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News from Temple BEVS

A delegation of members from Temple Beth El V'Shalom including Rabbi Robert Seigel, Steven Haas, Bill Grifenhagen and Sally Schrader will be attending the Mid-Atlantic Council UAHC Biennial Convention in Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 2-4. This year's convention's theme, "Rededication to Jewish Values," will be led by outstanding leaders such as Rabbi Daniel Syme and Lydia Kukoff, director of Reform Jewish Outreach. The topics of discussion include Religious Living, Membership Integration, Business and Legal Ethics, as well as Youth Groups, Religious Education and Outreach.

Children's Programs

Tot Shabbat/Chanukah Party will be held Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. These services are a special time just for our younger members and their parents. The services are written for the children and include lots of songs and active participation. After the service the children gather in the Social Hall for their own Oneg Shabbat and crafts party. Tot Shabbats are lots of fun for the children and parents too. Join us! For more information call Nina Haas, 366-1948.

Transportation for the Homeless Needed on Mondays

The Jewish Community has made a commitment to provide transportation for the homeless to the Shelter at 1210 North Tryon Street, every Monday morning at 5:30 a.m., for the months of December and January.

We will be using the JCC van. Rabbi Wilson will be the primary driver, but he needs your help. If you are available to drive on an occasional Monday morning, contact him at 376-2796. No special license is necessary.

Thanks...

Lubavitcher Rebbe Calls for Strengthened Unity in Israel

NEW YORK (LNS) — The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, has called upon the various political parties in Israel to strengthen the harmony and unity amongst themselves.

Referring to the unseemly campaign that characterized the recent elections in Israel, the Rebbe said that now "is the time to rise above the quagmire, to sit down and reason together and to seek ways to unify."

Speaking specifically, but not exclusively, to the religious parties, the Rebbe noted that "although no two people think alike, unity is nevertheless attainable and must be reached when it comes to practical application." The Rebbe called upon the parties not to squabble over issues that still divide them, but to emphasize and deal with the issues that they basically agree upon.

He called attention to the anti-abortion and anti-autopsy laws, which have already been legislated, as examples of issues upon which not only the religious parties are in agreement, but the rest of the government as well.

"Immediate agreement should be reached by the parties concerned to see how to implement these laws which are already on the books," the Rebbe said.

The Rebbe noted that many issues pertaining to religion and commerce have already been agreed upon and legislated, and are areas where a consensus of opinion already exists.

"Strength is unity. The parties should proceed to deal with those issues upon which there is general agreement; it will then be easier to move ahead and deal with other substantive concerns.

"It is incumbent upon the political parties to deal with these mutually agreed upon issues. This will facilitate a smooth transition of power by furthering cooperation and unity during the negotiations to form a coalition."

The Rebbe made his remarks in a public address at Lubavitch World Headquarters in New York. Among the thousands in attendance were some five hundred Lubavitch emissaries representing Jewish communities from

around the world, who were taking part in the International Lubavitch Emissaries Conference held over the weekend.

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE REBBE: In his address the Rebbe made no reference to the "Who is a Jew" issue.

The Torah position on this matter demands the amending of the Israeli Law of Return to specify that conversions to Judaism are valid only when performed "in accordance with Halacha (Jewish Law)."

The position on this compelling issue — which touches the very quintessence of Judaism — is rooted in Jewish law. Nothing can sway it. Only Jewish law can determine who is Jewish.

The halachic standard for conversion is the only one acceptable by the total Jewish community, as it has been from the time the Jewish people became a nation upon receiving the Torah at Sinai more than 3,000 years ago. Amending the law will serve to avoid any schism amongst the Jewish people.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Presents Adult Education Winter Series

Series Number One:

What a Jew Ought to Know About Christianity

- Jan. 8: "Liberal Christianity and Ecumenity"
Dr. Gene Owens, *Myers Park Baptist Church*
- Feb. 26: "Sacramental Christianity: Text and Tradition"
Rev. Henry Parsley, *Christ Episcopal Church*
Rev. John Haughey, *St. Peter's Catholic Church*
- Mar. 12: "Evangelical Christianity: "What is it and How Does it Relate to Jews?"
Rev. Joseph Chambers, *Paw Creek Church of God*
Rev. Karl D. Coke, *Garr Memorial Church*

Series Number Two:*

Jewish Parenting with Rabbi Seigel

- Dec. 18: "Explaining Christmas to the Jewish Child"
Group Discussion/Question & Answer session/refreshments
- Jan. 29: "But Where Does God Live?"
How to explain your child's questions about God
- Mar. 5: "Where is My Grandma?"
Explaining death to the Jewish child

All sessions will be held at Temple Beth El V'Shalom 7:30 p.m. on Sunday nights and are open to the public. There is no charge.

* This series is sponsored by the Temple Nursery, Nina Haas. Babysitting available on request.

Scholar-in-Residence Schedule Announced

Temple Israel's annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend will feature Daniel Schorr, the Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist.

Schorr will speak at a Saturday evening Havdalah service and dinner on Jan. 28, 1989 at Temple Israel and will give another presentation on Sunday morning, Jan. 29 at Shalom Park. The entire community is invited to both events.

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