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A LETTER FROM THE RABBI

A 10-Week Countdown



Saint Louis is sweltering. Rosh Hashanah still feels eons away. Yet preparations for the High Holy Days are already in full swing.

Starting July 23, a cycle of Prophetic Readings begins. Three weeks of Admonitions threaten divine punishment for sin; then for the next seven weeks, the Prophets bring messages of Consolation, speaking lovingly of comfort and forgiveness straight through to Rosh Hashanah. In other words, our calendar and our Torah reading cycle are already telling us, subtly but insistently, to begin the hard preparation – spiritual, interpersonal, and congregational – to be ready for the New Year.

So now is a good time to explain why I and a whole lot of members -- the Liturgy & Religious Philosophy Committee (LRP), musicians and singers, Religious School Director Liz Singer, teens who celebrated becoming b'nei mitzvah last year and their

families -- are particularly excited about Rosh Hashanah.

Let's make something clear: Everyone involved in High Holy Day planning, including Gail Armstrong and Egan O'Keefe, is committed to making sure that our High Holy Days serve your spiritual and emotional needs. We're striving to ensure that these High Holy Days look and feel comfortable, familiar and appropriate, honoring our past, living in our present.

Now, we have learned a great deal as a congregation from First Friday and the CelebrateTE series. The time has come to begin implementing key lessons we have learned painstakingly at a great investment of time and resources from these experiences.

First, participation leads to success. The more members have a role to play in a service or event, the greater their ownership over it, and the more likely a truly meaningful religious experience for everyone. This year, from teens who celebrated bar and bat mitzvah in the last year reading Torah, member musicians and singers joining our professionals, and guest readers, expect more lay participation than ever before. Would you like to take part? Just call!

Second, different generations need and

deserve one another. A small congregation such as ours that takes pride in its warmth, inclusion, and intimacy is not well served by estrangement between elder and younger members. TE has a proud tradition to pass along; children learn from what they see. Therefore, we will try to include young people in the main service when we can. To make such a multi-generational service possible, the family service for younger children will take place in Room 1 after the main service begins.

Third, our common Jewish heritage trumps our differences. Temple Emanuel has grown dramatically -- in numbers, in energy and in professionalism. With growth comes greater variation in preferences. Whether language, rituals, or prayer garb, everyone should be able to both find something familiar and something discomfiting. It's everyone's responsibility to be respectful and to express criticism only constructively. Now is the time to share concerns with me, or with an LRP member.

If we are aware of everyone, open to creativity and willing to take a risk here and there... then this fall, our dynamism and vitality will assure us of a bright, bold future indeed.

Happy New Year!

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A Note From Our Office

With the High Holy Days around the corner, be sure to watch your mailbox for a packet of information and forms regarding the High Holy Days. The schedule of services is posted on page 5 so you can mark your calendars accordingly.

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Tribute envelopes for Temple Emanuel can be found on the table in the front foyer at all times. Alternatively, if you would like to have some tribute forms sent to you to keep at home, feel free to call the office. Please remember to fill out all the necessary information on the back of the tribute envelope and write clearly, so we can accurately acknowledge your generous tribute gifts.

If you are interested in sponsoring an oneg or flowers for a Shabbat service, in memory of or in honor of an event or a loved one, please call the office to make special arrangements.

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We always appreciate early notice regarding changes of address — otherwise, the temple is charged an additional fee by the Post Office for sending mail such as the *Emanuscript* to an expired address. Please help us to stay current!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Challenges of Preserving Community



The dog days of August are good days to reflect on our world and how we fit into it. Each one of us follows a road to adulthood and beyond nurtured by the love of family and community and challenged by the expectations of family and community. We are all part of a Temple Emanuel Community. As with a family, that community both nourishes and challenges.

Nurturing is what we focus on when we talk about “Community.” The word makes us feel good and feel wanted, which is the goal of the Temple. The Rabbi works hard to get to know each of you (and your family members). The leadership and Board work hard to make you feel welcome when you enter the premises. The High Holidays that will soon be upon us include a time to share joy and celebrate after Rosh Hashanah services and to grieve and be solemn together on Yom Kippur. Throughout the year, we try to make you feel “at home” and welcome on Friday nights and on Saturday and Sunday mornings. And as we meld our community with the community of Kol Am, we

all try to share the warmth of community – together.

But too little attention is paid to the challenges of preserving a community. While the level of commitment to our community varies widely among members, every member of the community has a responsibility to make some contribution. Many of our members over the past three years made substantial sacrifices for the community we saw threatened by the merger proposal with Temple Israel. What sacrifices our

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friends coming from Kol Am made over many years to maintain their community and now to transition it to ours. Those are not easy sacrifices, and those who have made them deserve the gratitude of the community.

