

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 12  
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

### II. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

will speak on

### THE TRADITION THAT YOU KNOW AND THE POLYDOXY YOU DON'T.

... Authority and Freedom in Reform Judaism.

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, January 13  
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Friday, January 19  
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

will speak on

### TO SEEK CONVERTS OR NOT — TIME FOR A CHANGE?

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, January 20  
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Friday, January 26  
6:00 p.m. — Dinner  
7:30 p.m. — Service Sabbath Evening Services

### KINDERGARTEN FAMILY SABBATH DINNER

followed by Early Evening Worship

### STORY SERMONETTE

by

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

Saturday, January 27  
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

## Temple Israel Announces Reform Jewish Youth Program

Detailed information and registration blanks are now available at Temple Israel for a variety of programs offered in the summer of 1979. Eligible students may consider:

### I.

#### NFTY NATIONAL ACADEMY

300 high school youth will be accepted for two 4-week sessions, especially designed to help students from all over the world explore and experience their Jewish identity through study, recreation, evening programming and religious experiences.

Structured as an informal university, the NFTY National Academy is staffed by scholars, art specialists, rabbis, group leadership and programming specialists.

Students may participate in either of the two sessions, or both, for an exciting and rewarding experience.

### II.

#### NATIONAL TORAH CORPS

An integral part of the Academy Program, the Torah Corps has all the advantages of the larger community, program, and camp facilities — plus the opportunity to live and learn in a Hebrew permeated environment together with people committed to Jewish literacy. Students, whether beginners or advanced, join together to learn and speak the Hebrew language, study Jewish texts in their original form, and dedicate themselves to a summer of becoming well-versed in the language of their People.

### III.

#### WORK-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Work-Scholarship is an incentive program open to entering High School Seniors only. By assisting for one to two hours a day in the dining hall, those accepted are able to attend the Full Program of the Academy or Torah Corps at a greatly reduced cost. The Work-Scholarship applicant is a full participant in the program of his or her choosing and is expected to fulfill all the requirements of that program. Only 30 spaces are available. Applicants will be accepted on a Recommendation-Financial need basis.

UAHC Kutz Camp Institute is located in a wooded area in Warwick, N.Y. and includes 4 living areas, complete athletic and recreational facilities, theatre complex, learning centers, art centers, program halls, and every facility to provide a dynamic summer-time opportunity for all participants.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. If you are interested in obtaining any details or information about available scholarships, please call Rabbi Barry Weinstein at Temple, 556-6536, or the Temple Office.

## If You Were in Our Religious School

... by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein  
MAKING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
RELEVANT

Every week throughout our Religious School, classes learn about the history and culture of Judaism in ancient times. We provide our students with the background they need in order to better understand Jewish life today.



But this is not enough. The students want and deserve to study and discuss topics relevant to their life today. This is why our curriculum includes courses on Jewish ethics and values, together with discussion of the prominent events in Jewish life throughout the world.

You will find in this Tidings descriptions of several of those activities. As you read them, try to capture the spirit and enthusiasm of the youngsters in the school. I am delighted with the interest level of our young people this year and with the many special projects our teachers have designed and created for them.

Parents are always welcome to visit any of our classes in the Hebrew or Religious School. We simply ask that you notify the teacher in advance of your planned visit.

I believe you will be both surprised and encouraged upon experiencing the spirit of the school. Our school's goals are both cognitive and affective. That is, we aim to impart knowledge of Judaism and as much information as possible about Jewish life. Yet we also attain to strengthen feelings of loyalty and love of the Jews and all of Jewish life. Activities such as those described in the accompanying articles are of tremendous value in this regard.

We hope you will accept our invitation to join us and share in the thrill and excitement of Jewish learning.

### GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF: Brad Sperling.  
IN HONOR OF: 40th Wedding Anniversary  
of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kriegler.

## Learning Judaism Creatively in Our Religious School!

### Personal Visits of Rabbis — When Students Ask the Questions

Some time ago we originated the practice of inviting students to ask any questions they wish of our Rabbis!

According to a prearranged schedule, Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein visit all classes in the Religious School and Hebrew School. During these sessions students ask questions about Temple Israel, Judaism, and Jewish life in general. Absolutely any questions that students raise are discussed by the Rabbis.

These visits also provide the Rabbis the opportunity of supplementing the subject matter of each particular class with more detailed knowledge. Furthermore, the students have the added advantage of engaging in personal discussion with each Rabbi.

