

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to everyone who put their time and effort into our Purim Carnival. It was a real success.

Eleven delegates attended St. Joe Intercity convention March 23-25. Its theme was Jewish humor and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A picnic, elections and other projects are planned in the future.

Our WE SPEAK FOR JUDAISM panel is continuing to visit local church youth groups and acquaint them with Judaism.

Nursery School Vacancy

Temple Nursery School's 3-day program for next fall is now filled, but there are vacancies in the 5-day a week program. A child must be 3 by March 15, 1973 to qualify. Tuition for the 5-day school is \$140 a semester.

Temple Members have preference only until April 15. Contact Dorothy Spizman, 393-6858, to register your child.

SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL  
GERANIUM SALE

Sunday, May 6

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Beautiful geraniums, petunias, mums, spring rye, spike and other varieties will be offered. Watch the mail for your order blank.

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Yahrzeits

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

April 13, 1973

Morris D. Bernstein  
Arthur A. Cohn  
Jessie R. Rosenstock  
William Rothschild  
Herman Friedman  
Ferdinand Adler  
William Kuklin

April 20, 1973

Isaac Oberfelder  
George Seligsohn  
Emil Brandeis  
Jonas Edward Rosenthal  
Dora W. Gerber  
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Mamie G. Newman  
Eva W. Rosenblum  
Sadie S. Mayer  
Robert Alan Lipton  
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Frank Josephson  
Leonard L. Klein

Pulpit Flowers

March 23  
In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Lisbeth Somberg.  
In memory of Leona Pollack Shapiro.

March 30, 1973  
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of John Robert Wiesman.  
In memory of Frederick Teller, Sr.

A New Tradition

Note: Double Services on April 20!

6:00 p.m. — Early Services designed for young children and their parents.

8:15 p.m. — Regular Services.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

MEYER SHAPIRO  
father of Mrs. Michael Blatt

JAY CHERNIACK  
husband of Helen Cherniack  
father of Mrs. Jonas Weil, II  
and Mrs. Jules Stiffel  
brother of Harold Cherniack

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF —  
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.  
70th Birthday of Harold Farber.  
80th Birthday of Jule M. Newman.  
Bat Mitzvah of Beth Somberg.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF —  
Mrs. Leo Adler, Jane Brooks, Dora Feder, Ben Garelick, Mrs. Maurice Gilmore, Abe Katelman.

IN MEMORY OF —  
Jay Cherniack, Seymour "Tony" Cohn, Phil Gilinsky, Bettye Glasson, Frank Kropman, Markel, Yetta Reflow, Grandfather of Rich Robinson, Father of Sam Robinson, May Rosenberg, Samuel H. Rosenberg, Freeda Rosenblatt, Morris Rubenstein, Leona P. Shapiro, Meyer Shapiro, Jeff Simon, I. D. Solzman, Father of J. M. Jonas Weil, Harry D. Wigodsky, Scott Lee Wigodsky, Yetta Wolk.

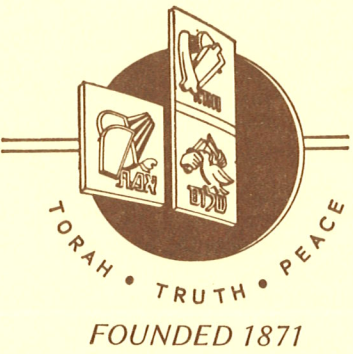
GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS

IN HONOR OF —  
Birthday of Dr. Edward Malashock.  
80th Birthday of Jule M. Newman.  
50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Racusin.

IN MEMORY OF —  
Anna Goldstein  
Samuel H. Rosenberg.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

JUST HOW BAD IS JEWISH EDUCATION ... Really?



Our community has recently been subjected to the jeremiads of two admittedly scholarly and responsible speakers lamenting the deplorable state of Jewish education. Mr. Harry Kessler speaking for the idea of a Community School produced more heat than truth in his presentations. And I am told that Rabbi Ralph Simon in a discussion of Key '73 also lamented the present state of Adult Jewish Education.

