

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, February 23 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Services	Sabbath Evening Services
Fourth and Fifth Grades Family Sabbath Dinner Followed by Early Evening Worship RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak	
Saturday, February 24 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, March 2 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
<i>III. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES</i> RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on LIVING WITH PARADOXES The Contradictions and Compromises in Jewish Life Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, March 3 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, March 9 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on WHAT JUDAISM SAYS ABOUT IMMORTALITY and What I presently Believe. Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, March 10 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah of RICHARD MARTIN GOLDSTEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. David Goldstein	

HONORS TO MISS BLUMSTEIN

Special congratulations are due Leigh Blumstein, daughter of Major and Mrs. Richard Blumstein, whose book report won city-wide honors in the Book Report Contest spon-

sored by the Jewish Community Center recently.

The excellence of her report reflected careful thought and preparation, and Temple Israel Religious School is proud of this 4th grade student.

Evergreen . . .? Leah's Journey . . .?

These are two best selling fiction books that trace the Jewish immigrant from his homeland to the New World.

We of Sisterhood have our own Non-Fiction pioneers; and following the Sisterhood luncheon on Tuesday, March 13th at 12:00 noon, Mollie Delman will introduce a group of ladies that are our Trail Blazers to the New World. Toby Kagan will moderate the panel of ladies as we share their individual experiences of immigration. This promises to be an afternoon of very fond remembrance for all of us.

Please phone Temple (556-6536) for Reservations and Sitter Service; the deadline for reservations is Friday, March 9th. Guests will be welcome.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:
Sophie Epstein, Dr. Nathan Muskin, Henry Newman, Isaac Levy, Bessie S. Levy, William A. Racusin, William "Doc" Milder.

IN HONOR OF:
Birthday of Sarah Rubin.
Birthday of Arthur Goldstein.
45th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Abrahams.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

January 26, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Marshall Fried
Kiddush M. M. Krupinsky

February 2, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Hal Selner
Kiddush Stanley J. Slosburg
Torah Blessing Hal Selner

February 9, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. David Bleicher

**CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:**

IN HONOR OF:
Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abramson.
Bat Mitzvah of Amy Bernstein.
25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goldman.
Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hughson.
Bar Mitzvah of Jeff Kirshenbaum.
Promotion of Marshall Lewis.
Bat Mitzvah of Leslie Simon.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Nate Cooper, Alan Jacobs, Miriam Rosenstein, Phil Schwartz, Phyllis Sherman, Murry K. Simon, Ruth Sokolof.

IN MEMORY OF:
Sophie Epstein, Sophie Katzman, Albert Kohn, Herman M. Krupinsky, Joseph Lipton, Niece of Morris Maline, William Milder, Mother of Arlene Molmud, William Racusin, Phil Ringle, Harold Rosen.

If You Were in Our Religious School

. . . by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
YOU MADE MY SUN SHINE!

How do you feel after someone compliments you?

If you are like me, life seems better and more worthwhile when others recognize an accomplishment of ours or a task particularly well done. At other times, simply to be told that we are important and that others care about us can help immensely to improve our outlook.

Recently we adopted for use in the school special congratulatory notes to be mailed or given to students who, for whatever reason, have earned a compliment! We call them "You made my sun shine!" and "You make me happy" notes. They derive their names from the greeting emblazoned across the tops. Already several students to whom I mailed them have engaged in an ongoing correspondence with me. As you can imagine, closeness of this kind is very much to the advantage of both the children and the school.

All of our teachers have copies of these notes for their occasional use. I think we might well consider something like them in terms of our relationships with each other as adults, and as parents and children. How about letting your youngsters know how proud you are of them for special achievements and accomplishments?

Even more importantly, how about reminding your youngsters of your love for them, simply because they are your children?

These notes or any similar written expression of pride or affection can help many of us articulate on paper feelings and thoughts with others we may find difficult to verbally state. The written word, whether in letters or books, carries with it a certain enduring quality which somehow transcends the very paper on which it is found. Messages of this kind bring with them the spirit and even the love of the sender.

In our time of often bewildering and perplexing events, including



Shed those winter blahs and join

TEMPLE ISRAEL COUPLES CLUB

for a

**CHILI FIESTA
POT LUCK DINNER**

Warm up with chili (etc.) prepared by Pancho Perlmeter and his Banditos; served "Chilly Today" (Mild) or "Hot Tamale" (Hot)!

Sat., March 3, 1979

8 p.m.

Milder Conference Center

\$6 per couple

R.S.V.P. by March 1, 1979 Carol Gladden, 496-0589
Gayle Tichauer, 334-5602

UAHC College Programming

The College Education Department endeavors to establish and maintain ongoing contact with our college youth on campuses in the United States and Canada.

