

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, February 2 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
II. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES Postponed from earlier date RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on THE TRADITION THAT YOU KNOW AND THE POLYDOXY YOU DON'T. . . . Authority and Freedom in Reform Judaism see inside article Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, February 3 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, February 9 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Service	Sabbath Evening Services
SECOND GRADERS' FAMILY SABBATH DINNER followed by Early Evening Worship RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak	
Saturday, February 10 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, February 16 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on IT'S A BIRD — IT'S A PLANE — IT'S A HERO FOR A HERO-LESS AGE Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, February 17 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services

CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Engagement of:
Deborah Kay Anon, and Scott Martin Friedman. Miss Anon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anon, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. Friedman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Friedman.

On the Wedding of:
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dayton Hughson. Mrs. Hughson is the former Susan Doris Waldbaum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Milton George Waldbaum, and Mr. Hughson is the son of Patricia Hughson, Independence, Missouri, and Dean Hughson, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

WHAT IS POLYDOXY?

One of the less well known philosophies of Judaism is that referred to as "POLYDOXY."

On Friday evening, February 2, Rabbi Weinstein will describe the fundamentals of the polydox view point as it relates to Reform Judaism.

The liturgy for this Shabbat will be the "equivocal service" in the new prayer book, GATES OF PRAYER. This particular Service is unique in terms of the concept of God which it expresses. The Service and its different points of view will provide the basis for the informal discussion following the conclusion of worship.

The polydox movement within Reform Judaism represents a significant attempt on the part of our movement to provide options in the areas of Jewish beliefs and worship for Reform Jews today who otherwise may feel alienated from religious life.

This discussion will help acquaint you with the contributions of polydoxy and give you an opportunity to have your questions answered.

—B.L.W.

THANKS FROM:

Amy Bernstein and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bernstein, for Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

Leslie Simon and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Simon, for Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

So What's "Nu" in Sisterhood?

We had a "wild and crazy" brunch with Dr. Jim Davis in January. If you couldn't be with us then, don't despair. You can look forward to the 2nd Tuesday in March, for another 5-star Sisterhood lunch-program, "Coming to America," featuring Molly Delman and her Kibbitzers. Terri Zacharia and Phyllis Glazer just keep giving us fantastic programs!

Please remember to collect your used books and bring them to Temple or call Donna Givner if you need help getting them here. Ruth Erman and the Book Sale Committee have been working so hard to get ready for the March 25th-March 30th sale. Let's help them out!!!

See you in March — after the thaw?

Hermene Zweiback, President

If You Were in Our Religious School

. . . by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

FOR PARENTS ONLY!

Lest you think for a moment that the educational program of Temple Israel is designed only for youngsters and children, we hope you will note the accompanying articles in this Tidings announcing approaching gatherings designed particularly for parents and other adults!

Your rabbis believe that your questions and concerns as parents and adults are never to be overlooked. We live in confusing, tumultuous and often bewildering times. In recognition of this fact, Rabbi Brooks and I want to provide you with continuing opportunities to meet with us in informal exploration of topics of mutual concern. During our initial sessions we shall try to help you provide answers for difficult questions your children may be asking you about God, Judaism, or life and death in general.

Our aim is to help guide you to meaningful answers for them, growing out of our Jewishness. Of course, we will be happy to enter into dialogue with you on any other matters which you would like to discuss with us.

We hope to extend these gatherings to parents of older children as well, and wish that you would let us know of specific areas in which you might be interested. I believe you would agree that children today are exposed earlier than in past generations to many of the more difficult problems of life. Our aim is to **help you help them** cope with the realities of our changing world, with issues of family life, school, peer pressure, and whatever else might be of concern to them, or to you.

And, in frankness and honesty, we will try to encourage you in your task as parents to admit first to yourself, and then to your youngsters that at times we simply do not have



Learning Judaism Creatively in Our Religious School

"Facing up to Disturbing Realities of Life"

Sunday, February 4, 1979
10:00 a.m.
in the
Milder Conference Center

For Parents of Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 in Our Religious School:

There are many questions which occur today which need direct answers without postponement. We live in a confusing time with confusing problems that are shared by both young and old.

While the answers and the questions may be the same for us all, the techniques vary according to the age of those involved.

Whether you have children or not these matters should be of interest to you.

But as a beginning Rabbi Brooks will meet with parents of the children of Kindergarten through Grade 2 in the Religious School. Anyone else is welcome as well because the plan is to deal with such areas as the new sexual mores, the inevitability of illness and death, the single parent, the authority of parents over children vs. children's rights, and many other real experiences parents have brought individually to each of the Rabbis.

