



**DIVRAY HA'RAV —**

**TU B'SHEVAT:  
THE GREENING OF JUDAISM**

**T***u B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees, is a time when trees start drinking the New Year's rainwater and the sun renews itself. As the Jewish Arbor Day, *Tu B'Shevat* embodies the strong dedication to ecology, environmentalism, and conservation.

On this day, we celebrate trees, especially fruit-bearing ones. In the days of the Temple, first fruits were special offerings. The fruit of young trees could not be eaten until a certain amount of time had passed. *Tu B'Shevat* marked time for new growth and young fruit.

This holiday marks time. As we become more interested in natural resources and issues of global climate change, *Tu B'Shevat* renews our focus on nature, its beauty, and its limitations. It affords us an opportunity to acknowledge our relationship to the land, sky, and water.

When I was a child the holiday was about planting trees and eating dates, figs, and bokser. Today it is that and so very much more. It calls us to make an individual and collective commitment to become aware, to become an advocate for natural resources, and to commit to maintaining our environment wisely and with thought. Our children and grandchildren know all about conservation and global warming. They can lead us and guide us in our desire to make educated choices that are

vital to our future and theirs. Judaism is a religion that constantly reminds us of our obligations to care for the world, not to destroy, to waste or to deplete our natural resources.

*Tu B'Shevat* this year is Saturday, January 30. It is Jewish Arbor Day. It's message in 2010/5770 is that we must commit to this annual observance for it is our duty, as Jews, to nature and to perpetuating the dignity and beauty of G-d's world. This is a fine and noble way in which we fulfill our role to *Tikkun Olam* and to the Land and our brothers and sisters in *Midinat Yisrael*.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer", enclosed in a simple oval scribble.

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**JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
WORSHIP AT OUR TEMPLE**

**Please Note – Some of these scheduled events may have been changed from the dates and times listed in the Temple Calendar.**

Friday Evening, January 1, at 5:30  
*Kabbalat Shabbat* Worship  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services.

Friday Evening, January 8, at 7:30  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship – Family Service  
January birthdays will be honored.  
The Rabbi will share a special *Tu B'Shevat* story.  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services.

Friday Evening, January 15, at 7:30  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship  
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Shabbat  
We will be joined by the members of the Newport County NAACP in remembering Dr. King and Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel.  
There will be special readings, messages, prayers and music.  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services.

Saturday Morning, January 16, at 10:00  
Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Shabbat Parashat Va'eira*  
A *Kiddush* will follow the services.

Sunday Morning, January 17, at 10:00  
Our Rabbi will be the featured preacher at worship at the United Congregational Church, 524 Valley Road.  
All Temple members are cordially invited to attend.

Friday Evening, January 22, at 7:30  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship  
Rabbi Jagolinzer will deliver the sermon.  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Friday Evening, January 29, at 7:30 pm  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship – Shabbat Shirah  
A very special service of Jewish music with Cantor Scheff and Stephen Martorella  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services.

Friday Evening, February 5, at 7:30 pm  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship – Family Service  
February birthdays will be honored.  
The Rabbi will share a special Purim story.  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services.

Friday Evening, February 12, at 6:00  
*Kabbalat Shabbat* Worship  
Come to a creative service and a dairy dinner. Following worship we will share Shabbat with a meal, conversation, family and friends.

Please bring a dairy or pareve dinner for yourself and your family. (The food should be able to be eaten cold or room temperature as no food will be allowed in the kitchen).  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will be provided by the Congregation.

Friday Evening, February 19, at 6:15  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship — Pizza and Prayer  
Pizza at 6:15  
Services at 7:30

Please fill in the form found below and return it to the Temple on or before February 16, 2010.

**Reservations a must!**

**PIZZA AND PRAYER RESERVATION FORM**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for Pizza and Prayer.

Enclosed please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.00 per person.