Rabbi Brooks has modified this innovation with relationship to the Confirmation Class this year. He has scheduled private appointments with each Confirmation student in the course of the year. These interviews have provided the students with a unique opportunity to learn from and to simply visit with Rabbi Brooks in a leisurely, informal setting.

These encounters of our Rabbis and our students contribute to one of the overall goals of our Religious School: the communication of the ideals of our Faith in a personal and direct manner to all our students.

### Chanukah Celebrations

Every month in both the Saturday and Sunday divisions of our Religious School, worship services designed for young children take place. On a rotating basis, all students in all of the grades of our Religious School have an opportunity to worship in the Temple chapel and the main sanctuary. These services are, of course, in addition to our regular adult services.

Each month the Sunday division, grades kindergarten through 5, worships together in the Temple Sanctuary. Before the Chanukah recess, a particularly memorable worship service and assembly was provided for all of our Sunday students. As in each monthly service for all the Sunday school, the Junior Choir

participated, Rabbi Weinstein presented a story sermonette, and birthday blessings were given for children celebrating birthdays in December.

The children learned new Chanukah stories and songs and participated in a symbolic lighting of the Chanukah menorah. Following the services individual classroom Chanukah parties were held, thanks to the help of many Room Parents.

### Bake Sale By Grades 2 and 6 Benefits Ben Shemen

Our most successful sale to date has enabled us to send a check to Ben Shemen Youth Village in Israel for \$130.00 this year. We have designated this money for games and books and sports equipment for the Ben Shemen children. These are sent with the warm wishes of our children for a very Happy Chanukah! Accompanying the check were photos taken by Harlan Noddle of the children in Grades 2 and 6, taught by Elinor Whitman, who were the planners and prime movers of this year's project.

Chosen by her classmates as chairman of the bake sale was Susie Noddle, whose sense of responsibility and organization deserve a great deal of praise. The baking done by the children was not only delicious to taste but a joy to behold. A special song of praise and thank you, however, goes to an assortment of students, teachers, and parents from other classes who generously brought additional cakes and cookies and sweets of all kinds to augment our supply and keep us in business throughout the week. We started out by trying to keep a list of those outside our classes who brought, but many of you left anonymous packages and our list is incomplete. We and, I am sure, the children at Ben Shemen thank you all for your beautiful spirits and the sharing of the products of your hands and hearts.

Many parents have remarked about the sense of involvement, of sharing, of giving, and of participating that seemed to be sparked in their children as a result of this project. Both 2nd and 6th graders, in addition to the bake sale, found ways of earning money, rather than

asking for it, and proudly brought it to add to the fund. These are Jewish values which we hope will become a part of their lives.

### Dr. Weintraub's Class Debates "Religion in Public Schools"

Recently Dr. Arnold Weintraub's 8th Grade Saturday School Class participated in a series of mini-debates on the topic: "Resolved: That all religion-related activities and songs should be eliminated from the public schools."

In the course of this special project the class learned of some of the complexities of the issue of separation of "church and state." The students prepared carefully written position papers on positive and negative aspects of the question. Rabbi Weinstein helped in judging the concluding debate.

The first place winners were the team of Jim Baker and John Glazer, who debated on the negative side of the question. They defeated the affirmative team of David Cohen and Marcy Frost, who finished second. Other participants were: Alan Breslow, Lori Blatt, Cindy Kohll, Lisa Manvitz, Jodie Martin, Mara Sifry, and Cindy Cohen. We congratulate all of the students who participated in this important learning experience with our Saturday School.

Debate is, of course, an excellent teaching method providing all participants the opportunity to understand both sides of controversial issues affecting them and growing out of Jewish teachings.

Dr. Weintraub was formerly the debate coach at Central High School, where his debaters won 11 state championships in his 7 years of coaching.

### Junior Choir Sings

The Junior Choir sang for the annual Chanukah Dinner held at Temple on December 22nd. Their program consisted of the traditional Chanukah melodies and several Israeli folk songs. Those participating were: Jill Barnes, Leigh Blumstein, Margo Cohen, Mindi Dloogoff, Randi Epstein, Lisa Fried, David Pickel, Shayna Sacks, Terri Sadofsky, Beth Selner, Dahlia Sifry, Elana Sifry, David Spizman, David Weill, John Weill.

Give a lasting gift:  
Israeli candlesticks for Shabbat.  
For your "roots," a Family Bible.  
Take wine in fine Israeli glassware.