I agree with both. And I categorically dispute both.

I agree with both because no educator worth his salt is ever satisfied that students learn enough or that our present techniques of teaching are perfect. They are not now and they never will be. As times change so must educational psychology. So we must ever strive for better ways of learning and (continued on page 2)

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

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, April 13 8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

In Anticipation of Passover . . .  
A Musical Narrative

"PASSOVER TO FREEDOM"

The Temple Israel Choir, directed by Miss Ida Gitlin

Narrated by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks  
Congregational Participation

See inside story Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, April 14 11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of  
DANIEL GOLDMAN,  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goldman

Monday Evening, April 16 5:00 p.m. Passover Eve Service

Tuesday Morning, April 17 11:00 a.m. Passover Morning Service

Tuesday Evening, April 17 6:30 p.m.  
Congregational Passover Seder Dinner  
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teaching. On all levels schools are experimenting and producing strikingly innovative approaches as we are here in Temple Israel. We do not have the final answer and neither does anybody else.

At the same time I categorically dispute both preachers at the funeral of Jewish education that our Jewish educational systems (note the plural) are all that bad.

I believe that what criticisms of Jewish Education are being voiced today could have been expressed far more justifiably a generation ago or even many generations ago. We tend to over-romanticize the past to the point where we honestly accept the possibility that the average Jew was a Judah Halevi or a Kaufman Kohler or a Jacob Lauterbach.

Within modern memories is the proof. There have been, generally speaking, two major kinds of Religious Education. One was the Cheder method (the Hebrew School). Ask the graduates of that system what they learned other than the pain of knuckles rapped by a frustrated and ill-equipped teacher. I do not need an expensive sociological survey to tell me of the untold thousands who were "turned off" from Judaism by those childhood experiences.

The other method was the weekend and after school hours Jewish Education. The Congregational Religious School, so maligned by Mr. Kessler was often weak, and ineffective and sometimes still is. But while its graduates on the whole are not, "mavinim," experts in Judaism, neither are the graduates of any of the other school systems. And the same may be said of the expertise of graduates of our High Schools and Universities.

The key is NOT the number of hours spent in a school. They key is the QUALITY of those hours. (The same applies to the time a parent spends with a child!)

There is no demonstrable evidence that more hours equals better Jews. Our Catholic brothers learned that.

There are also other legitimate, productive and growth producing

| Schedule of Services . . . continued                                                                             |                                |
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| Friday Evening, April 20                                                                                         | Sabbath Evening Services       |
| <b>DOUBLE SERVICES</b>                                                                                           |                                |
| <b>Early Service — 6:00 p.m.</b>                                                                                 |                                |
| Brief Participatory Worship<br>for young children and their parents                                              |                                |
| <b>Late Service — 8:15 p.m.</b>                                                                                  |                                |
| Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein will speak on<br><b>FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM —</b><br><b>. . . The Impossible Dream?</b> |                                |
| SABBATH COFFEE HOUR<br>BY THE PRIESMAN FAMILY<br>IN HONOR OF 80TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. JENNIE PRIESMAN               |                                |
| Saturday Morning, April 21<br>11:00 a.m.                                                                         | Sabbath Morning Services       |
| Sunday, April 22<br>5:30 p.m.                                                                                    | Conclusion of Passover Service |
| Monday, April 23<br>11:00 a.m.                                                                                   | Conclusion of Passover Service |

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| <b>COUPLES CLUB</b>                                                   |
| <b>RAP SESSION</b>                                                    |
| <b>EXPERIMENTAL CONVERSATIONS</b>                                     |
| <b>Saturday Evening</b>                                               |
| <b>April 28, 1973</b>                                                 |
| <b>8:30 p.m.</b>                                                      |
| <b>Home of<br/>Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dloogoff<br/>1316 Holling Drive</b> |

activities in the world around us that can with good reason command the attention and activity of young people. To deny them these is to set up understandable hostility toward religious studies that will never be erased.