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Saturday Morning, February 20, 2010 at 10:00  
Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Shabbat Parashat Terumah*  
A *Kiddush* will follow the services

Friday Evening, February 26, at 7:30  
*Leil Shabbat* Worship  
The Rabbi will share a lesson on Megillat Esther  
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the services

Sunday Morning, February 28, at 10:00  
Purim – Creative Megillah Reading  
Costume Parade – Purim Spiel – Hamantaschen

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mickie and I wish that your New Year is the beginning of greater joy and beautiful moments to cherish forever.

Shalom,  
Gerry

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## SAMUEL SEIGEL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two of our college freshman have been awarded with Samuel Seigel Scholarships. Once again, Gerry and Suzette Eva Seigel have stepped up to help our children fund college expenses in memory of their beloved Samuel and Eva G. Seigel. The scholarship was available to college freshmen. The two given the award were Adam Freedman and Matt Combs. The Scholarship Committee was very impressed with their excellent applications and generously awarded each student \$1,000.

Temple Shalom continues to be very grateful for, not only the generosity of the Seigel Family, but their continued interest in our children's education. *Todah Rabah!!*

The Samuel Seigel Scholarship Committee  
Gerry and Suzette Seigel  
Ruth Ziegler  
Steven Freedman  
Leslie Saunders

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## TEMPLE – UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, February 25, 2010  
6th Year of Caring and Sharing  
This session will be held at the Church at 7:00 pm.  
Video and Discussion – *The Visitor*

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## RECYCLING

Commencing November 1, we began recycling at our Temple. Please be sure to dispose of your items in the appropriate bin.

## SAMUEL ZILMAN BAZARSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 20TH ANNIVERSARY REDEDICATION

On Sunday morning, December 13, a most moving and meaningful Service and program was held marking the 20 years of providing a quality Jewish education by The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School.

Rabbi and Barbara Jagolinzer spoke of their many years of association and devotion to the school and its students. Parents and both current and past students spoke of their affection for and experiences within the school. A Prayer of Rededication was written and delivered by the Rabbi. Letters and essays about the School were collected and will be part of a Book of Celebration which will be sent to Mrs. Beatrice Bazarsky who was unable to attend, but wrote a warm letter which was read to all those present.

Delicious *latkes* were served to conclude a wonderful morning of celebration.

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## January – February, 2010 Sunday School Dates

January 10 — Sunday School and Post Graduate Class at 10:00 am

January 24 — Sunday School until 11:00 am *Tu B'Shevat Seder* for families and students at 11:00 a.m.

February 7 — Sunday School and Post Graduate Class at 10:00 am

February 28 — *Purim* for the entire School and Families 10:00 am.

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## JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY

The next monthly meeting of JSA at Temple Shalom will take place on Thursday, January 14. Susan Adler and Ethan Adler will present a timely program. They will return again on Thursday, February 11 for another enjoyable and informative session. Time for these programs is 10:30 am - 12 noon.

All Temple seniors and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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**SHALOM FUND**

Get Well to Ruth Ziegler by  
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**For information about participating in the Shalom Fund  
call: Ruth Ziegler Phone: 846-5858 ruthziegler@cox.net**



**PURIM SPIELERS WANTED**

The Rabbi and Cantor had such a great time planning the installation earlier this year with songs and lyrics to delight, we would like to do the same for Purim. But they need your help and input. Please come to a meeting on Sunday morning, January 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the Temple. Please bring your wit and sense of humor.



**OUR RABBI IN THE COMMUNITY**

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer represented Temple Shalom at the following events:

As a participant at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Services at Our Lady of Fatima High School, Bay View High School and Roger Williams University

Hosted 90 tenth graders from St. Barnabas Catholic Church in our Sanctuary and spoke on "Judaism Then and Now."

