THE BULLETIN

September 2009

Elul 5769/Tishri 5770

Temple Am Echad

The South Shore Reform Congregation

Shabbat/High Holy Day Services

Friday, Sept. 4 **7:15 PM**
Shabbat Family Service

Saturday, Sept. 5
Torah Study **9 AM**
Shabbat Service &
Bat Mitzvah of Hope Glassman
Daughter of Melissa
& Adam Glassman **10 AM**

Friday, Sept. 11 **8 PM**
Shabbat Service

Saturday, Sept. 12
Torah Study **9 AM**
Shabbat Service &
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Berman
Son of Robin &
Dr. Sheldon Berman **10 AM**
Selichot Service **9 PM**

Friday, Sept. 18 **8 PM**
Shabbat & Erev Rosh
Hashanah Service

Saturday, Sept. 19
Rosh Hashanah Service **10 AM**
Youth Service **10:30 AM**
Children's Service **2 PM**
Tashlich Service at
N. Woodmere Park **5 PM**

Sunday, September 20
Rosh Hashanah Service **10 AM**

Friday, Sept. 25 **8 PM**
Shabbat Service

Saturday, Sept. 26 **9 AM**
Torah Study

Sunday, Sept. 27 **8 PM**
Kol Nidre Service

Monday, Sept. 28
Yom Kippur Service **10 AM**
Youth Service **10:30 AM**
Children's Service **1:30 PM**
Afternoon, Neilah, Yizkor &
Concluding Services **3 PM**

From the Rabbi's Desk

A writer recently complained in the pages of a local magazine of how cooking had left the kitchen and become a spectator sport on television. In a similar vein, a review of a new video game lamented the loss of sharing music around the homestead of yore, which has been replaced with imitating someone else's greatest hits on a fake guitar. The complaint is that today's entertainment makes a spectator sport of that which was once a participatory one.

Religion isn't. Well, religion shouldn't be a spectator sport although there are a few who try. I don't expect to see "Davening for Dollars" on the Wii anytime soon but I have no doubt at least one hundred or more have already thought of the idea and dismissed it. Maybe it will appear as an iPhone app first. Religion is a contact sport, in the best meaning of the term.

The High Holy Days make a stark contrast to the cultural trends that the culture hawks see and fear. The holidays cannot be experienced from the couch in the family room or in a darkened theater with digital sound. To savor the Days of Awe, a person has to walk into the sanctuary and take a seat. Every task and experience in that room is visceral: the testing of the seat cushion, the cramp of the pew, the sharpness still tactile on some of the corners of the book, or the slightly confused look of "Do I know you?" Rather than sitting still, all the people in the room are reading aloud or singing along or thumbing pages.

There is a taste to the air in the room that is indeterminate. The smell is subtle, more than the number of bodies and perfumes. The scents are tinged with aged wood and vacuumed carpets and decades of Jews sitting in the same seats. No other day, not even *Shabbat*, has the same feel in the sanctuary. It's as if this peculiar Jewish time was stored away after the last prayers of *Yom Kippur* and retrieved for the first strands of music for this *Rosh Hashanah*.

We gather and the sanctuary comes alive, brimming with human emotions of expectation and dread, anxiety and anticipation. This year we will welcome 5770 in an entirely different sanctuary, from the people to the pews. Yet, there will be something utterly familiar: the Days of Awe in a sanctuary with handshakes, hugs, and calls of greeting.

May you and your household be inscribed for a good year.

Congratulations to:
Arlene & Martin Panzer on the engagement of their daughter Deborah to Steven Kilmnick.
Get well wishes to:
Joan Greenberg
who is recovering from a fractured hip.
Bob Friedman
who is recovering from knee replacement.
Sue Hochberg
who is recovering from hip replacement.