Must one make sacrifices to be part of a community? There are those who may be too old or too sick; there are those who may not be able to afford financial payments requested. There are those who may be too busy elsewhere. At Temple Emanuel we cannot and should not demand sacrifices. We are a community for some intense and for some casual. Since our founding, members have

participated in different ways. Some members have attended Friday night services regularly, always expected and always welcome. Others have never attended a Friday night service. Some members appear every Sunday morning. Others think of Sunday morning as exclusively for Sunday School families. Most of our members will attend a service on the High Holidays while some attend every service. Some attend study classes of various sorts while others do not. Some members give \$5,000 or more each year to Guardian Society while others give much more modest amounts, and others are not able to contribute at all.

Temple Emanuel is a community. It is a community that is inclusive and welcoming. Like the good parent, its offer of belonging is unconditional so long as certain minimum membership requirements are met. Because we are inclusive and welcoming, we are a comfortable community and a nonjudgmental community.

To each of you, on behalf of our Temple, I say we are happy to have you with us. Thanks for being here.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at cal@lowenchas.com.

Charles A. Lowenhaupt

From the Religious School

By Liz Singer

Religious School Director

Growing up, like many young people, I struggled with what my career options were. Even as I was deciding to go to college I was trying to decide between a career in education or striving for the success of Barbra Streisand.

My mother desperately campaigned for me to pursue teaching. In her fervor, as I was deliberating over what direction my college career would take, she constantly reminded me that you work nine months and get paid for twelve. How could you beat that? Who wouldn't want to be a teacher? Much to my mother's dismay, I went with Barbra Streisand. What is the saying? "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." Goodbye Barbra.

It is interesting how through life's pitfalls people always try to comfort the individual in dismay by saying, a better one will come along. Be the "better one" a partner, an opportunity, or more specifically a career, one never believes the comforter.

I find it very interesting how my mother ended up getting her way. However, I do want to say teachers and faithful administrators are NOT off over the summer.

As I mentioned in my previous article, there are a lot of moving parts happening behind the scenes. This includes everything involved in getting

ready for the teachers, getting ready for the students, getting ready for the Religious School Retreat, and getting ready for the High Holidays, etc. But with all of this preparation for the school, there is a certain amount of preparing I need to do for myself. After all, this is my first beginning of the school year at Temple Emanuel as a Religious School Director.

To prepare myself, I have been reading articles about Jewish Education models, I have been speaking to a mentor of mine at the Central Agency of Jewish Education about curriculum, and I will be attending a conference at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC, where I look forward to being ignited and inspired by this nation's leaders in Jewish Education and those that are on the precipice of the innovating of new ways to educate Jewishly. So much has changed since I attended last year; I am representing a different community in a different role.

What all of this change and preparation I have learned about...

1. Wanting to become Barbra Streisand—

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." Epicurus

2. Planning this summer for the upcoming year—

"Success always comes when preparation meets opportunity"—Henry Hartman

3. Forward thinking to future plans and years—

"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."- Gail Devers

I hope you can find similar lessons in your dreams and lessons in the preparation it takes to achieve them.

Upcoming Religious School Events...

Mark your calendars!

First Day of Religious School
September 11, 2011
Breakfast at 9 a.m.
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

All members are welcome to join the TE Religious School Retreat on:

September 24, 2011
RSVP by September 5 to
liz@testl.org or 314.432.5877

TRIP TO ISRAEL — NOVEMBER 6 17, 2011

Join an Ecumenical Tour of Israel led by Rabbi Joseph Rosenbloom and sponsored by Temple Emanuel and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

For more information, contact Rabbi Rosenbloom at rabbijoe@testl.org or (314) 432-5877, ext. 3.

Malachi and his daughters thank TE for the Israel Trip!



June 29, 2011

To Temple Emanuel Members
and Friends

I extend to Rabbi Kerber
Rabbi Rosenbloom and you
my sincere thanks and
appreciation for the wonderful
and surprise gift of the trip
to Israel. My daughters and I
were truly inspired by the
sights and sounds there. Much
of the ancient history we've
learned was confirmed there.

Again we say Thanks for your
generosity and love for us.

Sincerely
Malachi, Chanita & Mia Owens

Malachi's daughter Mia handwrote a lovely thank you note that, upon reproduction for the *Emanuscript*, was difficult to read. Thus, her thoughtful note is as follows:

"To the entire congregation, Rabbi Rosenbloom and Rabbi Justin...

I can't say how shocked I was when my dad came home telling me of his surprise gift, but I can say that both of us, and my sister, are extremely grateful! It's amazing to be able to connect all the biblical stories and to know exactly where they took place. I've definitely soaked up my fair share of history! I've floated on the Dead Sea, sat on the rocks of the Mediterranean, had lunch by the Sea of Galilee, had lunch in a Bedouin camp, and even ridden a camel. That's not something everyone gets a chance to do in a lifetime. I could honestly write pages about the experience. So in an attempt to keep it short, thank you, thank you, thank you for giving us this amazing opportunity!

Love,
Mia Kayla"



Mia, Malachi and Chanita Owens—in Israel!

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Sympathy to the family of Roland Strauss, uncle of Steven Strauss.