Represented the Jewish community of Rhode Island at the Episcopal Ordination of The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence



**AN ON-GOING OPPORTUNITY**

The Rabbi's Caring cart and the Kosher Food Pantry Bin are always in need of restocking. Each and every day there are persons and families in need of sustenance. We can do our part to assist those less fortunate with food. Please make it a habit to bring some non-perishable food items with you every time that you come to the Temple.



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**CELEBRATE A SIMCHA  
SPONSOR AN ONEG**

**T**odah Rabah to all those families that sponsored Onegs during November and December. To sponsor an Oneg, please look at the dates below, choose one or two and contact Helene Scheff, call 885-6073.

You will get confirmation of the date and information about how to proceed.

Jan 8 Jan 29 Feb 5 Feb 12 Mar 5 Mar12

Mar 26 Apr 9 Apr 16 Apr 23 Apr 30



**CHANUKAH CELEBRATED AT TEMPLE**

**T**he Festival of Lights was celebrated with prayer and song not to mention two delicious meals.

On Friday evening, December 11 Rabbi and Barbara prepared a delicious pizza dinner followed by a beautiful creative Shabbat and Chanukah Service. And on the next Friday evening, Ed and Helene Scheff, Leslie Saunders, Felicia Touhey and Martha Ullman presented a delicious deli dinner complete with *latkes* to a large number of congregants. Following, the Rabbi and Cantor accompanied by Stephen Martorella celebrated Shabbat and the holiday in word and song. The guest preacher for the service was the Reverend R. Joseph Tripp, Jr. of the United Congregational Church. Thanks to all who enabled us to celebrate Chanukah in style and with joy and meaning.



**35th ANNUAL INTERFAITH  
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

**O**ur Sanctuary was filled to capacity and alive with words of prayer and song for this event. Fourteen clergy representing ten houses of worship in Newport County and Jamestown participated. Four outstanding choirs filled the service with beautiful music. This annual Thanksgiving tradition is looked forward to by our congregants, neighbors and friends as a fine way to come together, united, to offer thanks and being their holiday observance in a most meaningful way. Congratulations to Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer for planning this yearly event down through the years. For him it is truly a "labor of love" and a joy to arrange.

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**Mark Your Calendar Now!**

**SPRING CONCERT**

**March 13, 2010 — 8 pm**

**Bring your friends and neighbors to  
A Grand Night For Singing**

This year's Spring Concert will feature songs from the Great American Songbook, with selections from the Broadway stage, the Hollywood musical and the Hit Parade.

Featuring the voices of Kara Lund, Kathyne Jennings, and our own Fred Scheff, the concert will include some of the best known music of the last 75 years.

There will be some old, familiar favorites and some new songs that are destined to become your favorites. The artists are choosing their songs now, but we are likely to hear selections by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Jerry Herman, Lerner and Lowe, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Do you have a favorite you'd like to hear? Let us know as soon as you can and we'll try to include it.

So start planning for the evening now. March 13 may sound like it's far off, but it's really just around the corner. So call some neighbors and friends and make an evening of it. Get together and have dinner, come to the Temple for the Concert and then go have some dessert!

Tickets will be available soon, and again will be priced at \$30. Don't miss this opportunity to show off the talents we gather here at Temple Shalom. Invite your friends to join you — Helene and I have over the last few years, and they're already asking me to be sure to let them know when the concert will be held this year so they don't miss it.

This is a great fundraising event and with your support it can be even better than ever.

I'll be in touch with you all soon with more about the concert. But don't wait — start planning now!

Ed Scheff

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**HELP OUR SYNAGOGUE  
MEMBERSHIP GROW**

The Membership Committee would like every member to assist them in their goal of increasing the membership of our congregation. In order to accomplish our goal, we ask that you inform the Temple office of all families who have moved into your neighborhood. Our Rabbi and the Membership Committee, under the leadership of Mickie MacNeill, (401) 846 -9002, will welcome them to our community.