Best Wishes to Rabbi Corngold.
Here is his contact information:

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Selichot

"Awesome Tales for the Days of Awe"

Saturday, September 12 at 9 PM
at Central Synagogue of Rockville Centre

~ a time for reflection
~ a time for preparation
~ a time for community

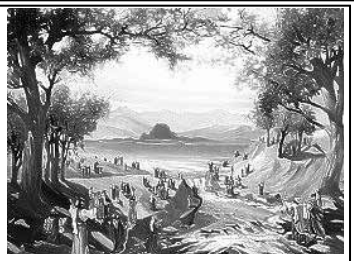
An event you won't want to miss to get ready for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Rabbi Jacob, Rabbi Gruber and congregants will gather for an evening of conversation and study that is the traditional launch of the High Holy Days season.

Please join Rabbi Jacob and Cantor Korobow for

Tashlich Service

at North Woodmere Park

Saturday, September 19 at 5 PM



"And you will cast ("*ve-tashlich*") all your sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19)
Tashlich is the practice of casting away one's sins symbolically by tossing bread crumbs into a running body of water during *Rosh Hashanah*. Join us and bring your own bread!

Torah Portions for the Month

Shabbat, September 4/5 – *16 Elul 5769*
Parashat KiTavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Shabbat, September 11/12 – *23 Elul 5769*
Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech
Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9
Selichot is Observed

Shabbat, September 18/19 – *1 Tishri 5770*
Rosh Hashanah
Genesis 22:1-19
Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10

Shabbat, September 25/26 – *8 Tishri 5770*
Parashat Haazinu/Shabbat Shuvah
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:3-10;
Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

A Presidential Message

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As we drag ourselves back from the beach, pool, camp, golf course or wherever you recharged, we look forward to the High Holy Days, the first we will celebrate together as Temple Am Echad.

We start on Saturday evening, September 12 with *Selichot*. Adopting the traditions of Temple Emanu-El and Temple Sinai, we will jointly observe *Selichot* with Central Synagogue of Rockville Centre. Rabbi Jacob has been working with Rabbi Gruber and it promises to be an interesting and enjoyable night. The service will be held at Central Synagogue, located at 430 Demott Avenue, at 9 PM.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is Friday, September 18 and you should have received a mailing with tickets and information about all the services. If you have not seen it yet, it should be coming soon. To request tickets for the High Holy Days for friends, family and members of the community, please contact the Temple office.

Bonnie Sperry, our membership VP, has all the information about membership programs for Temple Am Echad. Contact Bonnie by calling the Temple office at 593-4004.

Our Religious and Hebrew School starts on Sunday, September 13. Please join us that morning for Parents' Orientation. Additionally, Mens' Club and Sisterhood will have a hospitality breakfast available for all in the lobby.

We have had a good summer here at Am Echad. Congregant-led services have been well attended and well received as was the service on August 7 led by Rabbi Jacob and Cantor Korobow. I am confident that Temple Am Echad has a bright future as we move forward to 5770. Please join us and be a part of it.

Happy New Year.

~ Gregg Weinstock

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South Shore Reform Congregation group
for questions, discussions,
and sharing information

Cantor's Corner

Everybody's got an opinion. Most of us Jews have lots of them and are anxious to share them, whether solicited or not. "Cantor, I just love your V'shamru." "Cantor, I really hate that *Mi Chamocha,* could we lose it?" "Why are we pandering by singing *Lots of Latkes*?"

As we all know, everybody's got opinions about everything. It's no surprise. As an attorney, I've dealt with legal opinions for over twenty-five years. As a musician, I've listened to, read, argued and endured opinions for much longer than that. And I've got opinions, too. Sometimes I say what's on my mind, sometimes I don't. We've all heard that sage piece of advice…if you have nothing good to say, don't say anything at all.

Some time ago, I read an interview with the venerable, playful and exuberant Yiddish theatre, Broadway and television actor Fyvush Finkel. Ever the philosopher, Mr. Finkel spoke of an early experience with a critic.

"Y'know, when I was in the Yiddish theatre, there was one critic that hated me. And he was nasty. I don't know why he didn't like me. He said I shouldn't be an actor, I should be a clown in a circus. So what happened was, I wanted to go to the critic's office and let him have it. To get to the train, I had to pass my father's store. He got the paper delivered, a paper called The Jewish Day, and he banged on the window - I should come in, he wants to talk to me. So he says, 'I know where you're going. You're going to hit him, aren't you?' I said yeah. 'You'll make a big man out of him - leave it alone. Tomorrow people will forget about it - the audience loves you. Come stay, have coffee.' As we walked into the kitchen for coffee, he stops and says, 'And then again, y'know - a clown in a circus is a good, steady job!'"

