

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

October 19, 1973
Candle Blessing Mrs. Nathan Novak
Kiddush Nathan Novak
Torah Blessing Bruce Novak
Torah Blessing Ben Shapiro

October 26, 1973
Candle Blessing Mrs. Ida Robinson
Kiddush Sheldon Harris
Torah Blessing Ed Belgrade
Torah Blessing Millard Seldin

BOOKS AND RECORDS

needed for
SISTERHOOD'S BOOK BASH

Please call Fifi Passer, 333-2189,
for pickups.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	
7	Sisterhood "Ladies Day Out" 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
10	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
11	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
13	Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.
13	Sisterhood Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
13	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
14	Sisterhood "Ladies Day Out" 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
15	Social Action Committee — home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Tucker 7:30 p.m.
17	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
17	Couples Club Rap Session — at home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goldstein 8:30 p.m.
18	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
20	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
20	Education Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
20	Nursery School Parents Open House..... 7:30 p.m.

Q & A Panel Featured at
Nov. 13 Sisterhood Meeting

The monthly meeting of Temple Israel Sisterhood will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Israel. The Board meeting, starting at 11:30 a.m., will precede the luncheon and program.

The program will be a question and answer panel consisting of Dr. Clifford Dale, Omaha Public Schools, and Dr. H. Vaughn Phelps, District 66 discussing JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SCHOOLS.

Reservations may be made through the Temple office.

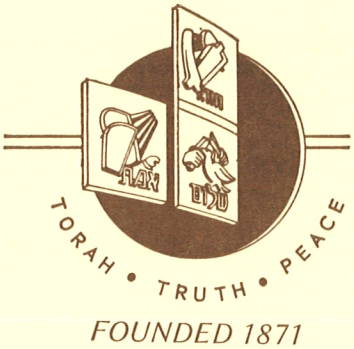
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When you join the JPS you decide the level of your membership — ranging from \$7.50 to \$100 per year. You then select the books you are to receive from an extensive list of titles. The savings through membership in the Society are substantial.

Please phone the Temple office for a brochure listing the JPS selections and a membership application.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

FRIENDS, ENEMIES—AND ME.



Strange things are happening these days in Jewish-Christian relationships. Strange to me because I am far off in my timing. There was a time before the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam when I thought all the historic conditions for a new anti-semitism were present, but it didn't happen that way.

Now that Israel has been attacked and, at this writing, is fighting for the life of every citizen of the State of Israel, there have been some evidences of renewed hostility toward the State of Israel and toward Jews here in our American communities. The large national Christian organizations have NOT spoken up for Israel and its right to live as much as we would wish. This is lamentable and disillusioning.

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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D.
Rabbi

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
Assistant Rabbi

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, November 9
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

will speak on

THE AUDACITY OF THE JEW . . .
ARGUING WITH GOD AND HISTORY.

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, November 10
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of
MARCY TELPNER,
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard S. Telpner

Friday Evening, November 16
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Service

NEW MEMBER SABBATH

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS

will speak on

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER
OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

see article page 3

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, November 17
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of
PAMELA BLOCH,
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bloch

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On the other hand, I have received some most supportive and inspiring contacts.

A non-Jewish man called to give me \$1,000 in bond purchases and \$1,000 in a cash gift.

A Baptist lady called to tell me how much she wants to help the Israeli cause and is collecting the names of those whom she knows will be willing to give blood for Israel's casualties.

A retired minister in the evening of his life wrote with sincere sympathy and with passion to tell me of his friendship for our people and to send me his gift for the support of the crisis campaign.

Another ordained clergyman I am proud to call a friend grieves for Israel as one of us and works to do something about it. He is a spiritual and psychological Jew.

These, and others, all unsolicited.

In short: we must make up our minds that as Jews we will always have our friends and our enemies and when the chips are down it will be plain to see which is which. I have never been deluded by the "common core" religion. I want to be me!

Following a talk in a church just days ago as I tried to explain the inter-relationship of Judaism and the Jewish People, one asked: "Wouldn't it be better if we all believed the same and you were not different from us?"

"Not at all," I said. Then I went on to explain that I do not think the greatness of America lies in the "melting pot" theory. I told the questioner that I did not want to be "melted down" with him!

I want to be me. I am a Jew. I have a right to life, to my beliefs and loves and loyalties and destiny to be worked out in my way.

We are different. The greatness of America lies in recognizing differences among peoples and being enriched by them.

So we will persist, honorably, openly and proudly as we always have in the face of opposition and

Biennial Convention Marks 100th Anniversary of UAHC

This coming weekend the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its Biennial Convention in New York City.

Attending will be: Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Perlmeter, Mr. and Mrs. Avrum Greenberg, Mrs. Ajon Farber, and Mr. Bjorn Farber.

While we look forward to hearing reports of the convention by Temple Israel's delegates — let us look back first to the development of Reform Judaism in America.

