

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:

October 12, 1973

Edwin N. Sommer
Rosa Hiller
Mrs. Toney Stern
Rae Leah Brodkey
Mary Kiser Rabiner
Addie Gross
Emma Jarecki Hart
Robert M. Stiefler
June Lillian Block
Albert L. Kohn

October 19, 1973

Louis J. Bernstein
Myer M. Lipp
Sam Block
Ben Novak
Reuben Feltman
Dr. Sam L. Turkel
Gerald A. Bergman
Mrs. Harry Rosenstein
Henry A. Newman

Calendar of Events

October	
10	Sisterhood "Ladies Day Off" 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
10	Hebrew Classes 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
11	No Hebrew Classes
12	Family Succot Dinner 6:00 p.m.
13	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
14	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
15	Institute of Jewish Studies; Opening of Fall Semester—Beth El 7:30 p.m.
15 and 16	Hebrew Classes 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
16	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
17	Sisterhood "Ladies Day Off" 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
17 and 18	No Hebrew Classes
20	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
21	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
22-23-24	Hebrew Classes 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
23	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
24	Sisterhood "Ladies Day Off" 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
25	No Hebrew Classes

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

September 21, 1973
Candle Blessing Mrs. Irving Kass
Kiddush Dr. Irving Kass
Torah Blessings Sol Kass

PULPIT FLOWERS

September 21
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Philip Alan Kass.

September 28
In memory of Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner.

Temple Tidings

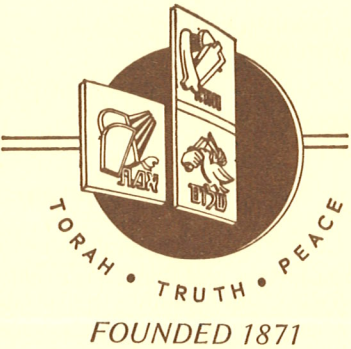
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

. . . A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

MY WIFE AND WOMEN



women who are now permitted to be counted in a minyan for worship.

I recall that our Central Conference of American Rabbis had officially declared in 1892 that "we have progressed beyond the idea of the secondary position of women in Jewish congregations." In 1922 the same body approved the ordination of women! Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, who died in 1900, once wrote: "We will debate the question with anyone who will show us, in what woman is less entitled to the privileges of the synagogue than man."

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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

FESTIVAL OF SUCCOT

Wednesday Evening, October 10
7:30 p.m. Evening Festival Services

CONSECRATION
Kindergarten and new First Graders
Religious School Children will adorn the Altar with their offerings. Kiddush in the Succah following Services

Thursday Morning, October 11
11:00 a.m. Morning Festival Services
Kiddush in the Succah

Friday Evening, October 12
7:30 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services
Preceding these services, there will be a Succot Family Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

Saturday Morning, October 13
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services
BAT MITZVAH OF ANN BERMAN,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Berman

Wednesday Evening, October 17
7:30 p.m. Evening Festival Services
Conclusion of Succot
Hakafot — Simchat Torah
Kiddush in Succah

Thursday Morning, October 18
11:00 a.m. Morning Festival Services
Conclusion of Succot
Kiddush in Succah

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES — continued

Friday Evening, October 19
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

REFORM JUDAISM

AND

INTERMARRIAGE

Following Services

Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein will report on the position of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and invite your questions and discussions.

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, October 20
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

BAT MITZVAH OF LEANNE NOVAK,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Novak

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

Jewish Education Is More Than Just Classroom Instruction!

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



It goes without saying that much Jewish learning takes place in your home observances and in your family's conversations about Jewish ideas and

themes.

However in our school our techniques and activities include many projects not oriented specifically to textbooks. Various craft activities, painting and drawing, and music instruction all complement the normative classroom learning situation.

Some say that religious school is no more than just crayons and coloring. The truth is that the special crafts projects included in our curriculum are all designed to enhance the classroom instruction.

Can you think of a better way to teach the meaning of Sukkot than having each child actually build his own miniature Sukkah, and then explain its meaning and significance? Or, in the study of the story of Noah's ark, what better classroom project can be done than the construction of an ark based in every detail on that described in the Bible!

The possibilities are endless, and include model replicas of Jerusalem, Massada, and other places of interest in the state of Israel.

If you join us in our school on any given weekend you will also find many of our students out of their classroom and in our school library and reading room. With specific research assignments, they are encouraged to work independently and then bring to their class the results of their investigations for group discussion. In this manner each student is given the opportunity to pursue those areas of Jewish study in which he is especially interested!

And, each Sunday morning at 9:15 you will find the members of our Junior Choir enjoying the melodies and songs associated with each of our holidays, as well as modern Hebrew and Israeli songs. This year we welcome to our School Mrs. Michael Verlin, our new Junior Choir instructor and music teacher, whom I know you will want to meet. Mrs. Verlin comes to us with extensive experience as a teacher of music in Jewish religious schools, and she is eager to convey to all of our students her own appreciation of the joys of Jewish music.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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I hope you know of my deep respect for interpretations of Judaism that differ from my own. Authentic traditionalism commands my profound respect and I think I understand the reasons both theological and sociological for the halachic (legal) distinctions between men and women.

