



Temple Israel News



Temple Israel Book Club

He, She And It by Marge Piercy
Monday, December 8
7:45 PM

There's breathtaking excitement in Marge Piercy's **He, She and It**. Temple Israel's December 8 book club meeting selection. Set in the New England town of Tikva in the middle of the twenty-first century this adventure tale of humans and a golem-like cyborg makes for stimulating, thought provoking reading.

He, She and It may be ordered from local book stores for \$12 (\$6

for a smaller print edition) and is available at the public and Speizman Libraries.

Temple Israel's book club meetings are open to all members of the Jewish community. "Drop ins" are invited. Even if you don't read the book prior to the December 8th meeting, come anyway for an evening's lively discussion!

For additional information — or to suggest books — call Linda Levy (h) 366-6362 (w) 598-7657 or Micki Schifinan (364-0041).

Luski Concert a bullseye Again!!

A wonderful evening of Jewish music was offered by singers Robert Abelson and Phyllis Berk, assisted ably by Joyce Rosenzweig at the piano.

The opening number was a beautiful duet "Do You Love Me", from Fiddler on the Roof. Ms. Berk communicated deep emotional involvement in every song. For most of the Yiddish songs, she also sang an English version, sometimes one she had translated herself. In her performance and somewhat in her appearance, she reminded this listener of Mary Travers (from

Peter, Paul and Mary) conveying a broad spectrum of emotions.

Cantor Abelson used his operatic voice to great effort in songs ranging from cantorial to folk to the title song of Man of La Mancha.

Both singers had great rapport with the audience, and both were sensitively accompanied by Ms. Rosenzweig.

Temple Israel and the community at large is grateful to the Luski families for their continuing generosity in sponsoring these concerts. ☆

Social Action at Temple Israel

December starts the busy winter months for the Social Action Committee. We will be involved in three very worthy causes starting in early December. The Room in the Inn shelter project begins at Temple Israel on December 13; the Christmas Bureau will be held on December 22; and we will again feed the homeless at the Men's Emergency Shelter on December 24.

On Saturday, December 13, we will be working with Temple Beth El and the JCC to house the homeless. On that night at Temple Israel, we will welcome guests with a hot dinner, a warm place to sleep and a nice breakfast. We still need volunteers to act as overnight monitors, food servers, set up, breakfast and other chores.

Other dates for Room in the Inn: December 20, 24, 25, January 3, 10, 24, February 7, 21 and March 7, 14, 28. Make plans to get involved TODAY. All you have to do is pick a date and the type of help you can offer. Call Eric Platock at 364-8513 to get put on the volunteer list!!

Our next project will be the Annual Christmas Bureau. People are needed on December 22nd to help distribute toys and other items at the Salvation Army. This will only take a few hours of your time in the afternoon. A great project for anyone older than 16! Call Dorothy Shapiro at 841-1663.

Once again this year, we will be

feeding over 300 men at the Emergency Men's Shelter. On December 24, Christmas Eve, we will be taking our volunteers uptown to feed a wonderful hot meal to those who truly need our help. We need volunteers to help serve, as well as any FOOD contributions you may be able to make. Gloria would love to add your name to the list. Call her at 365-8118.

The Social Action Committee would like to thank all persons and families who have helped throughout the year. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to make our community a better place to live. We would love to have more people involved in any way they can. We always need people, supplies and most of all contributions to help fund our projects.

This Winter season, we have increased our commitment to the community, therefore, we need additional contributions to help us feed more, house more homeless, and do more. Don't forget, the Temple has a Social Action Fund for those of you making contributions in honor/memory of someone. Giving to this fund will further help the mitzvah of helping others.

Have you ever thought about projects you would like to see the Social Action Committee involved in? Got some ideas? We'd love to have you join us. We are always looking for volunteers to help plan and participate in our projects. If you are interested, just call Eric Platock at 364-8513 and we promise to put you to WORK!! ☆

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Thurs Jan 8 Temple Beth El at 8 pm

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www.charlottesymphony.org

Visit the new Temple Israel website
<http://uscj.org/soeast/charlotte>

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We welcome with joy our new arrivals ...

Jessica Bess Goldberg, daughter of Marci & Phil Goldberg.
Marni Ilana Ransenberg, daughter of Karen & David Ransenberg.

Shalom to our new members ...

Gabrielle Kretsch
Scott Hirsch
Phillip Lavine
Susan & Michael Moses
Stephanie Oxman

Congratulations to the following B'nai Mitzvahs ...

Steven Reichard, son of Wendi & Joel Reichard.
Rachel Reich, daughter of Laura & Barry Reich.

Bible Class

Plan to attend Temple Israel's new Bible Study class every Sunday morning, 10:15 - 11:30 AM, beginning November 30th. The class will explore the cultural and historical background of the Bible text and the region. It will be led by Gloria O. Becker, PhD. No preparation is necessary. Everyone is welcome.

We will begin by reading passages from Genesis followed by selected brief publications on the text and period by historians and archaeologists. At various times, we will also look at atlas maps, artifacts, and a recent video understanding on the role of

Ancient Israel in world of the Ancient Near East; and, more importantly, to expand our Bible literacy.

Gloria O. Becker earned a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania (1984) in American Civilization. She specialized in archaeology, material culture, and Historic preservation. She was a lecturer in archaeology and preservation at Penn State Harrisburg, history researcher at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, and Preservation Director at Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, PA. ☆

Sisterhood And Gift Shop News...

Israeli Dancing

Temple Israel Sisterhood and Temple Beth El's Women of Reform Judaism presents Israeli Dancing with Ruthie Slann, Tuesday, January 13, 1998, at 10:30 am at Temple Israel in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall. \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. Babysitting available upon request. For more information, call Katherine Goldstein at 362-3515.

Entertainment Books Available

Entertainment Books for 1998 are here! Take advantage of hundreds of discounts, valid now through December 1998, on restaurants, movies,

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Chanukah begins December 24! All gift wrap, bows, cards & paper goods on sale. Come visit our gift shop to see our large selection for all your Chanukah shopping needs. We will be open: Sundays - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. You may also call for special appointments: Rose Luski - 366-5838; Rose Weisman - 372-9094; Thelma Wertzberger - 362-2302 or Hushie Silverstein - 366-5443. ☆

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CHECK FOR WEEKLY IN-STORE SPECIALS

Hours: Sun 10-3:30 • M-W 10-5 • Th 10-7 • Fri 10-3 • Closed Sat.