In 1846, a Bohemian born Rabbi, Isaac Mayer Wise, arrived on the American Continent, determined to develop a Judaism able to flourish in the free spirit of the new democracy.

During his early years Wise served pulpits in Albany (Beth El Congregation) and B'nai Jeshurun (Isaac M. Wise Temple) in Cincinnati. Through his weekly newspaper "The Israelite" he pressed for his dream, the unification of Jewish religious life in America, including the cooperation of existing synagogues under the banner of a single organization, the formation of a seminary to train rabbis and the establishment of a rabbinic association.

Wise did not bring Reform Judaism to this continent; the first congregation was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1824 and Baltimore's Har Sinai Verein in 1842.

He recognized, however, that central institutions were needed if Jewish religious life was to grow and flourish. After numerous obstacles, Wise's goal became a reality when on July 8, 1873 representatives of 34 congregations from 28 cities met to establish the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the first

upheld by the warmth of friends who understand that come what may we will be ourselves — the People of Israel!

such institution of its kind in America.

Two years later Wise also founded his seminary, Hebrew Union College, another first for Jewish life on the North American Continent.

It did not take long for the rabbinic leader to achieve a complete amalgamation of existing liberal synagogues when in 1878 he convinced East Coast Jewish leadership, affiliated with the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, to join the UAHC and as a "Union" carry out the nurturing of religious life, philanthropic work and social justice.

In 1889 the year Temple Israel joined the Union, the Central Conference of American Rabbis was formed and combined with the UAHC and HUC. These three bodies represent the major institutions of Reform Judaism.

Today we are part of a UAHC family consisting of 710 congregations in the United States and Canada. There are 13 UAHC regional offices assisting congregations in all phases of their activities, such as religious education, worship, youth, finance, membership drives, social action and community relations, and inter-religious activities.

New horizons are being established today through the UAHC and our Reform family in the State of Israel, bridging our liberal faith through the creation of nine existing progressive synagogues, liberal educational institutions and multiple youth and adult activities. This year the World Union for Progressive Judaism established its permanent headquarters in Jerusalem.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon A. Babendure.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Gershman.

Mrs. Pauline S. Kipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Lerner.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan M. Soshnik

YAHREZITS

Kaddish will be recited for the following departed loved ones whose names are inscribed for perpetual tribute on the Memorial Tablets of our Congregation:

November 9, 1973

Goldye Kahn Friedman
Lynn Williams Gross
Irving L. Klein
Benjamin Warren
Nettie R. Klein
Abe Goldstein
Theresa R. Kopald
Fannie Stock Rothkop
Benjamin A. Simon

November 16, 1973

Martin L. Sugarman
Isidor Sommer
Charles Edwin Katz
Edward Abrahams
Henrietta Wasserkrug
Meyer Klein
Rae R. Abrahams
Jay M. Malashock
Louis Sommer
Loyal Brandeis Cohn
Israel Beber

RECIPIENTS EXPRESS THANKS FOR TZEDAKAH

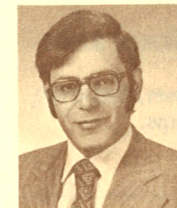
The Tzedakah funds which were collected during the previous year in our Religious School were distributed to a variety of charitable causes and non-profit organizations.

Gracious thank you notes have been received from the Temple Youth Group, Tay-Sachs Program, Jewish Chautauqua Society, Reform Jewish Appeal, the Presbyterian Pantry Program, Childrens Memorial Hospital, Heart of the Midlands United Appeal, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the American Jewish Archives and the Jewish Philanthropies Campaign.

Mortimer Greenberg, executive director of the Jewish Federation wrote, "Not only do we appreciate the gift for its intrinsic value, but for what it represents in the educational process of the Jewish young people."

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

... by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



If you were in our religious school since the beginning of the Yom Kippur War you would have seen your sons and daughters reacting to the crisis of our people in Israel in every conceivable manner. Visiting any one of our classes, you would have seen students asking endless and perplexing questions about the origins of this latest conflict, its implications for American Jews, and the nature of our responsibility to our people in Israel. You would have seen teachers explaining and interpreting the events to their students, describing in detail our responsibilities as American Jews.

If you were in our religious school you would have felt the same sense of pride as did I when student after student insisted that the total amounts contributed to our Tzedakah or charity funds since the beginning of these hostilities be donated to the Yom Kippur Crisis Campaign. This has been done, and together with our religious school's gift, donations collected by individual students in their neighborhoods have been forwarded to the campaign fund.

If you were in our religious school during these past two weeks you would have asked yourself, "Have I responded to this struggle of Israel for its very survival as well as my children have? Could I answer the questions they ask?"

If you were in our religious school during any of the previous two tumultuous weeks in the history of the United States, you would have seen our students and our teachers discussing the difficulties our government is facing, and its capacity to respond swiftly, effectively and cohesively to domestic pressures.

