rabbi's face as he poured the boiling water on all of the counter space and formally kashered the kitchen. I remember the delight which Dave and I felt when we opened and unpacked boxes of dishes donated so many years ago by Art Jolley, one of our most loved members and Past Presidents. And I must admit that I can almost smell the fragrant odors of chicken soup, roasting turkeys, baking tzimmes and matzo farfel kugels.

Memories of our Second Seder fill my heart with happiness: Seder guests smiling with delight as they saw our holiday tables, replete with china, glassware, flowers and new colorful Haggadot; Merle Turitz leading us in candle lighting; Rabbi Melman conducting the Seder with the responsive participation of adults and children alike; Evan and Maura Baer, two of our Hebrew School children, reciting the Four Questions, encouraged by their Mom Rebecca; members and guests rushing into the kitchen to help us serve; sounds of happy conversation resounding in our dining room during dinner and finally joyous voices singing the closing Seder songs.

Second Seder was so very important to me. I wanted it to be a success for many reasons: to give Temple Israel members, their families and friends the opportunity to celebrate Pesach together; to open our doors to anyone in search of a Seder and to welcome him for a few hours into our Temple Israel family; to prove to our members that we still have a future together as a Kehila; and to renew our spirit and our faith in our viability.

I truly believe that Second Seder was a success. And for that I have many people to thank: Rabbi Melman who allowed me to follow my dreams and intuition; members of Temple Israel who attended and brought their families and friends; guests from the "outside" world who came to us to celebrate; Marlyn Clarke, Mitchell Marcus, Irena Marcus, Shelly Farber, Richard Adelson and Bernie Driller who helped prepare and serve; my friends Barbara Rosenberg for her marvelous kugels and Lois LaBarca for her tasty tzimmes; my friend of many years Tony Stefano for weeks of arduous cleaning before, during and after Seder and for his cooking and carving of the turkeys; and our kind Cesar Coley for cutting vegetables and cleaning turkeys and standing long hours with Tony to wash and dry dishes.

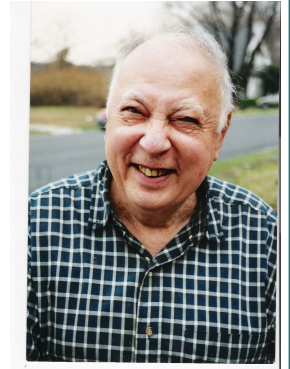
I have one final thank you to give - to my friend, colleague and sidekick Dave Rosenberg without whose friendship, support and help I would never have been able to bring this Second Seder to fruition.

May we continue to celebrate together.

Dr. Sandra Alfonsi



The Normal Mystics
By Norman Gelber



The rabbis who wrote the Talmud have been described as “normal mystics.” The normal mystic is described as God-intoxicated, so drunk with his nearness to God that he sees the divine presence in everyday life: a beautiful sight in nature, a storm, a rainbow, birth, and growth. He perceives the created universe, with all its various forms of life, as the work of a divine Artist. And he interprets righteous behavior as a human aspect of divine art. Rabbi Akiba said to his disciples: “Just as the existence of a house testifies to the builder, the garment to the weaver, and the door to a carpenter, so does the world testify to the Holy One, blessed be He, who created it.”

Normal mysticism is implicit in the words of the Psalmist: “The heavens declare the glory of God,” which means that the stars, the planets, the sun, and the moon provide silent testimony to God as their Creator. Though the story of Purim doesn’t mention God, yet the miraculous deliverance of the Persian Jews from Haman’s intention to destroy them reveals God’s protective care.

In ancient Egypt, Joseph, who was the victim of his brothers’ envy and hostility, reassured them that they need not fear his vengeance because God had directed the scenario: “Now do not blame yourselves or be angry that you sold me here - for God sent me to save lives.” The unseen but protective role of God in the survival of the state of Israel also supports the beliefs of the normal mystics. Despite the many wars that the Arab nations, with superior numbers, have launched against Israel, that small nation had survived. It’s no coincidence that when Israel needed the reinforcement of more Jews to counterbalance the increasing Palestinian population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, several thousands of Soviet Jews immigrated to Israel. Their timely arrival enriched Israel with a wave of engineers, teachers, doctors, and scientists who also strengthened Israel’s military position. We usually think of mystics as strange people who profess to have hallucinations or visions of God, heaven, and the angels, according to many incidences in the Bible.