Our Jewish Education is not all that bad. We need to continue to be innovative, liberal, open, and, above all, sensitive to the major purpose of Jewish education which is loyalty and love for the Jewish People.

### PASSOVER STORY TOLD

A beautiful retelling of the story of Passover will be offered at Sabbath Services on April 13. "Pass-over to Freedom," with music by A. W. Binder, will feature the Temple Israel choir, under the direction of Ida Gitlin. The congregation will participate in this unique retelling, while Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will narrate.

This cantata type service will celebrate not only Passover, but also be an observance of Jewish Music Month.

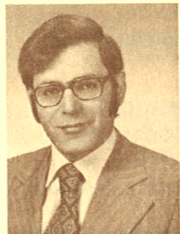
### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Wedding of —  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Steven Hochster (nee Cynthia Lea Wolpa). Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley "Jerry" Wolpa and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hochster.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Hancock (nee Dr. Barbara Buchalter).

On the Birth of —  
Aaron Zachary Batt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Batt. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norm Batt and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Feintech.

### IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



Passover Haggadah, retelling the story of Passover.

This year's model seder will take place this Sunday, April 15, and is certain to provide both enjoyment and education for our entire student body.

In planning the morning, I have thought about the relationship between our model seder and the lives of our students. Ideally our school seder will be the model upon which your own family seder will be based. Yet, while our ceremony here will be a joyous occasion, nothing can take the place of your own seder celebration together with all your family.

The same is true of all other aspects of Jewish education we provide here in our school. While we continually teach and transmit Jewish values and ideals, you remain the most important models of Judaism in the lives of your children. Hopefully, your children are learning positive, warm and sensitive attitudes toward their faith from the ways in which you participate in Jewish life.

In one sense, our entire school serves as a model for the kind of lives we would like our students to lead as Jewish adults. Classwork, group discussions, worship, music and dramatic activities all provide the frame work for us to carry out our task.

You also have a frame work, but yours is much larger and comprehensive. Yours includes your home, your family, your friends — your entire life.

Be successful models, and in doing so, present your children with the most precious teachers of Judaism they will ever have.

### 1st Graders Create "Western Wall"



In celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary, Mollie Delman's 1st grade Sunday School class has made the "Western Wall" which now stretches over 30 feet down the wall of the religious school corridor.

The children are pictured above holding part of their wall behind another project, a mock-up of the old city of Jerusalem. Lou Delman constructed the city and included the mosque, temples and shops. The children will put on the finishing touches as well as make clay figures to pray against the Western Wall in the mock-up.

Each child received a piece of the wall that had been silk screened by Sherm Poska and Mrs. Delman. They then selected the bricks which they wished to decorate with sand, glue and water.

The children are having such fun that they aren't even aware of how much learning is taking place.

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS |                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| April              |                                                    |
| 11                 | Board of Trustees Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.      |
| 15                 | Gift Shop Opens . . . . . 10:00 to noon            |
| 16                 | All Classes Recess — all week                      |
| 16                 | Passover begins                                    |
|                    | Service . . . . . 5:00 p.m.                        |
| 17                 | Passover — First day                               |
|                    | Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.                       |
|                    | Congregational Seder . . . . . 6:30 p.m.           |
| 18                 | Coffee with the Rabbi — Recess                     |
| 21                 | No Saturday School                                 |
| 22                 | No Sunday School                                   |
| 22                 | Conclusion of Passover                             |
|                    | Service . . . . . 5:30 p.m.                        |
| 23                 | No Hebrew Classes                                  |
| 23                 | Conclusion of Passover                             |
|                    | Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.                       |
| 24                 | No Hebrew Classes                                  |
| 24                 | Confirmation Class . . . . . 4:30 p.m.             |
| 25                 | Coffee with the Rabbi . . . . . 10:00 a.m.         |
| 25                 | Hebrew Classes Resume . . . . . 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. |
| 25                 | Education Committee Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.    |
| 28                 | Couples Club Rap Session                           |
|                    | Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dloogoff             |
|                    | 1316 Holling Drive . . . . . 8:30 p.m.             |