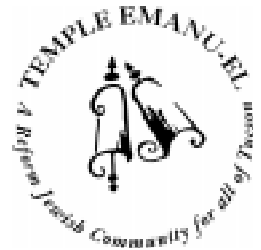


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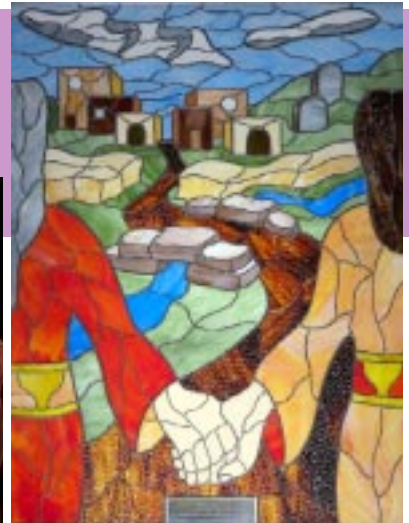
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Don't miss The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! VII
Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 pm!

4:30 pm - Outside Menorah Lighting followed by Greatest Hanukkah on Earth!
Pre-Hanukkah Celebration including music, drama, dance & fun!
6:15 pm - Hanukkah Feast with the best brisket & latkes ever!



Consecration class of 5766 (far left), Miriam Zveitel carries the Torah on Simchat Torah (left), Stained Glass art piece, "Ruth" by Larry Rogvein, (above).

Photos by Carol Zuckert

Photo by Larry Rogvein



From Rabbi Cohon's Desk Public Celebration

I received a Jewish catalogue recently filled with, Hanukkah chazerai (how's that for an oxymoron?). It featured a numbing array of Hanukkah ties, sweaters, socks, throw rugs, yarmulkes, pillows, hangings, tablecloths, glassware, and—I am not making this up—Maccabee music box snowglobes. Aside from the kitsch appeal of all this stuff, one wonders if we have finally succumbed to the overwhelming American tendency to commercialize everything.

But, in this case, is that so bad? In part because of the marketplace appeal of the festival, Hanukkah is the now most observed Jewish holiday, with more people lighting Hanukkah menorahs (Hanukkiot) than participating in any other ritual experience. There is something particularly satisfying about candles burning brightly in a season of short, colder days, latkes are tasty, and it's a festive time of year in general. And so the celebration of Hanukkah has risen, in the American holiday pantheon, to a high status indeed. Indeed, there are now many public displays of Hanukkiot, like our own on Country Club Road, that are lit nightly throughout the festival.

Those menorah lights do represent more than a pleasant,

warming, illuminating ritual, however. The central mitzvah of Hanukkah is pirsomet hanes, publicizing the miracle of our rescue and redemption from spiritual servitude. In other words, we are commanded to express our pride in our ability to be Jews, to enjoy religious freedom wherever and whenever we experience it.

America has been, throughout its history, an extraordinary place of religious opportunity for Jews. We are fortunate that we continue to live in a country in which the formal establishment of a state religion is prohibited, and where we are able to be Jews openly, publicly, and proudly. This is a blessing almost unique to the United States in human history, a country where we are far from the majority but fully enjoy the right to be as Jewish as we wish, and as freely as we want to, without fear of attack or reprisal.

While the debate continues on the use of governmental space for religious, holiday displays—I am not particularly in favor of it—the fact that we can, and should, celebrate Hanukkah visibly and with pride is a gift greater than any Hanukkah present.

Join us and all of our Religious School, Strauss ECE and TERY students for our Greatest Hanukkah on Earth VIII! pre-holiday spectacular on Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 PM, and come light the outdoor menorah with us and sing Hanukkah songs nightly from December 25th through

Photos of Temple staff donated by Jon Wolf Photography

January 1st at 5:30 PM. And wear those Hanukkah ties, sweaters, and buttons proudly. After all, when you receive a gift, you are supposed to give thanks, in part by using it. And what could be more appropriate than to openly celebrate this most public of all the festivals?

Chag Hanukkah Samei'ach, A Happy Holiday of Hanukkah!

L'shalom v'rei'ut, in peace and friendship,

Rabbi Samuel M. Cohon

Saving Jewish Communities Ethiopian Jewry December 9th

Friday night, December 9th we will have a very special visitor to our 6:30 PM Rock Shabbat service. Middie Giesberg of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews will tell us the extraordinary story of the rescue of the Jewish Ethiopian community by Israel (with assistance from Jewish aid organizations everywhere). She'll also explain the current situation and the needs of those who remain behind in Ethiopia.