In Exodus (29:9-10) such a mystical vision is described: “Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet the like of a paved work of sapphire stone, and the like of the the very heaven for clearness.”

But those who believe that the Lord “works in mysterious ways,” those who see in nature and in human life ample evidence of God’s handiwork, and those who discern in historical events His influence are, after all, normal mystics. And I guess that includes most of us.

Thank you all for your participation in the 2nd Seder and for all your helping hands, they were certainly appreciated.

May is starting out with 2 Kiddush Luncheons -- Barry Tremper’s Birthday on May 3rd and Michael Newman on the 10th.

Bernie and I are off on a much needed vacation May 4th through 10th which is Mother’s Day and hope to return refreshed.

Temple Kitchen
 Lois LaBarca,
 Chairperson

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday	May 6	4:45 — 6:45
Tuesday	May 13	4:45 — 6:45
Saturday	May 17	Family Service 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	May 20	4:45 — 6:45
Tuesday	May 27	4:45 — 6:45
Friday	May 30	Family Service 8:00 p.m.

The Hebrew School of Temple Israel

*Rabbi Baruch Melman, Principal
Mrs. Debbie Smith, Administrator*

With a beautiful and meaningful Passover behind us, we now look forward to Shavuot, counting each day of the sefirah, linking the idea of Freedom to the Giving of the Law. Freedom without law is anarchy. Freedom with the rule of law is justice.

Family service dates for May are Shabbat morning, May 17, and Friday evening, May 30. Mark your calendars!

To make up for the multiple snow days this winter we have decided to extend the school year into June.

On May 6 we will be observing Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. And on May 27 we will be observing Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day.

On Wednesday, May 14, the Family Education Hebrew Reading Classes for parents and children resumes. Many parents and children have really improved their Hebrew reading fluency in just a few sessions. It is open to all students and their families. Just a few sessions left. Don't miss out!

The community is invited to join the Hebrew School for its annual Lag Ba'Omer Picnic and Kosher BBQ, to be held this year on Tuesday, May 20. Please let the office know in advance so we don't run out of food.

We hope everyone will join us on Thursday, May 22, to watch the Iron Pigs baseball game in Allentown on Jewish Heritage Night. Kosher fare from Muhlenberg University's kosher kitchen is providing the food. Please call the office for details.

We are hoping for a large turnout this year for the Israel Celebration Parade in NYC. Thousands march in the parade and tens of thousands of spectators line the streets cheering them on. We stop by in Teaneck on the way back for a pastrami, a knish, a half sour pickle and a Cel-Ray soda. Not to be missed! There are kosher dairy and kosher pizza options as well. Please call the office asap to register so you don't miss getting a seat on the bus!

Contact Barbara at (570) 894-4537 or barb74@ptd.net



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Jewish Heritage Night



MAY 22ND, 2014
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*A GLATT KOSHER MEAT MEAL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY KASHRUT COMMISSION



ASK THE RABBI Part 2 of 3
by Rabbi Baruch Binyamin Hakohen Melman

Dear Rabbi,

I know America is blessed to be such an evolved, tolerant and pluralistic society, relative to most countries in the world. But it seems that in the weeks leading up to Passover and Easter, especially since the new film "Son of God" came out this month, that missionaries are more aggressive than ever. I feel like I am being targeted wherever I go in public places, and even on the internet. On Facebook, my Jewish friends who live in the south say it's even worse where they live. They dread going out in public. It's really quite annoying, especially at this time of year. What advice can you give me?

- Uncomfortable

continued from April 2014 newsletter...

Even in the world of politics, the Tea Party is one such movement that seeks to tear down the wall of separation between church and state. While the founding fathers were often deists, believing in God and in Biblical values, they recognized the dangers inherent in giving any one religious group any special governmental powers. They saw the carnage wrought in Europe, often as a result of religious intolerance wedded to the abuse of governmental power.