A very bright Jewish man, a very good story, and a very worthwhile lesson. But then again, that's just my opinion.

With respect, affection and excitement for the New Year,

~ Jerry Korobow

Caring Community

Caring Community had a great year; let's do even better this year!

Our expanded Caring Community successfully undertook a number of projects in the 08-09 year. We are hoping that, with our increased membership as Temple Am Echad, we can accomplish even more. We:

• Took part in an ongoing Mitzvah cooking project, by which the dedicated work of our adults and upper school students enabled us to send meals to members who have lost loved ones, who are returning from the hospital, who were blessed with new babies and who are disabled.
• Called or visited people on the *Mi Shebeirakh* list.
• Called or visited people who are newly bereaved.
• Called people who are unable to leave their homes on their own.
• Met with women cancer survivors, members of the Sassy Survivor group.
• Drove members to doctor's appointments.
• Drove housebound people to Temple services.
• Hosted residents of Atria at High Holy Day Services.
• Compiled a Senior Resource list.
• Ran a "Sacred Aging" breakfast featuring information on dementia, long term care, health care proxies and elder law.
• Provided information on coping with the economic crisis, on integrative cancer treatment and on *Shiva* practices through the Temple Bulletin.
• Developed a Caring Community logo for the Bulletin.

Temple Am Echad is embarking on a new adventure. Join us in making the Caring Community an important part of that adventure.

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~ *Ellen Tolle* 569-2310 ebt1029@yahoo.com

Support the Mitzvah Cooking Project
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from Sisterhood/Men's Club
and donating it to the
Mitzvah Cooking Project
(Call Charlotte or Ellen for details)

Thank You for Summer Services

Many congregants led Friday night *Shabbat* services. So much thought and hard work go into preparing a service, choosing and practicing music but the experience is very rewarding for all participants.

Thanks to Vivian Blumstein and Sylvia Dultz for coordinating these services, Rabbi Jacob for his D'var Torah each week, Dan Berman, David Close and Jerry Ranck for their accompaniment.

Service Leaders: Ira Blumstein, Sima Matthes, Harry Leonard, Ellen Tolle, David Yuni, Rabbi Jacob, Alan Paskoff, Phyllis Zulkowitz, Sandi Simons.

Candle Blessing: Janet Ettelman, Beth Glickman, Florence Steiger, Donna Levy, Irene Ehrlich, Barbara Stern, Fay Messner, Roberta Smith, Phyllis Zulkowitz.

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The Healthcare Reform Debate: A Role for the Faith Community

(The following has been excerpted from the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism)

Rabbis and people of faith have many roles to play in the debate over healthcare reform:

• **A moral standard:** The faith community has a vital role to play in reminding our elected officials that health care is not just about dollars and cents but is a profound moral issue of life and death. It is fundamentally about whether we are a community that values the life of each person – poor, rich or middle class.

• **A force of reason:** Every debate over health care reform over the past quarter century has been driven by the "fear factor." Those with health coverage are pitted against those without. This year health care industries are spending tens of millions of dollars trying to push poll-tested buttons to get people to fearfully reject reform. Yet God tells us over and over not to fear the future. "Do not fear, for I am with you." (Isaiah 41:10) It is incumbent on the faith community to make sure that people are not scared by interest groups into thinking that health care reform means they will lose their current health insurance, be denied the ability to see their own doctor, or have to wait for care.

• **A voice for the vulnerable:** Each day, thousands of lobbyists descend on Congress on behalf of the special interests they represent. The faith community can bring the interests of families and the poor and vulnerable into the process of crafting legislation by asking Congress to provide lower-income individuals and families with comprehensive benefits that are truly affordable and to create shared responsibility for the cost of reform.