Rabbi Brooks will be happy to enter into dialogue on these and any other matters or questions of interest to you.

In addition to planned group sessions either Rabbi remains eager to speak with any member individually and privately.

Watch the Tidings for future parents' meetings for parents of children in other grade levels!

Temple Israel Students Learn Through Jewish Readings

Among the purposes of our Religious School is the encouragement of students to pursue Jewish learning through reading books about Judaism and Jewish life. This is why we are delighted that so many of our students completed book reports as part of our school's observance of Jewish Book Month. All of the reports were extremely well written and carefully prepared.

The following students earned special first place recognition in Temple Israel Book Review contest because of the quality of their book reviews: Keri Saltzman, Grade 2; Nancy Weintraub, Grade 3; Leigh Blumstein, Grade 4; Natalie Weinstein, Grade 6; and Marcy Frost, Grade 8.

Honorable mention certificates were issued to:

Grade 2 — David Yudelson, Daniel Ginsburg, David Leibowitz, David Blatt, Kari Katskee, Lisa Millard, Joe Rabinowicz, Amy Cohen, Steven Givner, Michael Levitan, Julie Tucker, John Erps, Lawrence Kirshenbaum, Joanna Kosowsky.

Grade 4 — David Rosen, Karen Kully, Julie Hackel, Marty Cohen, Lisa Hoberman, Jay Slusky, Todd Mogil, Scott Meyerson, Maureen Kasin, Jay Gordman, Joey Feldman, Jeff Kavich, Robin Hoberman, Stefanie Weinstein, Brad Pickel.

Grade 6 — Julie Roffman, Robyn Epstein, Ricky Sherman.

These students were awarded special Certificates of Achievement during the January Religious School Assembly. Congratulations to each of them and their parents for their fine accomplishments.

TEMPLE USED BOOK SALE DATE SET

Temple Israel's annual Used Book Sale will be held March 25-30 this year, at the Crossroads.

There is still a great need for more books. Please look through your shelves for old novels, art books, reference books — hard backs or paper backs. No text books, please.

Call Donna Givner, 493-4698, for a pick-up.

Kindergarten and First Grade Students Experience Shabbat Together with Their Parents at Temple

One of the newest innovations of our Religious School is the establishment of Grade Level Family Shabbat Dinners. These dinners have been warmly received by students and their families as an opportunity to welcome the Sabbath together here at Temple.

Recently the Kindergarten and First Grade students, their parents, grandparents and families joined together for such a dinner.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious Sabbath meal in the Milder Conference Center, preceded by the appropriate blessings recited by parents themselves. During the meal Cantor Karp led the group in song. The spirit of the Sabbath was evident and experienced by all. Following the dinner, abbreviated Sabbath evening worship was conducted in the Sanctuary, including a story sermonette especially designed for young children.

Gratitude is expressed to all of the parents and teachers who helped make this dinner a success.

We have completed our plans for our next grade level dinner for 2nd graders, to be held on Friday, February 9. Invitations have been mailed and we look forward to another pleasant evening in observation and celebration of the Sabbath together.

Please watch the Tidings for notice of your child's grade level dinner.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS IN MEMORY OF:

William A. Racusin.

IN HONOR OF:

Birthday of Kathleen Meyerson.
75th Birthday of Ida Gassner.
Recovery of Abe Katelman.
25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vann.
25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goldman.

NEWS DEADLINE FOR TIDINGS — Issue No. 9

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The issue will cover Fridays February 23, March 2 and 9.

“Answers to Questions Young Children Ask”

10:00 a.m., Sunday,

February 11, 1979

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein will meet with the parents of pre-schoolers in the Milder Conference Center about the many questions that their children ask about God, death and being a Jewish child in today's society. The session is planned to help parents of primary and pre-school age children deal comfortably with answering these questions.

While the parents are meeting with Rabbi Weinstein, their youngsters will be professionally supervised and introduced to the holiday of Tu Bish'vat (New Year of the Trees). The youngsters will plant seedlings in keeping with the meaning of the holiday, learn Jewish songs under the direction of Cantor Gail Karp, and listen to stories.

Rabbi Weinstein will be available for further questions and advice with the parents in attendance about any problems they wish to discuss.

This program is the first in a series especially designed to help parents of children in the Temple Religious School. Meetings for parents of children in other age level groups will be announced at a future date.

Walk-in Drop-in for Older Adults February 7, 1979

Mark your calendar for February 7 and you will be assured of an enjoyable afternoon!