I was even a special guest of the local Tea Party just last night. Local clergy were invited to hear presentations on the history of clergy involvement in colonial and post colonial politics. I was one of the very few clergy who actually came, and I was treated to a very mixed message. On the one hand they love the Jews of the Bible and the idea of a reborn Israel and the blessings and admonitions of Genesis 12:3: "I will bless those who bless you, and those who curse you shall be cursed." Jews of the American Revolution, such as Hayim Solomon and Aaron Lopes were lauded for their magnificent contributions.

On the other hand, for over an hour I was squirming as they called for making America a more Christian country and for tearing down the precious wall between church and state which has been the blessing of this great nation, enabling Jews and those of other minority faiths to flourish and to feel a sense of place in this country, to feel that America is home to all who embrace its values and ideals. While there should be room for God in the public sphere, no one religious group should have special privileges over any other. This is what sets America apart and what makes it unique in the world.

I have no problem with recognizing the many contributions of the Christian founders of this nation, and the role that the Christian faith played in their lives. But at the same time the role of religion in public policy was also very mixed. The founding Puritans who fled religious persecution themselves barred others, Jews and Catholics included, from their lands. They banned the celebration of Christmas for its pagan origins and they accused many of being witches and burned them alive. As many southern ministers were using the Bible to justify slavery as there were northern ministers seeking to abolish it.

I had to point out at the meeting that it was precisely the religiously tolerant and pluralistic atmosphere endorsed by those like Roger Williams of Providence Plantations to allow the Jews of Newport to flourish. Loyal Jewish patriots such as Aaron Lopes could therefore feel a sense of hope in the American cause of freedom, that it would come to be a beacon of liberty, freedom and justice for all.

As for responding to missionaries, let me first say that most Christians in this country are wonderful people who live the teachings of their faith with great passion and conviction. Unfortunately, some of that passion and conviction calls for bringing the message and teachings of their faith to all people on the planet, and especially to the Jews. On the other end of the spectrum, the Islamic world is similar, in that they seek to create a world that embraces the teachings of Islam. They are all driven by a sense of messianic zeal, that the God they worship, of whatever name, demands universal conformity to their specific religion as the world will one day be judged on the Day of Judgment.

End of part 2. To be continued in the June 2014 newsletter...

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**Elections will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Please attend to cast your vote and show your support
for the officers for the coming year.**

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**Dolores Cohen
Leni Eisemann in honor of her 91st birthday
Aloysuis Murgatroud
Art Glantz in honor of Hilda Brown's 90th birthday, 4/9/14**

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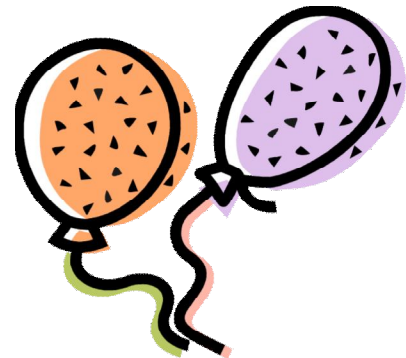
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Mark Entenberg
Esther Graves
Leigh Stelzer**

May Anniversaries	
May 04	Jeffrey & Robin Bair
May 21	Radcliffe & Sara McGowan
May 24	Allan & Carol Sitroon



May Birthdays	
May 01	Art Jolley
May 02	Art Glantz
May 04	Andre McGowan
May 05	Barry Tremper
May 06	Edith Jacobson
May 10	James Crowley
May 17	Pearl Rothman
May 19	Jordan Speicher
May 20	Daniel Harter
May 21	Mariel Rodriguez
May 22	Howard Klein Bill Brown
May 24	Marla Stein
May 26	Mitchell Marcus
May 28	Marion Koshar
May 29	David Rosenberg Jacob Rubin
May 30	Abigail Stein



If you are celebrating a milestone year, whether it be birthday or anniversary, please let me know so others may celebrate with you.