A Values-Based, Common-Sense Approach

While all people of faith will never agree on every aspect of health care reform, it is important that our voices be heard in ways that will truly impact the end result. Below are areas on which there is broad agreement within the faith community:

• **Affordability:** Health care must be affordable for everyone. This means reform must include an Affordability Standard that places limits on out-of-pocket expenses in proportion to income and guarantees comprehensive benefits sufficient to maintain and promote good health.

• **Coverage:** Health care reform must cover everyone.

• **Stewardship:** The cost of health care reform must be broadly shared and placed on a sustainable foundation.

• **Protecting the poor:** Lower-income children and families must be protected by strengthening Medicaid and protecting preventative and diagnostic benefits that keep children healthy.

For accurate information regarding the debate over health care reform:

www.factcheck.org,
www.familiesusa.org,
www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck

~ Irene Ehrlich & Phyllis Zuckerbrot, Social Action co-chairs

Feed the Hungry Program

EARLY??? LATE???

The High Holy Days are early this year. Last year they were late. But the truth is, according to the Hebrew calendar, they are right on time, as they have been for the last 5,769 years.

We Jews live in two worlds - the Jewish world, with the *Shabbats* and holy days, its laws and its sages; and the secular world, the one of our everyday activities. The two worlds meet each week on *Shabbat*, all through the year on various holidays, and most particularly during the Ten Days of Awe, *Rosh Hashanah* through *Yom Kippur*. During those Ten Days, the secular world fades into the background and Jews in every country begin to examine their lives during the past year.

The Ten Days are bracketed by food - the pre-*Rosh Hashanah* meal at the beginning and then "Breaking the Fast" after *Yom Kippur*. We eat heartily on both occasions because we can; because we have food.

The "Feed the Hungry Program," an initiative from Temple Sinai, has been providing meals to over 400 people per week for over 20 years. Meals are prepared for the Mission in Far Rockaway.

This year, let us join our two worlds, as we have joined our two houses of worship, to continue this worthwhile project. At this time, donations may be sent to the Temple Am Echad office. What a wonderful way to close out the old year and start the new.

Sponsor Social Action Sandwich-Making

After each family service in the ballroom at the *Oneg*, we make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to take to the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network).

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these monthly sandwich-making *mitzvah* projects in honor of a family member, friend or *simcha,* please contact:

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Rabbi Harold I. Saperstein Religious & Hebrew School

"Principally Speaking"

Barry J. Amper, Principal

I would like to welcome all of our students and their families to Temple Am Echad's Religious School. This promises to be a very exciting year for all of us as we begin the New Year meeting, working and learning together as a new entity.

It is hard to believe that one school year has ended and another one is just on the horizon. By now, you should have received the necessary information about your child's class. If not, please let me know.

As the new Jewish year and school year quickly approach, look for some new faces on the teaching staff. There are also some exciting programs that will be forthcoming.

One new program will be taking place in the first and second grades. Each week, two students will be taking home "*Shabbat* in a backpack." In this backpack will be information about how to celebrate *Shabbat* at home as well as a pair of candlesticks and candles, a box of grape juice and a *challah*. You will also find a notebook to write your family's feelings or impressions of the day.

Another program will be a trip to Washington, DC for our sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, January 17 and 18, 2010. It promises to be a very exciting and fun-filled weekend. More information about this trip will be forthcoming.

One of the curriculum changes that we made last year which was very successful was a basic Hebrew language course for the seventh graders on Sundays. We are continuing this program in addition to the course Rabbi Jacob will be presenting on the meaning of prayer as part of their Upper School program. We are sure that it will be equally challenging and successful this year.

At orientation on Sunday, September 13, at 10:30 AM, we will discuss the programs and procedures of the school. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. You will receive the updated Parent's Handbook, a school calendar and other information. It is important to check your children's book bags, e-mail, Temple mail and Temple bulletins to keep up-to-date.

Parents make up an important part of the educational partnership. We encourage your interest and participation. If you have any questions about curriculum, student progress or anything else, please stop in, call or write. The Religious School phone number is 593-4004, ext. 105. Please be advised that in addition to my office hours during regular class times, I will be in on Wednesday afternoons from 4-6:30 PM.