The Academic Year in Israel on a Kibbutz, offered in conjunction with the HUC-JIR and Kibbutz Ma'aleh HaChamishah, enables a student who has completed one year of college the opportunity to combine a year's academic work (39 credits) with the challenge of 11-months living and working on a kibbutz as well as extensive travel in Israel.

The Kibbutz Summer in Israel offers the college student the opportunity to participate in an archaeological excavation and some weeks of living in and working on a kibbutz. There is free time for individual pursuits and travel.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is represented in this area through Rabbi Paul J. Menitoff, Regional Director, MIDWEST COUNCIL, UAHC, 8420 Delmar, Suite 304, St. Louis, MO. 63124, Telephone: (314) 997-7566.

"OUR GANG"

Watch for information in the Jewish Press regarding "OUR GANG," a new organization for Singles in Temple Israel and the community sponsored by Temple Israel.

TYG OFFICERS APPOINTED

Recently the Temple Youth Group Board appointed two members to leadership positions in the TYG.

Robin Schneiderman is now serving as 1st Vice President of the Temple Youth Group and Ellen Scudder is Sergeant at Arms.

Other members of the Board include David Peebler, President; Jody Becker, 2nd Vice-President; Mandy Frost, Secretary; Beth Seldin, Treasurer; and Michael Kapel, Chaplain.

Got a wedding, birthday, bar mitzvah?

If there is a special occasion ahead **F**orget the busy shopping centers. **T**alk to us! Check our catalogs.

Shalom metallic wall hangings. **H**ebrew song books for young pianists.

Our popular family aprons are back!

Pre-school books, puzzles, posters . . .

The office staff will help you with in-stock gift items at any time. Or call Norma Fried, 397-0475.

Sadie: "So Goldie, you've heard the Sisterhood Donor is a luncheon at Joslyn?"

Goldie: "No"

Sadie: "So Goldie, you've heard the Donor is an Art Exhibit by a Jewish boy named Gottlieb?"

Goldie: "No"

Sadie: "So Goldie, you've heard it's also Fashions from Zoob's and your granddaughter is modeling?"

Goldie: "No"

Sadie: "So Goldie, you've heard the Donor is May 8?"

Goldie: "No"

Sadie: "So Goldie, now you've heard!"

Goldie: "I wasn't listening!"

WALK-IN DROP-IN for Older Adults — March 7, 1979

The Walk-In Drop-In for Older Adults will be held at Temple Israel on March 7.

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

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.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

SOPHIE EPSTEIN

mother of Melvin Epstein and extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

BOOK CONTEST A SUCCESS

The Religious School Book Collection Contest has been successfully completed and the following students will be awarded prizes:

Saturday School — 1st Place, Scott Schneiderman (121 books); 2nd Place, John Vann (100 books).

Sunday School — 1st Place, David Weill (302 books); 2nd Place, Beth Selner (236 books).

Approximately 3,000 books were collected. A special thanks is extended to the religious school staff, to Kathy Simon, Chairman of the Contest, and to her helpers, Nora Zoob and Nancy Hornstein.

There is still a tremendous need for books. Call Donna Givner at 493-4698 for pick-up.

Cantor's Corner

JEWISH MUSIC MONTH IS COMING

The National Jewish Music Council under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board has designated the month that falls between Purim and Passover as Jewish Music Month.

To open our observance, the renowned Jewish musicologist, Velvel Pasternak will deliver an illustrated lecture on Hasidic Music at the Jewish Community Center on March 18th. The choirs of all three synagogues will participate. Mr. Pasternak is well known for his interesting and witty delivery. This is an event that I am sure you will not want to miss.

During the days that follow the Junior Choir, the Youth Choir, the Instrumental Music Program and the Newlyformed Volunteer Adult Choir of Temple Israel will present a series of Jewish liturgical and secular events. Watch your next Temple Tidings for more detailed information on the activities mentioned above.

Getting in the Mood To Pray

It has recently been brought to my attention that there are congregants who attend Shabbat Services and are not familiar with the melodies of many of the prayers that are chanted. This unfamiliarity results in a reluctance to join in the singing of the responses.

Since the Rabbis and I believe that participation in the worship experience should be active as well as passive, a short song session will be held prior to services beginning on March 2nd. The song session will begin at 7:45 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. During this time I will review some of the melodies to be used during the service that evening and will also offer some background on the prayers themselves. If you would like to become more closely acquainted with the musical portions of our liturgy, please feel free to attend any of the scheduled song sessions which are listed in the Shabbat Calendar located in the *Tidings*.