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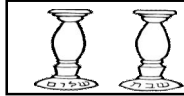


May Yahrzeit List

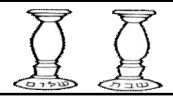


May 3	Iyar 03	William Westheimer
May	Iyar 05	Barbara Gross Simon Goldberg Helen Driller Max Berman
May 6	Iyar 06	Israel Malbin Neil Kevin Finkel Caroline Rosenzweig
May 8	Iyar 08	Anna Rabinowitz Myron Ehrlich
May 9	Iyar 09	Harry Forster Annie Reader Jerry Sugarman
May 10	Iyar 10	Masha Trumpaitzky
May 12	Iyar 12	Frances Forster Sonya Fisher
May 13	Iyar 13	Abraham Lichtenbaum
May 15	Iyar 15	William Brown
May 17	Iyar 17	Beatrice Joseph
May 18	Iyar 18	Murray Abeloff Edward I. Odzer Jacob Bernbaum
May 19	Iyar 19	Rachel Jollowsky
May 20	Iyar 20	Florence Goldstein Leo Feinsilber Julius Reader
May 21	Iyar 21	Philip Goldstein
May 22	Iyar 22	Harry Smulyan
May 23	Iyar 23	Arthur Silverwater
May 24	Iyar 24	Stanley Iskowitz
May 25	Iyar 25	Robert Dean Cohen Sadye Rosenzweig
May 27	Iyar 27	Abraham Userowitz

**Yahrzeit candles are lit the evening
PRIOR to the date listed.**



June Yahrzeit List



June 1	Sivan 03	Amanda Canarte Ann Margolies
June 2	Sivan 04	Sophie Fleischmann
June 3	Sivan 05	Irma Reicher Carl Greenberg
June 4	Sivan 06	Morton Silverman
June 5	Sivan 07	Harry Trumpaitzky Evelyn Hill
June 6	Sivan 08	Tom Breslauer
June 7	Sivan 09	Esther Parish Anna Nadell Lilian August Jerome Freiberg
June 8	Sivan 10	Max Blum Esther Jacobs Rose Goldberg
June 9	Sivan 11	Ludwig Schnog Louis Goldberg
June 10	Sivan 12	Samuel Whitman Joseph Greenberg
June 11	Sivan 13	Elsie Lustgarten
June 12	Sivan 14	Irene Mandel
June 13	Sivan 15	Norman D. Cohen
June 15	Sivan 17	Susan Carol Glass
June 16	Sivan 18	Ida Newman
June 17	Sivan 19	Hilda Garaventi Ethel Silverwater Haiman Greenberg
June 18	Sivan 20	Joseph Farber Charles Taxerman
June 19	Sivan 21	Minnie Dortort
June 24	Sivan 26	Abraham Levine
June	Sivan 27	Richard Alan Goldman Meyer Solomon
June 26	Sivan 28	Jack Joseph
June 28	Sivan 30	Mollie Gelber Irving Shevrin Irving Karpe
June 29	Tammuz 01	Alter Silverman Bessie Yudelson

The Unveiling for

Lester G. Abeloff

will take place on Sunday, June 8th

11:00 a.m.

Laurelwood Cemetery

After the services there will be a light lunch at
Temple Israel of the Poconos.

***ALITI (Adult Learning Institute of Temple Israel)
proudly presents the following updated class
offerings for Spring 2014***

**Tuesday/Thursday mornings 10:40- 11:50 AM
Koffee Klatch Parsha Study Discussion**

We review the weekly parsha and connect it to our lives and seek out its universal messages. Tuesday we read the translation of the complete weekly Torah portion. On Thursday we discuss it with various commentaries. Free to members. Led by Rabbi Melman

**Tuesday evenings 6:45 - 7:30 PM.
Chanting the weekly Maftir and Haftarah**

We read a translation of that week's Haftarah portion in advance, and chant it to practice chanting. When the student is ready the rabbi will assign the student a date to chant the haftarah and make a study tape. Perfect for those who have never chanted a haftarah portion before and would like to learn, and/or for those who never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony when they were younger.

**Wednesday evenings 5:30- 6:00 PM
Yiddish with Bernie!**

Bernie Driller teaches a fun Yiddish class giving useful phrases for every day life. Also features the popular Yiddish Curse of the Week.

**Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 7:00 PM
7 Week Crash Course in Hebrew Reading/ March and April**

Learn to read Hebrew fluently in 7 one-hour sessions. A gift that will last a lifetime! Free to members. Led by Rabbi Melman

After level one there is also a level two and three:

Level two is a 7-week session reviewing the meaning of the Shabbat morning prayers to help you understand what the prayers say in Hebrew. May and June. Free to members. Led by Rabbi Melman

Level three offers a 7- week session reviewing the meaning of the Zemirot - the traditional Shabbat table melodies which add such beauty to the Sabbath meal, as well as the Birkat Hamazon, the Grace After Meals. July/August. Free to members. Led by Rabbi Melman

**Thursday evenings 5:15 - 6:00 PM
Introduction to the Talmud**

We learn and discuss Tractate Kiddushin. Free wheeling discussion. No Hebrew required. Free to members. Led by Rabbi Melman

**Friday mornings 10:30-11:30 AM
Library Reading Hour!**

Come and browse and read in our well-appointed, brightly lit Temple Israel Library. Hundreds of volumes on many topics of Jewish interest. You may sign out books for a two week period. For members only.

MAY 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BEGINNING FRIDAY MAY 2ND: FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL START AT 8:00 p.m.</p>				1	2 Candlelighting: 7:40 p.m.	3 Kiddush- Luncheon sponsored by: Barry & Suzanne Tremper
4 4 Iyar 5	5 Iyar 6	6 Iyar 7 Hebrew School 4:45—6:45	7 Iyar 8	8 Iyar 9	9 Iyar 10 Candlelighting: 7:47 p.m.	10 Iyar 11
11 11 Iyar 12	12 Iyar 13 Hebrew School 4:45—6:45	13 Iyar 14	14 Iyar 15	15 Iyar 16	16 Iyar 17 Candlelighting: 7:54 p.m.	17 Iyar 18 Kiddush- Luncheon sponsored by: Michael Newman
18 18 Iyar 19	19 Iyar 20 Hebrew School 4:45—6:45	20 Iyar 21	21 Iyar 22	22 Iyar 23	23 Iyar 24 Candlelighting: 8:01 p.m.	24 Iyar 25 FAMILY SERVICE
25 25 Iyar 26	26 Iyar 27	27 Iyar 28	28 Iyar 29	29 Iyar 30	30 Iyar 31 Candlelighting: 8:07 p.m.	31 Iyar 1 2 Sivan
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Package includes 4 different salads, veggie platter, fresh fruits of the season, assorted cakes and/or cookies, hot coffee, milk, sweeteners, seltzer/cold beverages.

Each package is priced for 25 people.

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**WE ALL HAVE SIMCHAS AND NACHES IN OUR LIFE
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Give Suzanne Tremper a call at 588-6148 or e-mail her at suebah@ptd.net and let someone know you're thinking of them. For a small contribution to the **Hessed Fund**, Suzanne will send a card wishing a Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Mazel Tov, Get Well or Condolences. A notice will appear in this bulletin, as well. When you call, please leave all the information needed.

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Add a leaf to the Tree of Life to celebrate births, birthdays, marriages, bar and bat mitzvahs, or any other special event for a minimum contribution of \$150. Remember loved ones with a Memorial Plaque at a minimum contribution of \$600 for members, \$850 for non-members. Contact Suzanne Tremper at 588-6148.

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A bookplate can be placed in a Siddur, the weekly prayer book we use every Friday evening and Shabbat morning, or in a machzor, the prayer book which is used on the High Holidays. Remember a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, bnei mitzvah or any other occasion you want to note for a relative or friend. You can also place a dedication in someone's memory. A nameplate with the donor, recipient, and occasion will be inserted. The minimum donation is \$50.



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Do you need a Mi Sheberach Recited?

When you can't make services, but would like a prayer said on behalf of someone important to you, please don't hesitate to call the synagogue and leave a message on the Temple answering machine for Rabbi Melman so that your prayers will be included in our services.

**FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....
we offer you a challenge!**

We need everyone to help with this. Surely you know individuals and families who have no affiliation with a Synagogue. Encourage them to become members of our Temple Israel Family!

**If every family brings in one individual or family,
think of the possibilities!**

At Temple events, be they regular Shabbat Services or a social occasion, introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. You'll make new friends and assist us in enlarging our family.

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