At this time, my family wishes you a *L'Shana Tovah* - a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Calendar of Events

Sun., Sept. 13:	First Day-Religious School (Grades K-6)	**9:30 AM**
	Parent Orientation	**10:30 AM**
	First Day-Hebrew School Dalet (grade 7)	**10:45 AM**
	First Day-Hebrew School Pre-Aleph through Gimel (3-6 grade)	**11 AM**
	Self-contained Hebrew Class	**11 AM**
Tues., Sept. 15:	First Tuesday session for Hebrew Classes, grades Aleph-Gimel (4-6 grades)	**4:30 PM**
	First Day-Upper School Grades 7-11	**6:15 PM**
Sun., Sept. 20	*Rosh Hashanah*	No Classes
Sun., Sept. 27	*Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)*	No Classes
Fri., Oct. 2	Shabbat and *Erev Sukkot* Services	
	"Pizza and a Hut" Program	**6:00 PM**
	Services	**7:15 PM**

Wanted: Volunteer Religious School Teachers for Fall 2009

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Contact: Wendy Weinstock: 791-8287
or Jody Linsky: 374-7334

Youth Group News

After a hot and busy summer, our Temple youth groups are happily regrouping, sharing camp stories and deciding on new names for each of the groups.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Temple youth groups, we have three! One is for high schoolers in grades 9-12; one is for the middle school crowd covering grades 6-8 and the newest youth group that just completed its inaugural year last year is for fourth and fifth graders and their families.

Our senior youth group, formerly known as TELY, is the backbone for much of the ruach (spirit) in our temple. They lead services several times a year, do *mitzvah* projects, help out with the *Chanukah* and *Purim* parties, participate in social action and regional NFTY programs. We simply enjoy being Jewish and being in our second home (Temple), with social events such as dances, Coffeehouse, movie nights and two shul-ins a year where neighboring youth groups are invited for an overnight of great programs, informal prayer sessions, and plenty of fun.

Our middle schoolers, known as JYG (Junior Youth Group) are youth leaders in training. The focus is always on fun and fostering friendships whether we go bowling, have a scavenger hunt, share in a fun program with the senior youth group, or serve as role models in leading programs for the youngest youth group. On this year's agenda for our junior youth group is their first overnight shul-in.

The youth group formerly known as TEK (Temple Emanu-El Kids) is for our fourth and fifth graders and their families. Unlike the older youth groups, the focus here is on family programming, helping young families to connect to each other and Temple life.

Students are invited to join the youth groups at any level at any time. The senior youth group meets every Wednesday night from 7:30-9 PM. The younger youth groups meet over lunch on some Sundays after religious school. Please watch the Temple Bulletin and flyers announcing upcoming youth events. Also be sure to check the bulletin board near the religious school office where youth group news is posted.

This year's co-chairs for the youth committee are:
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Elliot Monin *ejm27q@aol.com*

~ Jill Benjoseph

Mazel Tov to:

Hope Lindsay Glassman will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 5, 2009. Her parents, Melissa and Adam, along with her 8-year-old twin brothers Leon and Harrison, will be joining in the celebration. In addition, Hope's proud grandparents, Harvey & Rochelle Ginsberg and Alan & Beatrice Glassman will take part in this very special day. Her Great-Grandmother Mildred Wolfson will be unable to attend but will remain in Hope's thoughts. Great-Grandparents Herman Wolfson, Lillian & Max Ginsberg, Joseph & Helen Glassman and Samuel & Freida Slotnick, all of blessed memory, will be there in spirit.

Hope is an 8th grade student at Lynbrook South Middle School where she is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She takes great interest in all aspects of music, especially singing. She also loves technology and learning new languages. Hope wants to be a U.N. translator, using her language skills to aid communication with other countries of the world.

On September 12, 2009, ***Alex Kahan Berman*** will become a *Bar Mitzvah*. Joining in this wonderful celebration will be his proud parents, Robin and Shelley Berman, his 11-year-old sister Libby, Grandparents Lynn & Gerry Kahan and Great-Grandmother Evelyn Kahan. Alex's Grandparents Al & Sally Berman and his Great-Grandparents Libby & Leonard Greenberg and Bert Kahan, all of blessed memory, will be there in spirit.