If you were in our religious school you would have participated in countless discussions of the complexities of the military and ideological conflicts between Israel

DONOR TO SUPPORT TEMPLE AND ISRAEL

Dear Sisterhood Member,

You will very soon receive your invitation to become a Sisterhood donor for the year 1973-1974. In lieu of a program, Sisterhood members were being asked to send their \$10 donor check to Temple and become eligible for a drawing for prizes. However because of the Crisis Campaign that has arisen since the printing of these invitations no drawing will be held. The money that would have been spent for the prizes will be sent to Israel in Sisterhood's name.

We know you will still want to be a part of maintaining the ongoing activities of your Temple Sisterhood. A vital Jewish community also needs vital congregational life. Please respond to your invitation and become a donor.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding during these difficult days.

**Executive Board
Temple Israel Sisterhood**

PULPIT FLOWERS

October 19
In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Leanne Novak.

October 26
In Honor of Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Robinson.

and the Arab states. But you would also have shared the grief of our students upon learning the casualty figures, and their commitment to do everything possible to bring an end to the loss of life on both sides as soon as possible.

And if you were in our religious school since October 6, you would have learned there can be no solution to this latest outbreak in hostilities until the existence of the State of Israel is granted not only by the Arabs, but throughout the world.

And if you should happen to be in our school during any of the coming weeks, you will join with us in committing yourself even more than you already have to the search for peace for our people in Israel.

Youth Group Plans Fall Conclavette

Members of our Temple Youth Group have begun planning for Fall Conclavette, our approaching sub-regional function to be held during the Thanksgiving holiday, November 22-25. During this function, approximately 130 Youth Groupers from throughout the Western Sub-Region of the Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth will travel to Omaha for four days of study, discussions and cultural activities.

Chairperson for our function is Debbie Farber, and co-chairperson is Michael Meyers, with Mark Greenberg serving as Treasurer. Our own Youth Group Board is helping Debbie, Michael and Mark in their planning, along with the guidance of Rabbi Weinstein, who will be serving as Dean for our function. Our Temple Youth Group president, Bjon Farber is also a member of our function board, and Bruce Rips, first vice president of Western Sub-Region in charge of Programming, is helping advise the function board.

As our theme we are asking the question, "Is it necessary to be Jewish in today's world?" During our discussion groups we will be dealing with this question in terms of our uniqueness as Jews, Jewish social radicalism, and the meaning

of holiness for us in today's society. All of our discussions will of course reflect the events of recent days in Israel and their meaning for each of us.

Several rabbis from throughout the Midwest will join with Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein and members of our congregation and religious school staff in serving on our faculty. Many of you have graciously offered to host members of other youth groups in your homes, and we want to sincerely thank you in advance for your help and assistance.

Together with all of our meetings to plan for Fall Conclavette we have continued our regular schedule of activities. We recently all attended Temple together for Sabbath worship and then gathered together for a house party at the home of Bobby Kaplan. We also sponsored an enjoyable surprise "wake-up breakfast" at Temple on Sunday, October 21.

If you have any questions about any of our activities, please feel free to phone our president, Bjon Farber (551-6163) or our advisor, Rabbi Weinstein, at Temple. We look forward not only to our approaching Fall Conclavette, but also to our ongoing program of activities for our Youth Group.

COUPLES CLUB SENDS SCAVENGERS A-HUNTING

Can you imagine a 22½ mile jaunt between 132nd, 168th, West Dodge Road and Ida Street using flash-lites to search for a pencil on a school slide, a thumb tack on a fence post, a penny hanging from a bridge or a plastic fork "growing" on a tree branch?

You really didn't know what you were looking for. You just had a tricky clue as to the identity of each item, and some vague road directions that, if followed, took you to where the item might be found. Eight stops in all for the eight items. And to top it all off, you had to get the last one in order to find out where everyone would meet later for the food and beverages, super pizza, and favorite drinks at the Richland Park Clubhouse.

Some nerve that Couples Club had letting Marshall and Norma Fried and Phil and Dorothy Spizman and a few others plan such an evening!

Our hats are off to the whiz kids, the Thompsons and the Babendures who got every item and ran the course in the record time of just under 50 minutes. Congratulations also to the Bob Krasnes and Ron Brodkeys, who finished second in the competition.

It was all it was supposed to be — and more. If you missed the Scavenger Hunt, you really missed it! Ask anyone who didn't!!!

COUPLES CLUB RAP SESSION

Mark Your Calendars!
NOVEMBER 17, 1973
8:30 P.M.

