OUTREACH 5765/2004-2005

Reach Up to connect with the Creator,
Reach In to discover oneself...
Reach Out to link with other lives,
And the miracle of creation is this:
When we reach in any one direction,
We make contact with all three.

LT Outreach Mission Statement
[Based on quote by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav]

Outreach is dedicated to meeting the needs of interfaith families at Larchmont Temple and reaching out to share experiences and ideas with non-Jewish congregations in our Larchmont/Mamaroneck community. Our programming not only provides opportunities to learn more about Judaism and other world religions, but also to meet other members of the temple, including other interfaith families. We hope that you will join us this year as we seek to reach Up, In and Out.

Bridges, Thursday evenings, 7:30 PM - 9:15 pm.... 8 sessions with guest presenters representing the spectrum of faith, from Orthodox Judaism to Catholicism to Islam. We'll look at Revelation, Prayer, Miracles, Justice, Leadership, Community, Mission and the Holy One's place in our lives through the lens of various faith traditions. Bridges meets October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12. There is a $54 registration fee. For more information, please call Ann Gittelman (833-4179) or Vicki Gold (834-3176).

Coffee Talk An informal discussion group for, about and led by interfaith families. The first meeting will take place on October 29, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Call Ruby Engel (833-7325) or Ilene Haigh (698-1266) if you would like more information. Subsequent meetings on January 28 and May 6.

Issues & Illuminations, Monday evenings, 6:30 PM, A dinner discussion group led jointly by Rabbi Sirkman and Rev. Crawford of the Larchmont Avenue Church, in which thought-provoking articles foster both Judeo-Christian dialogue and personal religious understanding. The first meeting will be Monday, October 18, 6:30 to 8 PM at Larchmont Temple. RSVP for dinner and copies of discussion articles to Cynthia in the LT office, 834-6120, ext. 13. Subsequent meetings on November 15 at Larchmont Avenue Church and May 26 at Larchmont Temple.

How-To...Classes, Three sessions led by Rabbi Nathan covering Shabbat(October 21), Hanukah (December 2) and Passover (April 7). Thursday mornings, 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Call Jill Sarkozi (833-7868) if you have any questions.

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner, A Friday night family-friendly Shabbat Worship service followed by a kid-friendly dinner. Save the dates!! November 5 and March 4.

New Beginnings is for those who are interested in conversion or have recently converted. Our group meets one evening a month, and gets together for social events and learning opportunities throughout the year. For more information contact Andi Rosenthal, 833-5115 or AndiRosenthal@aol.com.

Outreach Weekend, featuring nationally-renowned Bible scholar, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University, a self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt." April 8 – 10.
Who Can I Ask

Feel free to direct your questions to any of the following people.

About Interfaith Issues and the Outreach Program:
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Outreach Committee Members:
Beth Belisle, Ruby Engel, Meg Fienberg, Sonya Fischer, Vicki Gold,
Ilene Haigh, Colette Rodbell and Andi Rosenthal

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About Social Action Programs & How You Can Get Involved
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