The Walk-In Drop-In for Older Adults will be held at Temple Israel.

Come at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy our morning speaker, until 12:00 noon when a delicious luncheon will be served, and an afternoon program will be presented.

Don't miss this entertaining day!

For reservations call Kathy at the J.C.C., 334-8200, or Temple Israel Office, 556-6536.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Cooper

Rabbi To Visit Bellevue College

“Modern Worship Practices in Judaism” will be presented by Rabbi Barry Weinstein at Bellevue College, Bellevue, NE, on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Building. The Rabbi's visit is sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

An active civic leader, our Rabbi is the president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis and is a member of the Religious Advisory Committee of “Love Our Children,” an organization devoted to preventing youngsters from being influenced by the various religious sects popular today.

The Rabbi also lectures on college campuses under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. The Society fosters improved interfaith relations. This is accomplished, in part, through the endowment of courses and lectures on Judaica at universities throughout the United States and Canada.

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

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Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:

25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goldman.
Birthday of Mr. Shep Hockenberg.
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice.
Bat Mitzvah of Amy Bernstein.
Bat Mitzvah of Leslie Simon.
Wedding of Susie Waldbaum.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Jack Ban, Nate Cooper, Mollie Delman,
Rose Eisenstatt, Abe Katelman, Jimmy Krantz.

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary B. Kendis, Joe Lipton, Libbie Moskowitz,
William Racusin, Theresa Harris Ullery,
Irwin D. Weiss.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of

JOE LIPTON

husband of Pearl Lipton

WILLIAM A. RACUSIN

father of

Mrs. Earl (Nan) Katz

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	
31	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
31	Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY	
1-8-15	Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
2	Sabbath Evening Services
	Sabbath Discussion Series 8:15 p.m.
3	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
3	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
4	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
4	Meeting — Parents K thru 2nd grades . 10:00 a.m.
6	Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
6-13-20	Aleph Hebrew Class 4:00-5:00 p.m.
6-13-20	Beth Hebrew Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
7	Senior Citizens — Walk-In Drop-In ... 11:00 a.m.
7-14-21	Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
7	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
9	Second Grade Dinner 6:00 p.m.
9	Sabbath Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
10	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
10	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
11	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
11	Parents/Pre-School Children Meeting.. 10:00 a.m.
13	Sisterhood Interfaith Tea..... 1:00-3:00 p.m.
14	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
16	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
17	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
17	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
18	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
21	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
21	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Temple Youth Visit St. Louis

Temple Israel Youth Group sent nine members to MoVFTY's Winter Convention based on “Jewish Response to Oppression,” in St. Louis, Dec. 27-30.

Upcoming events for the Youth Group include a bake sale January 28, a movie day for the Sunday

School children on February 18, and a Purim Carnival March 11. We also plan to host an Inter-City Convention in the spring involving five neighboring cities, and are presently working on the arrangements. If you have a son or daughter, in grades 9-12 who might be interested in helping us, please phone our TYG president, David Peebler, 393-3811, or Rabbi Weinstein at Temple Israel.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

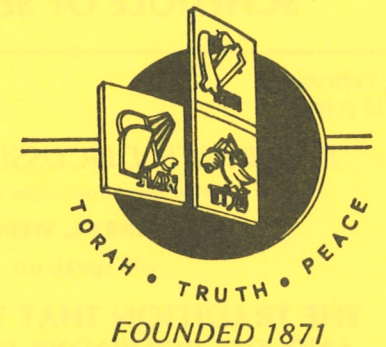
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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

BOOK REUNION

Many people travel to “Class Reunions.” I don't. Maybe I'm afraid to discover how few friends I had (or have); but I surely have little to say or ask of those who were in my High School or University Classes.

But I thoroughly enjoyed another “reunion.” I was browsing in my library at home sorting out books I had carried there from my Temple study to read and never brought back. So many dozens of books in such disarray!

In the process I was reunited with old friends: scholarly books, popular books, old out-of-print books, books by friends, teachers, strangers and those whose names were revered though I never met them personally.

To these old friends I had no difficulty finding something to say and questions to ask! Where have you been? Why have I forgotten you? Is your thinking still the same as in yesteryear? Why are some of you so useless now when you were once so important? Of others: why have the passing years so greatly increased your stature and meaning? Do I really understand you?

Books are friends. Always there. Always ready to talk with you. In books are the distillation of the great minds of so many authors and teachers, their philosophies, insights, stories, hopes and dreams, records and prophecies.

I didn't get the library straightened out — yet. Too much time spent leafing through this and that, rediscovering old friends.

It was a great “Reunion.”

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

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