We'll be getting together at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goldstein
2105 South 87 Street

OPEN FORUM
CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS
STIMULATING CONVERSATIONS
MEET NEW FRIENDS

Please call reservations by November 15 to
Norma Fried, 397-0475
Jolene Thompson, 397-2212

WELCOME NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBER:

Mrs. Robert S. Kubby

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:
Birthday of Harry B. Cohen.
Ak-Sar-Ben King, Samuel Greenberg.
Birthday of Mrs. Abe Herzberg.
Birth of Todd Victor Krizelman.
Bat Mitzvah of Julie Turkel.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Harold Carter, Iz Chapman, Al Mayer, Mrs. Aaron Rips, N. Julian Rips, Mrs. Sheldon Rips, Mrs. Ann Taxman.

IN MEMORY OF:
Gerald Bergman, Bertha Davis, James M. Frost, Herman Jacobi, Robert Karmelinsky, Julius Rosecrans, Father of Mrs. Hubert Rosenblum, Ann Slusky.

MEN’S CLUB ELECTS NEW
PREXY, DONATES \$1,000

At the first Men’s Club meeting of the year, Bob Krasne who has just completed a two year term as President of the group stepped down and Av Greenberg was elected to succeed him as the new president.

During Bob’s tenure a number of major accomplishments were written into the Men’s Club history . . . the most important of which was the formation of the Couple’s Club, which now numbers over 30 regulars at each event. This organization was designed to provide a vehicle for both old and new Temple members to gather socially on a monthly basis.

Under Bob’s guiding hand the Men’s Club continued to provide outstanding support to the various Temple activities and funds for those Temple projects in need. Our thanks to him for his time and efforts on behalf of the Men’s Club.

Av has announced the appointment of Phil Spizman as the new Treasurer and was in the process of selecting the other officers and committee chairmen when this week’s edition of the Tidings went to press.

By unanimous vote at this first Men’s Club meeting of the year, a donation of \$500.00 and a pledge of an additional \$500.00 was made to the Yom Kippur Crisis. These funds, previously earmarked for Temple projects and equipment, were considered more important to Israel than to Temple at this time.

GIFT SHOP

The *Baal Shem of Michelstadt*, by Cantor Manfred Kuttner, has been temporarily out of stock, because the publisher has been out of them. However, we did receive our shipment last week and we will be happy to fill any orders you might be holding.

Chanukah items are now in — Chanukah begins December 22. We have a nice selection of gifts and decorations.

Congratulations

ON THE BIRTH OF:
Stacie Lynne Katelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Katelman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Katelman. Great Grandparents are Mrs. Bessie Wiesman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Turkel, Mrs. Louis Kulakofsky, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Katelman.

Adam Keane Altsuler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kent Altsuler. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altsuler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levi, Houston, Texas. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Friedman.

Deborah Eileen Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Z. Booth, Waukesha, Wisc. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Booth, Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Raskin.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
PART OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

At Temple Israel we would like to do all we can to make new members feel a part of the congregation as quickly as possible.

At the same time, we would like new members to be aware of the wide variety of avenues for an appreciation of Jewish study, social life, worship, counseling and community service which we have to offer.

On Friday evening, November 16, we will especially welcome our newest members and their families to our congregation.

The presence of those who have been members for some years will be enriching for all concerned as new friendships are formed.

Mr. Yale Trustin, Chairman of our Membership Committee, has arranged an informal Oneg Shabbat following the regular service which, based upon previous experience, will be a delightful time for everyone.

We hope that the congregation will be especially eager to be a part of “New Member Sabbath” on November 16.

ON THE WEDDING OF:
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marc Hoberman. Mrs. Hoberman is the former Catherine Ann McEachen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. McEachen. Mr. Hoberman is the son of Mrs. Evelyn M. Hoberman and Mr. Barney Hoberman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Joel Baker. Mrs. Baker is the former Gail Brodkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Brodkey. Mr. Baker is the son of Mrs. Pasqual Fiorillo and Mr. Jack Baker, both of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Scott Paley. Mrs. Paley is the former Susan Lynn Rips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Rips. Mr. Paley’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paley, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUNDS

The Congregation is deeply grateful for contributions given in memory of loved ones and friends or in honor of special occasions.

- These gifts may be made to:
- New Prayerbook Fund
 - Loyal B. Cohn Memorial Fund
 - Art Beautification Fund (Sisterhood)
 - Rabbis’ Discretionary Fund
 - Education Fund
 - Temple Future Fund
 - Harold Garber Memorial Fund
 - Heritage-Museum Fund
 - Library Fund
 - Edna and Adolf Mayer Memorial Fund
 - NFTY Fund Temple Youth Group Organ Fund
 - Charles Rosenstock Memorial Fund

Gifts of inscribed prayerbooks are available at \$10 each.

Your contribution will be handled promptly by the Temple staff. There is a \$2 minimum for each card sent.

THANKS FROM:
Leanne Novak and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Novak, for the Uniongram received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

Andrew Robinson and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Robinson, for the Uniongram received in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.