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**FROM THE RABBI:  
IT'S FLU SEASON**

As families and friends we gather together in our Temple to pray, reflect and celebrate. As the potentially active influenza season commences with its various strains, we need to do everything possible to help limit the spread of the virus. We want to keep Temple Shalom as a safe and healthy place for congregants to come to worship. Hand sanitizers and facial tissues will be available on the book case outside the entrance to the sanctuary, at the Oneg Shabbat and in each and every classroom. I request that congregants plan to stay home from worship if they are sick or have signs of a fever. In response to the potential risk to health during this flu season, please do your part to offset or prevent the spread of the flu. **Thank you.**

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**THE CONSERVATOR PUBLICATION  
SCHEDULE**

*The Conservator* will be published bimonthly (5 times) this year — September/October, November/December, January/February, March/April, and May/June. The reduced publication schedule will save in both printing and mailing costs. If you plan to have something included in the newsletter, please plan to have it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication, e.g., December 15 for inclusion in the January/February issue.

Ed Scheff 885-6073

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**NOTIFY US WHEN  
A LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED**

Please be aware of the changes resulting from HIPPA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that went into effect in April 2003. This law no longer permits medical facilities to show clergy, when visiting hospitals, any lists of patients in their facilities. Only those employed by the medical facility have the right to see these lists. Prior to this, we were permitted to call the hospital and ask if any Temple Shalom members were in the hospital.

Therefore, the only way that we know that one of our members is hospitalized when a friend or family member contacts the synagogue office at (401) 846-9002. We urge you to let us know so that a visit can be arranged. In addition, in case of illness, please let us know so that our clergy and the Caring Committee can take action when their services are needed.



## WINTER CANCELLATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

Due to the uncertainty of winter weather, it is sometimes necessary to cancel a meeting or a service. If we do cancel, we will send out an email to those on our list and put a phone message on the Temple number 846-9002. The decision to cancel will be based on weather forecasts, parking, and sidewalk conditions.

As we have congregants who come a distance, we would rather have them safe than driving on dangerous roads. We ask that you, too, use common sense and know that if we do cancel due to weather it is with you in mind.



## MISHABEIRACH LIST

At weekly Shabbat Services, Rabbi Jagolinzer offers a prayer for those who are fighting disease. During this prayer for recovery, he mentions the names of those in need. The Rabbi requests that names to be included on his list be submitted to him prior to Shabbat. And, that the names which he has, be updated on a regular basis by those submitting them. If you would like the Rabbi to send a note to a person on the list, please make sure you provide him with the person's address.

## THE EMPHASIS IS ON LIFE

The Tree of Life is the first and most imposing thing you see when you enter the Temple. Its purpose is to celebrate all of the exciting, good, wonderful, and meaningful things that happen(ed) to people in our Temple family, their relatives or friends birthday, anniversarie, *B'naiMitzvah*, promotions, births, awards and honors, wellness, graduations, or for any reason to celebrate.

I (we) wish to dedicate a leaf or leaves on the Temple's Tree of Life "*Simcha Tree*".

Number of leaves \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150.00 each  
Please print inscription legibly — maximum of 3 lines per leaf

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Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## TO REMEMBER IS TO KEEP ALIVE

One of the greatest of Mitzvot in our tradition is performing the act of remembrance. Temple Shalom offers opportunities to fulfill this Mitzvah by arranging contributions and dedicating Memorial Plaques to perpetuate the memory of a loved one.

A Memorial Plaque is a constant reminder and a timely symbol of a cherished devotion to those we wish to remember. On the anniversary date of the Yahrzeit a light is kindled next to the nameplate. In accordance with Jewish tradition, whenever Yizkor is observed, a light should be kindled and Kaddish recited.

The present contribution for a Memorial Plaque is \$375.00.

For additional information contact Rabbi Jagolinzer, (401)846-9002

Contributions of many meaningful and needed items can be dedicated at the Temple. Please contact the Rabbi to discuss the possibilities.

**Barbara N. Jagolinzer**

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**Thank you, Ed Scheff**