Thus I applaud the action of the Conservative movement; but I wonder why such action took so long.

Yet we ourselves are not without guilt in this matter. Male dominance is still too much in evidence in our congregations. Certainly in our society the individuality of women is not as distinct as I think it should be, nor are their rights and freedom to choose their destiny.

All of this sprang to my mind when my wife received what I feel to be a civic appointment of trust and a compliment to her skill and knowledge. The newspaper in reporting her name described her in part by saying she was "the wife of a rabbi."

What's that got to do with it? That matter I'm the lucky one! As her competency is concerned, her marriage is beside the point. I think her identity would be completed in her own accomplishments quite apart from being "the wife of a rabbi." I'm complimented by what she is in and of herself.

My wife and all women are entitled to personal integrity and to spiritual, intellectual and economic equality.

Rabbi Weinstein continued

Not only will Mrs. Verlin meet with our choir each morning, but she also will meet with each of our classes in order to help acquaint them with the melodies of our liturgy and our festivals.

Is religious school no more than coloring books?

The answer is clear, and we can be proud of the splendid manner in which crafts, individual research, and music programs all enhance the Jewish education of our youth.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Date: October 13.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: General Motors Training Bldg. (80th & Dodge) parking lot.

Who: Limited to 40 couples — we'd like to have two couples per car — no bicycles please.

How much: \$5.00 per couple including food, soft drinks and beer.

What next: Make a reservation today . . . no later than October 11th.

Call Norma Fried, 397-0475 Dorothy Spizman, 393-6858
Shirley Greenberg, 334-5584

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Congratulations .

ON THE BIRTH OF:

Robert Lane Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Norton, Garland, Texas. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stern; Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Friedlander, and Mrs. Charles Stern.

Jason Todd Weintraub and Scott Eric Weintraub, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold N. Weintraub. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Weintraub, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fineman of Lakewood, Calif.

ON THE WEDDING OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Hoberman. Mrs. Hoberman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Malashock, and Mr. Hoberman the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoberman.

THANKS FROM:

Julie Lauren Turkel and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Turkel, for the Uniongram received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Scott M. Friedman
Col. and Mrs. Robert Kubby.
Mr. and Mrs. James Meredith.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Saloman.
Mrs. Warren Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Weil

BOOKS AND RECORDS

needed for

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK BASH

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

"LADIES DAY OUT"

If you missed "Ladies Day Out" on October 10, be sure that next Wednesday, October 17, you take advantage of an exciting series of events.

All members, regardless of age, will enjoy a relaxing and informative hour from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks at "Coffee with the Rabbi."

Following "Coffee," from 11:15 to 12:15 there will be your choice of attending a sewing group or learning many Jewish cooking secrets.

Next, you are welcome to order lunch from Roffmans, or you may prefer to bring a sack lunch from home.

From 1:00-2:00 p.m., the Book Club will interest you with a different review each week, or you may choose to benefit from Rabbi Weinstein's experience in a class called "Communication between Parent-Child and Grandparent-Child."

So, treat yourself to a stimulating day at the Temple social hall. Your children will be taken care of by free sitter service.

NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS:

Mrs. C. Meade Chamberlin
Mrs. Michael Verlin

RABBI BROOKS TO SEND GIFT TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Rabbi Brooks would like to send a gift subscription of *SH'MA* to every college student in our congregation. *SH'MA* is a small deeply thoughtful journal of contemporary themes from all points of view.

BUT

To do this we need the college address of our congregants. Please fill out the form below, or call the Temple Office now!

BRING TEMPLE ISRAEL TO THE CAMPUS THROUGH THE TEMPLE TIDINGS

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Student's Name _____

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SUMMER IN ISRAEL

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even though I'm still not completely sure what I believe."

"One important thing I learned this summer," she said, "is that if a person wants to go to Israel to strengthen his Jewish identity, if he wants to go as a Jew and get that out of it, he has to be completely ready and he has to really want to. It's something you can do only if you're really ready."

Found Myself

Beth, Ted, and Paul exchanged comments on their feelings about Israel, and what a summer in Israel did for them. "I think I found myself a little more," said Paul, "and I have the feeling that I've been able to experience something many of my friends will never experience. I have a warm feeling for the Israelis, too."

"I went to Israel with high expectations, yet not knowing what to expect," Beth said, "and all my expectations were far surpassed. I feel I actually received something from Israel, the country. She gave me, as a Jew, something. It's a warm feeling. I realized that my Jewish identity and my Judaism are very important, and I won't let the ties be broken. I hope I gave Israel something in return."

They Will Enrich Us

We are indeed lucky to have three young people such as these in our congregation and our Temple Youth Group. Beth, Ted, and Paul gained invaluable experience and personal growth from their summer with NFTY's Mitzvah Corps. But they bring part of their growth and learning to the rest of us as well. We owe it to ourselves and to coming generations to sustain the bond between Israel and ourselves, and to maintain the feeling that we belong to a worldwide Jewish community. Beth, Ted, and Paul went to Israel and came back more mature and more committed to Jewish ideals. Hopefully, many more like them will spend some time in Israel; they will bring their experiences home with them, enriching our entire congregation.