Cantor Gail P. Karp

NEWS DEADLINE FOR TIDINGS — ISSUE NO. 10

Thursday — March 1, 1979

The issue will cover Fridays March 16, 23 and 30.

CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Birth of:

Randi Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tichauer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maurer and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tichauer.

Jeremy Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Babendure. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Babendure, Fremont, Nebraska and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Solotorovsky of Harlingen, Texas. Great-Grandfather is Mr. Max Belgrade.

On the Engagement of:

Kim Raphael Priesman and Merrick James Dyer. Miss Priesman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Priesman and Mr. Dyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dyer, Gilroy, California.

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albert. Mrs. Albert is the former Mary Patricia Egan, daughter of Mrs. Fred Egan, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

21	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
21-28	Daled Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
21	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 p.m.
22	Gimmel Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
23	4th & 5th Grade Level Dinner	6:00 p.m.
23	Sabbath Evening Services	7:30 p.m.
24	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
24	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
24	"Our Gang" — David Slosburg Apt.	8:30 p.m.
25	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
25	Bar Mitzvah Parents Meeting	10:00 a.m.
27	Aleph Hebrew Class	4:00-5:00 p.m.
27	Beth Hebrew Class	5:00-6:15 p.m.
28	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.

MARCH

2	Song Session	7:45 p.m.
2	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
	Sabbath Discussion Series	
3	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
3	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
3	Couples Club Dinner	8:00 p.m.
4	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
6	Sisterhood Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
6-13	Aleph Hebrew Class	4:00-5:00 p.m.
6-13	Beth Hebrew Class	5:00-6:15 p.m.
7-14	Daled Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
8-15	Gimmel Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
7	Senior Citizens — Walk-In Drop-In	11:00 a.m.
9	Song Session	7:45 p.m.
9	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
10	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
10	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
11	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
12	Purim Begins	Sundown
12	Megillah Reading	7:30 p.m.
13	Sisterhood Luncheon	12:00 noon
14	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.

OUR MISTAKE

The names of Mark Garber and Todd Lerner were inadvertently deleted from the list of participants in

the Temple Israel Book Contest in our issue No. 8.

Both 6th grade students are to be congratulated for their fine effort.

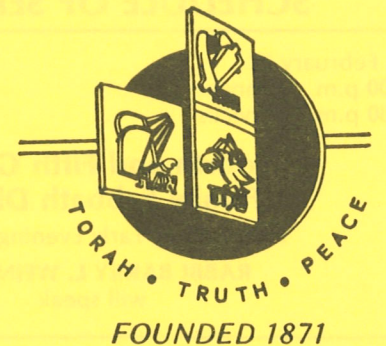
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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US ALL?

Though I am not a professional historian, I do not believe that anything in history is accidental. That is to say, I am convinced that there are causes behind all human actions. From the psychological point of view I am assured people do what they want to do and what they want to do is motivated by self-interest no matter how vehemently some may deny it, complain about it or even suffer because of their actions.

I see the purpose of religion in general and our Judaism in particular as an effort to introduce into decision-making an ethical and moral purpose. That's what I conceive to be the will of God. Still there are many perceptions of what is "moral."

These thoughts are stimulated by what, to me, are those terrifying words of Khomeini who calls for a "holy war!" Such a concept in itself has a long history and merits deep discussion.

What I want to say about it is that, questionable as it may appear to many, I see a connection between the medieval concept of a "holy war," the proliferation of ultra-conservative and reactionary trends in America and all over the world. We are witnessing the renewal of intense nationalisms everywhere. Further: I do not think these world wide matters affecting beleaguered Israel, the turmoil in the Near East, the Far East and in America are unrelated. Add to this the rebirth of neo-Naziism here and abroad, the abandonment of rationality in the cultic movements, the perversion of "religion" in absurd and abusive religious movements, corruption in government, dangerous use of drugs and illustrations on and on into dismal lengths. All are dangerously reactionary in nature.

As I see it, we suffer a loss of basic idealism, a fundamental faith in the goodness of the world, of mankind or of God, if you will, that is open to flexible and changeable interpretations that fit contemporary needs and new goals with integrity.

This means, I think, that if we are to cope with the world in which we live and remain both sane and creatively happy we had better "look to the Rock from whence we were hewn."

That is why I am a Reform Jew. This means I emphasize that in Judaism there has always been a life-saving flexibility built into our Faith and essential to our survival psychologically and spiritually. It is the ability to be flexible and to change, but always within the fundamental doctrine of the unity of God and man that insists on human dignity and honor.

I cannot resist adding that if we understand our need continually to adapt and change we hope to build not only a better world because of our resistance to all irrationality that hurts and destroys, but we will most certainly grow older more gracefully and creatively.



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