Alex is an 8th grade honor student at Lynbrook South Middle School where he plays on the lacrosse team. Spending time with family and friends as well as traveling are some of the things that Alex enjoys.

Alex's goal is to get a good education so that he can make a positive contribution to society. He hopes that there will soon be a peaceful world with no more wars.

Early Childhood Happenings

Sue Chaplick and Barbara Goodman, directors

Wow, did this summer zoom by! With September upon us, we are looking back at the terrific time the campers had here at Temple Emanu-El Day Camp.

The children enrolled at camp were kept busy each week with theme-oriented activities. Each week involved a different theme such as beach, zoo animals, crazy hats and American spirit. The children created art projects, sang songs and read stories directly related to these themes. Although the children truly enjoyed all the playing, singing and eating, it seemed unanimous that water play was, by far, their most favorite activity. Getting wet, splashing and jumping in the water brought happiness to each of our little campers. Isn't that what summer is all about?

Unfortunately, summer has a knack of always ending too soon and this was particularly true this year. Right now, preparations are underway for an exciting new school year!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rabbi Glenn Jacob. We are looking forward to introducing him to our wonderful nursery school children and their families. We also want to welcome all of the new families who have entrusted us to nurture and help guide their children towards becoming the best that they can be.

There are still limited openings available in our Nursery School and Toddler Center. For more information, please call (516) 599-7950.

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Ready for the 2009 North American Biennial in Toronto?

November 4 through 8
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"Get ready to experience the magic of the Biennial, when 5000 Reform Jews from around the world gather at the most exciting convention in today's Jewish world."

For information, go to
www.biennial.urj.org.
Early bird registration will be available through September 30.

Family Shabbat Service for all ages!

Friday, September 4
at 7:15 PM
with a sandwich-making social action project during the *Oneg Shabbat*

The YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) represents the financial efforts of Women of Reform Judaism to strengthen Reform/Progressive Judaism and ensure the future of Reform Jewish leadership.
Cards for all occasions are always available!
Contact Ellie Meltzer at 887-1776

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Our Temple Cookbook

Available for purchase @ $18
Perfect for you or as a gift

Contact Julie Eden at 569-1093
or Denise Schwartz at 872-1444

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Temple Am Echad Presents

Night at the Opera

Arthur Levy, Renowned Voice Teacher,
presents
his Magnificent Professional Singers

RSVP by Nov. 13
$30.00 per person
Send check payable to
Temple Am Echad to
Leonard Plotkin (887-4742)
115 South Franklin Avenue
Lynbrook, New York 11563

Saturday evening November 21
Cocktail Reception @ 7PM
Performance @ 8 PM
Desserts to follow

Sisterhood and Men's Club proudly present

"Guys and Dollars"

A Musical Comedy directed by Linda Tsuruoka
December 5 & 6

There is still time to participate
Actors and Stage Crew needed
Please join us ~ No experience necessary
Check the Temple Calendar for rehearsal dates

Show Angels Needed

For more information, call Viv Blumstein (516) 872-0061 or
or Bob Goldenberg (516) 374-4726

WRJ/Sisterhood of Temple Am Echad

The High Holy Day season is about new beginnings, starting fresh with a clean slate. This year it seems to be even more important to talk about new beginnings.

What will our new name be? Is a rose a rose by any other name? WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Am Echad seems like it was an easy decision, but it wasn't. It took a lot of talking, negotiating, and yes, even arguing to agree to our new name. It felt like a great accomplishment. After all, a new name signifies a new era and that's what this year is all about.

What is our Mission Statement? What does our Mission Statement say about us? Well, that hasn't been written yet but that's where you can help. Join us. Come to a dinner meeting and help to create something new: a new beginning.

What is important to continue from our past? What is important to create for our future? What do we need to do to feel that this is OUR Sisterhood? What can't we live without? What exciting NEW event can we begin? It's a clean slate. Let's do this together.