Simcha shopping here is a mitzvah!  
Hanukkah gelt half price!  
Order Chaim Potok's "Wanderings."  
Please a child with a Sabbath puzzle.

The Gift Shop will be open January 16th, before the Brunch. 20% discount on all Hanukkah merchandise on this date only. **We will special order for you for any occasion.** The office staff will help you with in-stock gift items at any time. Or call Norma Fried, 397-0475.

### Temple Youth Study at St. Louis Conclave

Several members of the Temple Youth Group traveled to St. Louis, Mo. for the annual Winter Conclave of the Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth.

**This year's conclave took place December 27-30 and was held at Temple B'nai El. The Theme of the conclave was "The Jewish response to oppression." Faculty included Rabbis from the St. Louis area. Please watch the Temple Tidings for further information about Winter Conclave.**

\* \* \*

Our Temple Youth Groupers gathered for an enjoyable Chanukah party at the home of Beth Seldin. We express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Seldin for hosting our group and providing refreshments.

\* \* \*

Our calendar for January includes a Going Away Party for Emily Milder in the Youth Lounge at 12:30 Sunday, January 7, and a House Party for Super Bowl Sunday, January 21. Please watch for your flyers for further information.

\* \* \*

**If you have a son or daughter in grades 9-12 who is interested in learning more about the Temple Youth Group and its programs, please phone the TYG president, David Peebler, 393-3811, or Rabbi Weinstein at Temple Israel.**

### CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF:

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks  
Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

IN HONOR OF:

Birthday of Ann Bernstein.  
Birthday of Sarah Epstein.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Frankel.  
Birthday of Skip Hockenberg.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Katz.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Meyers.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice.  
Philip Ringle.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Saltzman.  
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sanford.  
Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Slutzky.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Jack Ban, Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Sarah Cohn, Molly Delman, Abe Katelman, Jimmy Krantz, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weisberg.

IN MEMORY OF:

Miriam Asarch, Ann Brodsky, Jeanette Cohen, Jack Fox, Dr. Arthur Friedman, Adolph Frohman, Sadie Gitlin, Martin Gluckman, Yetta Goldberg, Sarah Jacobs Kohn, Mollie Littman, Karl Luefschuetz, Jacob Marcus, Sam Rosen, Ella Scharf, Bessie Silver, Jack Solomon, Ella H. Weber.

### CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Lance Bradley Polikov, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Polikov. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Goldston and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Polikov. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lou Goldston and Mrs. Max Kadis.

### HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

December 15, 1978

Candle Blessing ..... Mrs. Alan Nogg  
Kiddush ..... Bernard Raskin  
Torah Blessing ..... Alan Nogg

December 22, 1978

Candle Blessing ..... Mrs. Ilse Kuttner  
(Dinner)  
..... Mrs. C. Meade Chamberlin  
(Service)  
Kiddush ..... Maj. Richard Blumstein  
(Dinner)  
..... Marshall Lewis  
(Service)

December 29, 1978

Candle Blessing ..... Mrs. Stephen Simon  
Chanukah Candles ..... Mrs. Thomas Bernstein  
Kiddush ..... Amy Bernstein, Leslie Simon  
Torah Blessing ..... Mrs. Douglas Weil  
Torah Blessing ..... Deborah Weil

### OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

**MIRIAM ASARCH**  
Denver

Sister of Elliot Rubin

and extends sympathy to the bereaved families.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY

|          |                                   |                |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 10       | Confirmation Class Resumes .....  | 4:00 p.m.      |
| 10       | Daled Hebrew Class .....          | 4:00-5:30 p.m. |
| 10       | Board of Trustees Meeting .....   | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 11       | Gimmel Hebrew Class Resumes ...   | 4:00-5:30 p.m. |
| 12       | Sabbath Evening Services .....    | 8:15 p.m.      |
| 13       | Religious School .....            | 9:00 a.m.      |
| 13       | Sabbath Morning Services .....    | 11:00 a.m.     |
| 14       | Religious School .....            | 10:00 a.m.     |
| 16       | Sisterhood Coffee .....           | 10:00 a.m.     |
| 16-23-30 | Aleph Hebrew Class .....          | 4:00-5:00 p.m. |
| 16-23-30 | Beth Hebrew Class .....           | 5:00-6:15 p.m. |
| 17-24-31 | Daled Hebrew Class .....          | 4:00-5:30 p.m. |
| 17       | Confirmation Class .....          | 4:00 p.m.      |
| 18-25    | Gimmel Hebrew Class .....         | 4:00-5:30 p.m. |
| 19       | Sabbath Evening Services .....    | 8:15 p.m.      |
| 20       | Religious School .....            | 9:00 a.m.      |
| 20       | Sabbath Morning Services .....    | 11:00 a.m.     |
| 21       | Religious School .....            | 10:00 a.m.     |
| 26       | Kindergarten Sabbath Dinner ..... | 6:00 p.m.      |
| 26       | Sabbath Evening Services .....    | 7:30 p.m.      |
| 27       | Religious School .....            | 9:00 a.m.      |
| 27       | Sabbath Morning Services .....    | 11:00 a.m.     |
| 28       | Religious School .....            | 10:00 a.m.     |
| 31       | Confirmation Class .....          | 4:00 p.m.      |