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUNDS
NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your contributions to the various Temple Funds aid immeasurably in helping us meet the many teaching and cultural needs of our congregation. Without your generosity many projects would be curtailed.

These gifts may be made to:

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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.

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PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF
Paul Blotcky
Albert Kohn

Mayor Appoints Mrs. Brooks
Mrs. Sidney H. (Jane H.) Brooks was named by Omaha Mayor Ed Zorinsky to be one of 25 members of the first City Charter Convention since 1963.

NOTICE TO PARENTS
OF BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

Mrs. Sheldon Harris will take the place of Mrs. Morton Kulesh, Sisterhood Religious Coordinator.

If any questions concerning your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please get in touch with Mrs. Harris by calling 393-6292.

Open Letters to
Our Congregants

Our Holiday was made so much more lovely by the thoughtfulness of so many of you.

We are so grateful for the many good wishes extended to us through your cards, letters, and the Giant Uniongram and your many attentions.

Once again we send you our warmest greetings, our gratitude and our friendship.
Rabbi and Mrs.
Sidney H. Brooks

Linda, Amy and I thank all of you who so thoughtfully remembered us with notes, cards, and the beautiful Uniongram in honor of the New Year.

We are deeply grateful to each of you for your warmth and many kindnesses, not only now but throughout the year.

To each of you and your families we express our personal greetings and prayer for health, contentment, and personal satisfaction in the New Year.

Rabbi and Mrs.
Barry L. Weinstein,
and Amy

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

HERMAN JACOBI,
husband of Mrs. Libby Jacobi
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

Recollections of a Summer in Israel



Paul Hoffman

by Miriam Brooks

“One of my purposes for going to Israel was to work. I did two or three of the types of work that the Israelis do, and I think I got a good look at the country. When I go back I think I’ll be able to do it on my own.”

“I think it’s an excellent way to see Israel and to learn about it. It isn’t an easy trip; you’ve got to want to work, but we really learned about the country and listened to its story.”

“It’s a fantastic experience. You can go to Israel as a tourist and you’ll only scrape the surface. Or, you can go as we went and see 110% more.”

The subject is Mitzvah Corps, the work-and-travel summer program in Israel sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Youth. Three Temple Youth Group members, Beth Gendler, 16, Ted Newman, 16, and Paul Hoffman, 17, spent last summer in Israel picking cotton, moving irrigation pipes, loading garbage, picking sugar beets, and loading bales of hay at the Ben Shemen youth village under the auspices of the Mitzvah Corps program.

A Common Bond

Sound grueling? The three agree that this is not everyone’s idea of a summer vacation. “But,” said Beth, “that was the common bond we all had: we all went over to work. It’s hard work, and you really have to want to do it.”

Mitzvah Corps last summer



Ted Newman

included about 45 high-school age participants from across the U.S. and their leaders. In addition to their work at the youth village, members of the group had opportunities to tour the country at their own pace. There was some travel, a lot of work, and the feeling of pride in accomplishment, for they had indeed helped to build Israel.

“The trip really depended upon us,” Paul said, “because we could make it what we wanted and get out of it what we wanted. It was unstructured enough so that we could have our choice about some things, and a chance to experience a great deal.”

Work — an Advantage

Ted, Beth, and Paul each placed a great deal of emphasis upon the fact that the Mitzvah Corps included work. “I chose Mitzvah Corps mostly because I wanted to go out and work,” Ted said. “I had been there once before, but I don’t think I was as aware at the time, and I wanted to see it again to see how the country had changed. But I really liked the work.”

“This may sound corny,” said Beth, “but I wanted to go and help the land, even if it was only for three or four weeks. I wanted to help build the land, and give it something, because I knew it would give me something in return.”

Opinions were varied on the importance of going to Israel, and the reasons for going to Israel instead of another country.

“Basically, I wanted to see



Beth Gendler

another culture,” said Paul, “and I wanted to see what a wartime culture is like. But I also wanted to get out of the womb a little, the womb the United States forms around us. I wanted to see a little more, and I did. I think I’ve experienced a little more of life.”

Beauty — History — Homeland

“Israel attracted me the last time I was there,” Ted said, “and I wanted to go back and see more. The beauty of the country attracted me, as well as the history, and the fact that the Jews have got a homeland to go to.”

“The work was fun,” he continued. “I wanted to work, especially because a lot of this was farming, which I’d never done. In another culture with another language and different techniques, it’s really interesting.”

The three agreed that one of the highlights of their experience was meeting people, both Israelis and Americans. Strong friendships within their group were formed, and the three seemed to come away with a warm feeling for the people in Israel.

Identity Strengthened

Beth said she didn’t know when she first wanted to go to Israel, but she felt it was “important for me as a young Jew, not sure of my beliefs. I can honestly say that being in Israel strengthened my Jewish identity,

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