This year will be all about new beginnings. We women can set the tone to build this new community into a key player in Reform Judaism. Are we up to the task? Join WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Am Echad and help us to create something special. Call me, 791-4365, or my co-president Janet Ettelman, 569-3995, if you have any ideas or questions. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Shalom,

~ Donna Levy

Dates to remember:

September 9	Board Meeting
September 13	Hospitality Day
September 29	Dinner Meeting
October 13	Board Meeting
October 18	Fall Clothing Drive, Breast Cancer walk
October 22	*Rosh Chodesh*
October 27	Paid-Up Membership Dinner & Program
October 31	Sisterhood/Men's Club Pot Luck Dinner

Barbara Stern will host a
Rosh Chodesh Sisterhood Evening
October 22 in her home.
Carolyn Stein will lead the *Rosh Chodesh* study.
Call Barbara for directions: 536-1708

Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 PM

Come to our
***"Getting to Know You"* dinner,**
the very first dinner meeting
of our new, combined Sisterhood.
Meet old friends and make new ones!

Cost: $20 per person

For reservations, call
Jean Marion 516-672-4887
or e-mail jean.murray.marion@gmail.com
Please make your reservations
by September 18.

Sunday, October 18

Jones Beach State Park

Walk with us or make a donation.
Contact Phyllis Zuckerbrot at 680-1522
or email nyzuck@optonline.net

Men's Club Moments

As the summer comes to an end, we are beginning a very exciting year. First, let me take this opportunity to welcome all our current members and extend a warm invitation to all new members, especially those from the former Temple Sinai.

Men's Club offers you a wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet new people and enjoy many interesting events. Our meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month. Our first dinner meeting is September 1 when Rabbi Jacob will "meet and greet" us all. Our October meeting will feature Myron Marinbach discussing the diamond industry.

Our calendar is full with events for the upcoming year. Our Bowling League meets every second Saturday of the month and we can always use new bowlers. Please contact Rob Himmelstein or me to get involved. We have also planned a Pot Luck dinner in October with Sisterhood, a *Chanukah* Party in December, a Mystery Night in January, and a *Purim* Party in February. We are proud to be leading a *Shabbat* service in January. These are just a few of the many exciting events we are looking forward to this year. In addition, Men's Club and Sisterhood run the "Scrip Shop" where you can purchase gift cards from supermarkets and other stores which make it easy to shop while supporting our organizations.

As you can see, Men's Club is a vibrant organization. Yet in order to accomplish all our plans, we need your help. Please come and support Men's Club by joining and getting involved. Feel free to contact me either by e-mail at wcooper024@aol.com or by phone at 791-2721 for any additional information.

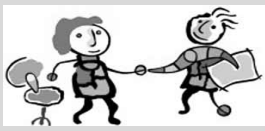
On behalf of Shari, Justin and myself, I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

L' Shana Tovah!

~ Warren Cooper

Come and Meet Sisterhood and Men's Club

Sunday, September 13



Hospitality Day Breakfast

9:30-11:45 AM

Drop off the kids at Sunday school, join us for a nosh, and get to know what we are all about.

The World Series Pool ~ 2009

Catch all the fun!

Once again your Men's Club is proud to bring you its famous World Series Pool! Enjoy all the thrill and excitement of our nation's favorite pastime with the added bonus of helping to support Men's Club's many worthwhile projects.

You may also win some $$$$$
$500 in prizes will be awarded.
Many chances to win!

Tickets are just $1 each

Buy some for yourself; sell some to neighbors, friends and coworkers.

Dinner for two to our top fundraiser

For details, call:
Bob Goldenberg: 374-4726 or
David Kashman: 569-0183

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My check is enclosed (payable to Men's Club) for $____
Name _____
Phone _____
Return to the Temple Office ~ c/o Men's Club

Don't miss the excitement!

Join Men's Club

Bowling League

for our 15th great year!
Register Now!

We bowl every second Saturday for 9 months at smoke-free Rockville Centre Lanes.

Still only $20 per person
Including 3 games, shoes, awards banquet and all the fun you can stand!

Free gift to all new bowlers!