This important Jewish community's survival and, after a 2500 year separation from the main body of our people, reuniting in Israel makes for a marvelous story. Come and learn about Ethiopian Jews, and how you can help them today.



Don't miss "Too Jewish" with Rabbi Sam Cohon & Friends! on Radio Station KVOI AM 690 Sundays at 9 AM and in Phoenix on KXAM AM 1310 at 7 AM! Your mother says you should listen...

Our amazing December guests include:

December 4th, Mark Helprin, renowned author

December 11th, Michael Wex, Yiddishist, author of "Born to Kvetch"

December 18th, Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate

December 25th, Zeidan Atashi, Israeli Druze

Want to sponsor the show? Call 327-4501!
Visit our web page at www.toojewishradio.com



Thoughts to Nosh On

The movie "Fast Food Nation," based on the book with the same title is currently in production in Austin. The filmmakers have had to give the film a pseudonym in order to gain access to fast food restaurants, which would

most likely not want to be a part of an expose originally written by Eric Schlosser.

The book on which the movie is based; is in and of itself both a fascinating and disturbing examination of the policies of fast food corporations as well as America's eating habits. As a people whose tradition often times seems to revolve around food, it does beg the question: what does Judaism have to say about the fast food culture we are a part of?

When it comes to food, Judaism is of two minds. The first factor is that food is both essential to life, and that it also helps to demarcate celebrations. What would Hanukkah be without the latka? What would Purim be without hamentaschen? On the other hand, our tradition also espouses moderation. One should drink to "make the heart glad," when celebrating the Shabbat. However one should not drink to the point of getting fershnikered. This idea comes to us from Sanhedrin 8:2, which basically says, "Do not be among those who drink too much or overeat."

But more than that, our tradition teaches us that our bodies are a gift from God, and that we should not do with them as we please. Therefore, it is important to celebrate with food, but not to the point where we endanger our health. We learn from this that sometimes it is both necessary and appropriate to pass up on the second round of latkes this Hanukkah, and contrary to popular belief, one does not always have to "clean the plate." For what we put in our holy vessels is as important as what we do with them.

Amidst all of the delightful and tasty treats that seem to pop up this time of year, it is always good to remember that what we do with the holy vessels that are our bodies can be a reflection not just of our physical selves, but also of our spiritual understanding of God.

May you all have wonderful holiday celebrations, and may your celebrations be joyously done through the Jewish tradition of moderation.

Rabbi Benjamin Sharff

Assistant Rabbi



Musical Notes

Not the "Jewish Christmas"

All of us are familiar with the holiday premise coming from a competing religious tradition. It concerns a baby born in a manger to two stranded travelers who failed to make hotel reservations during the winter holiday season. It's a simple, romantic, well-publicized story with a straightforward plot line. It features sympathetic characters with two-syllable names. Hanukkah by contrast, is a complex, political drama with a cast of thousands. And who can remember those characters' teeth-breaking Greek and/or Hebrew monikers? Consequently, for most of us, it's helpful to review the basics.

Hanukkah is an eight-day winter festival beginning on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev—this year also the 25th day of December—and celebrates the victory of the Jews over the Seleucid Greeks in 164 B.C.E. Their cruel king, Antiochus Epiphanes, was adamant that the Jews should worship their gods and imposed severe penalties to Jews who refused. In addition, they defiled the Temple in Jerusalem. Not all Jews resisted the influence of the Greeks, but those who did joined guerilla forces under the leadership of the Maccabees, a priestly family, to end the Greek tyranny.

According to legend, when the Temple in Jerusalem was cleaned and re-dedicated, there was only enough clean oil to keep the Ner Tamid, the Eternal Light, burning for one day. By a miracle, the oil lasted for 8 days. For this reason, Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days by the lighting of candles in the special Hanukkah candelabrum called a Hanukkah menorah or Hanukkiah. Foods cooked in oil such as potato pancakes (latkes), and in Israel, special jelly-filled doughnuts called sufganiot, are also traditional for Hanukkah.

The word, 'Hanukkah' means "dedication," and because the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem is one of the focal points of the holiday, it is also traditional to dedicate houses that lack mezzuzot by affixing them at that time.

