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PURIM CELEBRATION

At the March 5 school session the traditions of Purim were carried out with great enthusiasm. Masks, groggers, hamentaschen, and a spirited reading of the megillah reminded students about the heroic story of a courageous Jewish woman. Many thanks to all those who helped with this fun-filled event.

MARCH SHABBAT

March 24, 7:30pm, Minneapolis JCC. Program, "Orthodox Then, Humanist Now" with Muriel Sterne, Or Emet member.

APRIL BRINGS PASSOVER AND THE CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

School Session-April 2, 10:00-Noon, the Friends School, 1365 Englewood Ave., St. Paul. Classes—Pre-school with Faith Oremland, Middles with Susanna Gorodisher, Juniors with Mona Fenichel. Adult discussion: Humanistic Judaism and Passover, Presenter Bruce Pomerantz, Or Emet member.

On-site Coordinator, Phil Griffin

Refreshments, Janet Mayer

SEDER, APRIL 14, DEPT OF INDIAN WORKS, 1671 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Observing Passover together has always been one of the highlights of the year for the Or Emet family. It is a family event, suitable for everyone of every age, and open to friends and neighbors, extended family and anyone interested in experiencing a seder in the traditions of Humanistic Judaism. Reservations can be made by calling Evelyn Lessin 952-377-3736. Members are asked to bring something for the potluck. The cost for visitors is \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child (from 5-12). Set up begins at 5pm and we sit down for the seder at 6pm.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The education committee plans to meet on April 22, 1:00pm at the home of Amy Stubenhaus, 1191 Ashland Ave., St. Paul. This committee is composed of the teachers, the education chair, and the school coordinator, plus any parent interested in attending. ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PLANS FOR THE 2006-07 JCS SEASON, AND OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW SCHOOL COORDINATOR. ALL PARENTS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE. YOU WILL BE CALLED BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AS WE GATHER RESPONSES TO THIS PLEA FOR HELP. YOU MAY EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS BY BRINGING A COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE APRIL 2 JCS SESSION



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Dear Parents:

This has been a great year for the JCS, with our move from Hillel House to the Friends School, and many new families joining us. Spring brings more great events, which we look forward to. Then comes summer, with our season closing after June's school session, and so we must think ahead to fall and the 2006-07 school season.

Volunteers from within Or Emet membership have always made a great difference, but this season they proved invaluable. We have come to believe that membership requires some form of active participation from everyone. Although we strive to keep dues as low as possible, this decision is not just financial. The program of education in Humanistic Judaism is clearly stronger and more effective when we conduct it ourselves.

Please look carefully at the following options, choose one or more, and sign your name. You can always change your mind later if circumstances change, and support services will always be available from the education committee. Give the completed form to a teacher or member of the executive committee, or fold, stamp and mail it to Chairperson Susanna Gorodisher. Your active participation will benefit all our students and Or Emet as a whole. THANK YOU.

Name _____

Starting in the fall of 2006, I would be willing to:

Teach or co-teach the Middles class _____ (students in grades 2-5)

Teach or co-teach the Young Ones class _____ (PS through grade 1)

Serve as school coordinator _____ (this job is flexible and can be tailored to fit the volunteer's interests, abilities, and time available; this has sometimes been a paid position and that is open for negotiation)

Serve on the education committee _____

Mona Fenichel has graciously agreed to continue next season as teacher of the Juniors class. We assume that everyone will volunteer to provide refreshments, and sign-up for that contribution will be provided at the school session of Sept 2006.