

Temple Judea's "Family Connection" Goes Apple Picking!

On September 29th, nine families from Temple Judea of Manhasset met at the Maskers Orchards in Warwick NY where they spent a fun filled day organized by one of the Temple's newest groups, the Family Connection. They spent a beautiful sunny afternoon picking apples, enjoying a picnic lunch together, listening to a special **Sukkot** Story read by one of the group's chairpersons, Lauren Chizner, and enjoying a Fall Fair complete with an apple maze, pumpkin picking, and apple cider. The children showed real team work, picking hundreds of apples which were then used for a special Tzedakah (charity) event held Sunday at the Temple.

The next day, the Family Connection met in the Social Hall to assemble apple projects and enjoy a pizza lunch. This time, there were 35 families who came together and decorated over **48 gift bags** and filled them to the brim with apples. In the spirit of **Tzedakah**, these apple bags will be donated to the INN (The Interfaith Nutrition Network), which addresses the issues of hunger and homelessness on Long Island through its soup kitchens and emergency shelters. In addition to the gift bags, the group together made over 100 caramel apples, which will be given out to the children following Simchat Torah services on Wednesday, October 3rd. This first time event went so smoothly with the help of Temple organizers Frann Wolfe of Roslyn and Michelle Levitin of Manhasset. They, and all members of the Family Connection, are looking forward to even more fun filled family get-togethers.

If you are interested in upcoming Family Connection events, please contact either Mollie Mandell, limollie@aol.com, or Lauren Chizner, lchizner@optonline.net. Temple Judea's Family Connection provides programs and events for families with children of Religious School age. Temple Judea, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is located at 333 Seasingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call (516) 621-8049 for further information and visit its website at temple-judea.com.