Unlike Christmas, truly a major holiday on the Christian calendar, Hanukkah is considered a minor festival. The Books of the Maccabees were not included in the Hebrew Bible, and it is clear that the rabbis were ambivalent about glorifying a military victory. It is no accident that the Haftarah portion chanted on the first Shabbat of Hanukkah contains the line, "Not by might and not by power but by My spirit--said the Lord of Hosts."

The holiday of Hanukkah celebrates religious freedom and tolerance, the miraculous survival and flourishing of the Jewish people in spite of oppression and the forces of assimilation. It reminds us that the light of God's presence illuminates our world wherever we allow it to shine.

Marjorie Hochberg
Cantorial Soloist

The Greatest Just Got Better!

The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! VII

Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 pm

Co-sponsored by **KGUN 9**

From three-year-olds in dreidel costumes spinning to "I Have a Little Dreidel," Calypso style, to The Temple Emanu-El Youth Choir's singing of "I'm Spending Hanukkah in Santa Monica," to the dramatic interpretation of the Hanukkah story, there is nothing like The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth at Temple Emanu-El. Free and open to all, this year, The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! VII is on Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 pm. For the first time, the program is co-sponsored by Tucson television station, KGUN 9!

The pre-Hanukkah celebration begins with the lighting of the giant outside Hanukkah menorah on Country Club Road at 4:30 pm, followed by Hanukkah music ranging from string trios to calypso to rock and roll, and involving a cast of dozens of talented performers, plus stories, plays and pageantry. The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! show is free and open to all.

At the conclusion of the Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! show, everyone is invited to bring two candles and light his or her own Hanukkah menorah in our Sanctuary, creating a memorable scene of hundreds of Hanukkah lights. While the candles burn, we will join in the Hanukkah blessings together.

As the candles continue to shine, guests will adjourn to the festively decorated social hall for a traditional Hanukkah feast. Latkes (potato pancakes, a traditional Hanukkah food), and brisket are featured. Dinner is \$25 per person (over age 12) for non-members of Temple, \$18 for members, \$6 for children aged 4-12, and free for children aged 3 and under. Bring your own Hanukkah menorah and seven candles for the candle lighting.

The show is free, but pre-paid reservations for dinner are required. Call the Temple office, 327-4501, or come by the front office to make your reservations today!

Temple Emanu-El Second Century Fund

You have an opportunity to ensure the future of Temple Emanu-El by simply making a bequest in your will. It is as easy as that! Your contribution will inure to the Endowment Fund and will be used in perpetuity for generations that follow.

For further information, call Legacy Chair Harold Bongarten at 577-7952, Gerry Gendell at 749-5008 or contact Donna Levy at 403-0849, email dglevy@aol.com

Millie's Living Legacy

Art Exhibition and Celebration



"...she brings the rhythms of dance into her painted art, with calligraphic lines dancing across abstracted patches of color."

- Margaret Reagan, Tucson Weekly, July 2005

Our member, Millie Chapin, has been an exhibiting artist for several decades, showing her work in galleries and museums in Paris, Rome and throughout the US. The time came for her to think about preparing her estate. This art "legacy" will be shown and sold now, while she is alive and well. And the proceeds will be shared with Temple Emanu-El - a kind of living bequest.

A portion of her body of work, consisting of several hundred paintings, will be exhibited at the Tucson Jewish Community Center Fine Art Gallery from January 2-22. The opening reception will be on Wednesday, January 11 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, coinciding with the first showing of the Jewish Film Festival (a documentary about the history of American folk music).

Starting on December 1, all 190 paintings will be on-line for viewing and sale. Go to her website - www.lachmanchapin.com - to see them. Temple members interested in a particular work may contact Millie at 520-797-0022 to make arrangements to see the painting before purchase. Prices have all been made extremely affordable for this event. Hopefully, a Mitzvah all around!

Flyers distributed to members have more information and images of paintings from several of categories of work for sale. For questions or comments, contact Amy Timmons at (520) 390-4557 or amy@evolutioneyesdesign.com.

Babies and Bagels Club

The Babies and Bagels Club (i.e., anyone with young children or just feeling young at heart) is joining in the Festival of Lights at two events: First, we will celebrate with songs, skits, stories, and a brisket dinner at the Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! VII on Sunday, December 11 at 4:30pm. When you sign up for the dinner, ask to be seated at the Babies and Bagels table.