Return the tear-off below to:
Rob Himmelstein, 1075 Cedar Lane,
Woodmere, NY 11598 (569-8019)

Sign us up for Men's Club Bowling League!
Names _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Team name _____

SEPTEMBER 2009 ~ ELUL 5769/TISHRI 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Temple Am Echad The South Shore Reform Congregation		1 **6:30 PM** Men's Club Dinner Meeting with Rabbi	2	3 **10:30 AM** SSSH **8 PM** Sisterhood Exec. Bd. Mtg.	4 *7:06 PM* **7:15 PM** Shabbat Family Service	5 **9 AM** Torah Study **10 AM** Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Hope Glassman
6	7 ***Labor Day*** Building closed	8 **4:30 PM** Madrichim Mtg. **7:30 PM** Faculty Mtg. Show Rehearsal	9 **4 PM** Caring Community Rm. 5 **8 PM** Sisterhood Board Mtg.	10 **10:30 AM** SSSH	11 *6:55 PM* **8 PM** Shabbat Service	12 **9 AM** Torah Study **10 AM** Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Alex Berman **9 PM** Selichot Service at Central Synagogue
13 Hospitality Day: Membership Open House **9:30 AM** Rel. Sch. **10:30 AM** Parents orientation **10:45 AM** Heb. School	14 Nursery School opens: 3's & 4's **7:30 PM** Show Rehearsal **8 PM** Admin mtg.	15 **4:30 PM** Hebrew School **6:15 PM** Upper School	16 **7:30 PM** Nursery Parents orientation	17 No SSSH group	18 *6:43 PM* No Nursery Sch. **8 PM** Shabbat & ***Erev Rosh Hashanah*** Service	19 **10 AM** ***Rosh Hashanah*** Service **10:30 AM** Youth **2 PM** Children **5 PM** Tashlich at N. Woodmere Pk.
20 **10 AM** ***Rosh Hashanah*** Service	21 **8 PM** Temple Board Meeting	22 **4:30 PM** Hebrew School **6:15 PM** Upper School **7:30 PM** Show Rehearsal	23	24 No SSSH group	25 *6:31 PM* **8 PM** Shabbat Service	26 **9 AM** Torah Study
27 **No School** **8 PM** ***Kol Nidre*** Service	28 No Nursery School **10 AM** ***Yom Kippur*** Service **10:30 AM** Youth **1:30 PM** Children **3 PM** Concluding Services	29 **4:30 PM** Heb. Sch. **6:15 PM** Upper Sch. **6:30 PM** Sis. Dinner Mtg. **8:15 PM** Men's Club Board (rm.5)	30 Sisterhood Decorate Bima			

Around the Synagogue

Supermarket Scrip: Contact Gilda Deckel (791-2865) of Sisterhood or Stu Smoller (485-0175) or Steve Honig (481-7150) of Men's Club if you wish to purchase them.

Food Donation Bin is located in our lobby. Non-perishable items (Kosher Style) will go to the Hatzilu Organization which gives support to needy Jews on Long Island. Any questions, please contact Irene Ehrlich (825-3731) or Phyllis Zuckerbrot (680-1522), Temple Social Action committee.

Box for Women's Shelter is inside our coatroom. Donations of toiletries and baby necessities are greatly appreciated. Contact Irene Ehrlich, Sisterhood Social Action Committee.

Caring Community provides a helping hand for those who need it and a "Helper's High" for those who volunteer. Call Charlotte Hettena (593-4124) or Ellen Tolle (569-2310)

The Story Behind Our New Logo

Temple Am Echad
The South Shore Reform Congregation

Did you know that "Am Echad" means "One People?" Well, it does and it was created by the hard work of the combined Temple Emanu-El and Temple Sinai Identity Committee. Approximately 12 people came together as one and set out with one goal in mind: to create a warm and welcoming yet powerful logo to represent our new union as Temple Am Echad!

Temple member Lloyd Chrein, of *Chrein.com*, listened intently as committee members voiced their ideas and desires for a new logo and formulated those ideas into several sketches, which were then tweaked and revised by Lloyd. The result? Our new Temple identity: a strong yet friendly Tree of Life, with an internal Eternal Flame of sorts at its core. Sheltered by the outstretched branches of the tree is our new congregation name Am Echad.

~ Amy Chrein

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