### Kindergarten Sabbath Dinner on January 26

Since last year's Religious School Sabbath Family Dinners were such a success, people have been requesting that we repeat them again this year. The Kindergarten Sabbath Dinner will be held January 26 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief service at 7:30 p.m. including a Story Sermonette. The evening includes a good dinner, songs and a good time. Dinners will be held for classes through the fifth grade.

### NEWS DEADLINE FOR TIDINGS — Issue No. 8

Thursday, January 18, 1979

The issue will cover Fridays February 2, 9, and 16.

Remember . . .

### Temple Israel Couples Club

**"A Night in the Alley"**  
(Bowling Party)  
January 20, 1979

### TEMPLE TIDINGS

Published by Temple Israel  
7023 Cass ..... Omaha, Ne. 68132  
Lori Brookstein, Editor

Member of Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
P A I D  
Omaha, Nebr.  
Permit No. 265

# Temple Israel Tidings



VOL. XXIX

January 12, 1979

No. 7

## IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

*A Personal Message From Rabbi Brooks*

### THOUGHTS FOR 1979

Let's face it. I doubt that on any given day more than a miniscule number of our fellow Jews here in Omaha could tell you the correct date on the Hebrew calendar.

So we count the years on the secular calendar and the new number 1979 appears to some of us as almost astronomical. The impression is one of greater leaps between the years as one grows older!

It's just a date, after all. But few there are who have not at least fleeting reflections on the passing of years.

Mine:

1. I'm grateful to God I made it! No further comment necessary for that.
2. I'm thankful for family and friends, teachers and colleagues still with us, those who can enter 1979 with me. Life is richer, lovelier with them.
3. I shed a tear for those whose voices I cannot hear again, from whom letters come no longer, to whom I cannot repair for advice, knowledge, fun and laughter. I miss them.
4. This year I'd like to learn more about everything, but especially about myself, how to accept growing older with equanimity, to know myself for what I really am, and to be able to acknowledge, without apologies, my changing weaknesses and strengths, my quickness in some things, my slower pace in others.
5. I have no reason to suspect 1979 to be any more tranquil than past years (choose any!) so I'd like to develop stronger capacity to handle stress and disappointment.
6. I'd like to enter more deeply into the lives of some in order to be more helpful and caring.
7. I'd like to withdraw from the lives of others so that, in the clear face of cruelty, I can remain kind, in the recognition of dishonesty I can hold on to my integrity and where most are cynical and unbelieving I can be realistic and be certain my life has purpose.
8. I'd be blessed, I think, if I could avoid being rigid in my thinking and continue every day to be flexible in my views and judgments.
9. I'd be equally blessed if, no matter the life styles of others, I can hold fast to my basic beliefs in what **for me** is goodness, decency and God's will.
10. All this — and more — I'd like to learn and to teach myself. And maybe, just maybe, I can make my life an acceptable, helpful lesson for my children, my students, my congregation and thereby make 1979 more creative than 1978.

My thoughts will not be yours. But perhaps my reflections, inadequate as they are, may help you to find your way to make your tomorrows always exceed your yesterdays in meaning and the joy of living.

### TEMPLE OFFICERS

Sidney H. Brooks, M.H.L., D.D.  
*Rabbi*

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.  
*Associate Rabbi*

Gail Posner Karp, B.S.M.  
*Cantor*

Mrs. Martin Lehr ..... President  
Theodore M. Seldin ..... Vice-President  
Marvin Brookstein ..... Secretary  
Michael M. Erman ..... Treasurer  
Steven Dloogoff ..... Men's Club President  
Mrs. Eugene Zweiback ..... Sisterhood President  
David Peebler ..... TYG President  
Mrs. Wilma H. Reeves, Executive Secretary