Second, we will join the Strauss ECE families in lighting the outdoor menorah on Country Club Road on Monday, December 26 at 5:30 pm.

Come celebrate the brightness and joy of the season with us!

Mila Anderson

Outreach Chair

Fundraising Committee

Celebrate the Temple Emanu-El
Tucson-Nogales Connection!
Sunday January 22, 2006, 5:00 P.M.
at Loews Ventana Hotel and Resort

In 1883 the Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Association was organized in Tucson and became the forerunner of Temple Emanu-El. According to research at the U of A Library, there was also an early Jewish community in Nogales. In 1895, they, and invited gentile guests, participated in a "joyous polyglot time" at Rosh Hashanah, consisting of a banquet, toasts and speeches, and a musical program, the highlight of which was a stirring rendition of "The Tamale Man".

If the music for this Jewish classic can be found it will be part of the fun planned for an evening of dinner and entertainment celebrating our congregation's Tucson-Nogales bond.

The support of the Bracker and Capin families was important to the growth and vitality of the Temple, and the Temple was important to the entire Jewish community in Nogales over many years, continuing until today. Plan to celebrate by marking the time and date in your personal calendar and watch for the formal invitation, which will arrive in your mailbox in mid-December.

Suzanne and Ned Bloomfield

Diane and Ron Weintraub

Co-Chairs

The Illuminated Bible Gallery

You may have noticed the beautiful new addition to The Illuminated Bible Gallery in the Sy Juster Auditorium, reproduced on the cover of this Temple Times. Thanks to the generosity of Arlene and Morton Tuller we now have a panel from the Book of Ruth, Chapter 1:16-17. Our own stained glass artist, Larry Rogovein, has created a wonderful rendition of the passage that reads "Entreat me not to leave you...".

This passage is important to Arlene and Mort because it pertains to family and they believe that a strong family unit is the basis of everything in life. In keeping with this belief, the panel is dedicated to the Tuller Family: past, present and future.

Linda Nadell

Vice President for Fundraising



Olga & Bob Strauss Center for Early Childhood Education New Early Childhood Education Program: Walking for Life

Our physical education teacher, Mindy Henry is facilitating a brand new program to encourage increased physical activity for ECE families. The program is called The Walking Pedometer Program: Walking for Life.

Our objective is to help families create healthy life styles and instill health and safety values. Everyone who wants one will be given a pedometer and encouraged to set a goal of 10,000 steps per day.

The Strauss ECE Center was awarded a \$ 600 grant from the First Focus on Kids to fund this program. The first shipment of pedometers has arrived and excitement is in the air! You will see more details of this program as it becomes integrated into our school enrichment curriculum.

The Greatest Hanukkah on Earth! VII is coming on Sunday December 11th. You won't want to miss seeing your children participate in this amazing production. Please join us!

Lyn Henry

Director, The Olga and Bob Strauss Center for Early Childhood Education

Northwest Pre-Hanukkah and Shabbat Candlelighting, Dinner, Party & Celebration at the Westward Look!

In preparation for the holiday of Hanukkah, Temple Emanu-El's Halutzim- Pioneering Activities in Northwest Tucson sponsors a special Pre-Hanukkah and Shabbat Candle Lighting, Party and Service at the Westward Look Resort Friday, December 19th at 6:00 pm.

The evening will begin with an opportunity for children to participate in a Hanukkah art project and play. At twilight, we will join in Hanukkah candle lighting, stories and songs, followed by Shabbat candle lighting and blessings leading to a festive Shabbat dinner complete with potato latkes. Join Rabbi Ben Sharff and others for special family activities, songs, and Hanukkah fun for all, especially families with young children.

There is a charge for this event of \$9 per adult (age 13 and over); free for younger children! For more information or to register, call the Temple office at 327-4501



Religious School Director

This is the second year of drafting our Religious School curriculum. A great deal has been accomplished recently by reviewing and purchasing texts that are aligned with our curriculum. Every grade level now has resources for teaching Hebrew, Judaic Studies, and understanding our commitment to the state of Israel.

This month I would like to share our Religious School's Educational Goals and Values.

Our students will become Judaically literate, and develop a deep appreciation for and commitment to full participation in the life of a Reform Temple and Jewish Community. There are six areas of academic emphasis within our school.