Congratulations to Ray Dobinsky on the engagement of her granddaughter, Margie Meyer, to Brian Weber.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

2011/5771

SELICHOT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

Dessert and Study

Worship Service

Time TBD

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Sabbath of the Return

7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special Sabbath eve of reflections.

ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2011

Wednesday, September 28

Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

Traditional Service 10:00 a.m.

Family Service Time TBD

Tashlich at Tillis Park Following the
Traditional Service

YOM KIPPUR

OCTOBER 9-10, 2011

Friday, October 9

Kol Nidre 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Traditional Service 10:00 a.m.

Family Service Time TBD

Torah Study 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Service 3:00 p.m.

Yizkor/Memorial
& Concluding Services 4:00 p.m.

What's Happening at Temple Emanuel

TE BOOK CLUB TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 7:30 PM LIBRARY

We will discuss the classic, *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

"Harper Lee's coming-of-age classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, tells the story of six-year-old Scout Finch, her older brother Jem, and their father, Atticus, a small-town Alabama lawyer assigned to defend Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of rape. The reaction of the town, the dignity of Robinson, and the character of their father affect both children as they navigate the path from childhood innocence to adult understanding. The 1962 film adaptation starring Gregory Peck is a classic itself, winning three Academy Awards."

FIRST FRIDAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 7 PM Worship

Join us for our contemporary worship service. We are always

delighted to have our members lead a reading from the prayer book, give a creative reading of their choice, sing, or play music—we offer a chance to learn by doing something different. *Mishkan T'filah: A Reform Siddur* is used at this service.

If you are interested in participating in a future service, please contact Rabbi Justin Kerber (314) 432-5877 or rabbi.justin@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT WORSHIP FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Worship

Dinner will be served prior to the Shabbat Worship Service. *Please call the office (314) 432-5877 or email office@testl.org to place your reservation.*

Multigenerational worship featuring an ensemble of Temple musicians, members and guest songleaders, instrumentalists and soloists. *Mishkan T'filah: A Reform*

Siddur is used at this service. Join us!
NOTE: *Our community dinners are now being celebrated on the second Friday of each month at the Celebrate Worship Service. **RSVPs are required!***

SHABBAT WORSHIP FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 8 PM Worship

Our emphasis is on an updated, interpretive translation of prayers, with familiar melodies for Hebrew prayers. *Mishkan T'filah: A Reform Siddur* is used at this service.

RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY MONDAY, AUGUST 22 10 AM

The Religious Philosophy Class led by Rabbi Rosenbloom will meet this month in the Temple Library.

Through the years, our Religious Philosophy class has been challenged not only by the material of the books we have read but,

more importantly, by the insights of the members of our group.

Recently, a few men have joined the very bright and articulate women who have been together for decades. Rabbi Joe says "Hey, guys, come and join us with your minds and ideas."

SUPPER & STUDY FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 6:30 PM Supper & Study 8 PM Worship

Study materials for Supper & Study are sent in advance by email and also posted on the website at www.testl.org.

RSVP to Marilyn Levinson at (314) 993-3645 or email mylml6@gmail.com with the number of people and the dish you will bring.

The Worship Service features familiar musical selections and English responsive readings using the *Union Prayer Book*, Chicago Sinai ed.

A special thank you ...

This June, when it appeared that we would be \$20,000 short of our goal of concluding the fiscal year with a balanced budget, we received a very generous anonymous \$10,000 pledge to Temple Emanuel conditional on our raising a like amount from TE members. With less than two weeks to go in the fiscal year, our members met this challenge. The Officers, the Board of Trustees and the entire TE Community wants to thank the following individuals for making special gifts this June to help the Temple achieve our goal of a June 30, 2011 Break-Even Budgetary Year:

Rena & Todd Abrams

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CALENDAR

AUGUST 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 PM Board Meeting	2	3	4 7:30 PM TE Book Club	5 First Friday 7 PM Worship	6 9:30 AM Torah Study
7	8	9 7 PM Social Programming Committee Meeting	10	11	12 6 PM Dinner 7 PM CelebraTE Worship	13 9:30 AM Torah Study
14	15	16 7 PM Liturgy & Religious Philosophy Committee Meeting	17	18	19 8 PM Worship	20 9:30 AM Torah Study
21	22 10 AM Religious Philosophy	23	24	25	26 6:30 PM Supper & Study 8 PM Worship	27 9:30 AM Torah Study
28	29	30	31			

TEMPLE EMANUEL:

Shabbat Worship Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
7 PM SHABBAT WORSHIP
First Friday
D'varim, Deut. 1:1-3:22

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
8 PM SHABBAT WORSHIP
Eikev, Deut. 7:12-11:25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
6 PM DINNER
7 PM SHABBAT WORSHIP
CelebraTE Shabbat Worship
Va-et'chanan, Deut. 3:23-7:11

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
6:30 PM SUPPER & STUDY
8 PM SHABBAT WORSHIP
Supper & Study
R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17

August at-a-Glance

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
6:30 PM
Board Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
7:30 PM
TE Book Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 22
10 AM
Religious Philosophy

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