1. Prayer: We stress both skills and comfort with liturgy, and a comprehension of the nature and creativity of Jewish prayer.
2. Bible: We strive for knowledge and fluency with our sacred texts.
3. Shabbat and Festivals: Both their ritual and history are essential in fostering enjoyment and understanding of meaningful observance.
4. Mitzvot: We teach a commitment to learning and living Jewish commandments in a relevant way.
5. Hebrew: We create a working knowledge of liturgical Hebrew.
6. Israel and Community: We encourage all students to develop a close connection with our eternal homeland and with Diaspora Jewish communities.

For more information about the Religious School or our curriculum, call our office at 327-6722.

Bryan Kaplan

Religious School Director



Check Out Temple Emanu-El's Religious School!

The time to begin your child's religious education is NOW!! Our Religious School offers high-quality, inspiring and fun Jewish education for children from six weeks of age through 8th grade. Temple Emanu-El's students:

- Develop a strong knowledge of Judaism
- Gain a profound sense of Jewish spirituality
- Enjoy the process of Jewish learning

Call the Religious School for more information.

Bryan Kaplan
Religious School Director
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Temple's Voice for Israel

On your next trip to Israel, try to spend one weekend in Tel Aviv so that you will be able to attend Shabbat services at Temple Emanu-El's sister congregation, Kehilat Yonatan. The congregation is located in Hod HaSharon, about a 20 minute taxi ride from Tel Aviv. Services take place in the auditorium of a local High school, and if you let Rabbi Micky Boyden know that you will be attending, he will most likely arrange for a home hospitality visit with one or more of their wonderful congregants.

We recently had the great pleasure of attending services there followed by Shabbat dinner at the home of the president of the congregation, Steve Goldstein, along with his wife Flori, their family and friends. We learned a little of their history as well as their goals. One of their hopes is to cement a relationship between our two congregations. For more information, see their website, www.kehilat-yanatan.org.

Jack and Irene Steindler

Temple's Voice for Israel

Facts About Israel You May Not Know or May Have Forgotten

In June, 1967, Egypt's President Nasser asked the U.N to remove its peacekeepers between Israel and Egypt as the forces of Egypt and Syria readied to invade.

The American Jewish community, even, many who were complacent about Israel, rallied to help by selling and buying Israel Bonds and giving donations and in a few cases, volunteered to fight.

Israel launched preemptive strikes and defeated the Arab armies. Israel acquired East Jerusalem, Gaza strip, Sinai peninsula, Golan Heights, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Increased interest in Israel continued in the Jewish community. Israel did not win peace, as none of the Arab leaders would make peace with Israel.

Norm Brown

Temple's Voice For Israel

SO, WITH OUR SHOES
YOUR FEET WON'T HURT



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WRJ-Sisterhood News



The Women of Reform Judaism are proud to announce the coming of the new Temple Emanu-El Directory. Come to the Hanukkah Bazaar to get your family's complimentary copy! After the Hanukkah Bazaar on Sunday, December 4th, copies will be available for pick up in the Gift Shop. The Women of Reform Judaism hope you enjoy our Hanukkah Gift to you.

WRJ would like to thank the following people for all their help with this year's Break Fast. Many thanks to Dana Adler, Mimi Adler, Doreen Alexander, Mila Anderson, Sheila Beal, Gail Ben-Jamin, Isabel Benesh, Rosella Bonham, Jean Braucher, Cindy Brauner, Norma Brewster, Brooklyn Bagel Corp, Mildred Chapin, Doris Chapman, Norma Cohen, Rhody Cohon, Alexandra Delgado, Ruth Dickstein, Bess Echelbarger, Melissa Einfrank, Ann Eisenberg, Donna Ellis, Ellen Estrin, Sylvia Faibisoff, Beverly Fine, Cherie Fraine, Anne Frank, Charlotte Freedheim, Renee Freund, Bettye Gale, Sharon Geiger, Elsa Goldberg, Diana Haas, Lillian Handler, Gladys Hanfling, Cathy Hicks, Marci Hilliker, Marjorie Hochberg, Betty Kay Holpert, Beth Horowitz, Sherry Jacobson, Sonny Kaye, Esta Kessler, Jane Kleiner, Sally Kreida, Norma Lackow, Bert Landau, Ann Lapidus, Judy Lefton, Mara Levin, Ina Rae Levine, Judy Lugers, Elaine Marcus, Carol Margolis, Judy Mayer, Emily Mazur, Lori Meislin, Michelle Millstone, Ed Morgan, Eunice Morris, Barbara Musen, Linda Nadell, JoAnne Naef, Caryl Palazzolo, Joanne Rainbow, Sonny Reich, Ruth Reiter, Jill Rich, Carrie Richter, Nancy Robertson, Gert Rosen, Doris Rosenkrantz, Karen Rothschild, Carolyn Sanger, Irene Sarver, Dottie Sayre, Marian Schwartz, Diane Schwartz, Fran Shafton, Joy Sharff, Gale Silverman-Feld, Vikki Spritz, Roz Stein, Debra Sterling, Barner Tiefenbrunn, Sylvia Ulan, Susan Wallach, Andrea Ward, Liz Weiner-Schulman, Diane Weintraub, Sylvia Winner, Pam Workman-Parker, Barbara Zaslofsky, Nancy Zeldin and anyone who stopped by the kitchen to lend a hand or drop of food without letting me know your name. For anyone whose name was not listed, please let me know, so we can acknowledge your kindness in next month's Temple Times.

A number of board positions will be available for the 2006-2008 term. Please contact me if you would be interested in serving on the WRJ board.

Gail B. Smith, MD

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Retreat News

Give the Gift of Israel this Hanukkah!

As you begin to think about gifts for family for the Holiday, consider the joy you will bring to daughter, son, grandchild, or friend, with the gift of participation in the Temple Retreat in May. It will be a package that comes with months of anticipation, 3 days of intense learning, fun and sharing, and years of memories of having participated in such a wonderful event with you. It may be loved so much it could solve your gift-giving choices for years to come!

This year's Retreat, which will take place in Rio Rico, Arizona from May 9-11th, will be a virtual Israel experience, with music, movies, food, dialogue, controversy (of course!) and the joyous spirit of devoting a weekend to our homeland.

Watch the Temple Website beginning at the end of this month for registration forms. And please call the Temple Office at 327-4501, or Ruth Reiter, Retreat Chairperson, with any questions you may have. When you purchase your gift, you will receive a special Retreat Gift Certificate that can be wrapped beautifully for Hanukkah. Looking forward to seeing you there... in Israel, Rio Rico style!!!

Dr. Judith Shepard Gomez

Retreat Committee

Temple Emanu-El and Rabbis Cohon and Sharff to be featured on Local Television Show

Temple Emanu-El will be featured on the half hour TV show, "Local Matters" on Tucson Community Access cable channels December 4th -10th. Watch our congregation and rabbis on this local broadcast!

The broadcast schedule for Cox channel 99 and Comcast channel 75 is:

Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 pm
Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 pm
Friday, December 9th at 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 10th at 5:00 pm

On Cox channel 12 and Comcast channel 75, the broadcast schedule is:

Sunday, December 4th at 9 pm
Monday, December 5th at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, December 6th at 11:30 pm
Wednesday, December 7th at 11:30 pm,
Thursday, December 8th at 8 pm
Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 pm

Time is running out!

Give to the Mitzvah Corp!

Perform a Mitzvah and Save Money in the Bargain!

About four years ago, Temple Emanu-El created the Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. The purpose of the Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. is to provide services to Arizona residents who need temporary assistance.

These services focus on meeting the recipients' immediate, basic needs. The services may include cash assistance, medical care, child care, food, clothing, shelter, job training, or help with job placement. These services may be provided to Temple members, other needy Jewish families in the community, or to those in general need in the community.

Your contribution to the Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. is treated by the Arizona Department of Revenue as a tax credit for the cash contribution made to this charity that provides help to the working poor. The maximum amount of this credit made to the Mitzvah Corp is \$200.00. This credit is available to all individuals paying taxes in Arizona, provided the amount contributed does not exceed their overall tax liability. You will qualify for this credit if you make a cash contribution to the Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. is a qualifying charity which is exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code. The Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corp. has received its certification letter from the Department of Revenue and is administering these funds to serve qualifying families.

Whether it is providing food for the Food Pantry, clothing for the needy, holiday gifts to qualifying families, or sheltering the homeless, the Mitzvah Corp. is there for those who are in need. It is at the core of our religious tradition to help provide assistance to the working poor. Please utilize your \$200.00 state tax credit for this worthy cause. For more information, contact your tax professional or Jonathan Rothschild, at 624-8886.

Your donation to the Mitzvah Corps must be post-marked no later than December 31, 2005. Please send in your contribution today!

"If not now, when?"