

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

ELAINE PHYLLIS GOLDBERG
wife of Manny Goldberg
mother of Bruce, David
and Marla

WETA SIMON
mother of Mrs. Harvey
Aronson

ISADORE CHERNIACK
brother of Harold Cherniack

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

PULPIT FLOWERS

April 6
In memory of Charles Rosenstock.

April 13
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Dan Goldman.

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

April 6, 1973
Candle Blessing . . . Mrs. Joseph Soshnik
Kiddush Warner Frohman
Torah Blessing M. Ronald Brodkey
Torah Blessing Marvin Brookstein

April 13, 1973
Candle Blessing . . Mrs. Richard Goldman
Kiddush Richard Goldman
Torah Blessing Isadore Abramson
Torah Blessing John Goldman

Mrs. Brooks to New York

Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks was one of five on a committee for nomination of officers for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The committee met April 11 and 12 in New York City.

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 27, 1973
Harry Markel
Harry Martin
Fannie P. Gluck
Regina S. Shapiro
Alexander Pollack
Jessie Goldman Schiff
Samuel Friedman
Constance Wessel

May 4, 1973
Ester Blazer Harris
Aaron Herzberg
Martin Sachs
Harry Reuben Milder
Loesermann Mayer
Henry Miller
Yale Meyerson
Henry Monsky
Herman Rosenblum
Leo Rosenthal
Eva L. Konecky
Leo P. Newman
Harry A. Wolf

THANKS FROM

Mike Milder and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Milder; and Beth Somberg and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Somberg for the Uniongrams they received in honor of their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28	Couples Club Rap Session Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dloogoff 1316 Holling Drive	8:30 p.m.
29	Men's Club Brunch	10:00 a.m.
29	TYG Election	1:30 p.m.
May 1	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
6	Sisterhood Geranium Sale	10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
8	Sisterhood's Mother-Daughter Dinner	6:00 p.m.
8	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:
80th Birthday of Jule M. Newman.
80th Birthday of Jennie Priesman.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Jane Brooks, Stella Herzberg, Sylvia Bernstein, Phil Laser, L. Feldman, Iz Chapman.

IN MEMORY OF:
Jay Cherniack, Mrs. Nathan Simon, Seymour (Tony) Cohn, Freeda Rosenblatt, Samuel H. Rosenberg, Elaine Goldberg, Isadore Cherniack, Lena Priesman, Paul Albert, Maurice Karpen, Philip Grossman, Martha Rosenthal, Albert Kohn, Morris Gitlin, Maurice Frank.

GIFTS OF INSCRIBED
PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:
Anna Goldstein
Sam Rosenberg

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Wedding of —
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grossman (nee Catherine Reese Kennedy). Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Grossman and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Kennedy, Jr.

On the Engagement of —
Miss Gail Brodkey, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Brodke and Kenneth Joel Baker, New York, son of Mrs. Pasqual Fiorillo and Mr. Jack Baker.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

THE ULTIMATE PRIDE —
A Rabbi Influences a Rabbi



I like the saying that "no Rabbi ever became ill from over-encouragement!" If there is a single inescapable hazard in the rabbinate, it is frustration. We never accomplish all we would wish. People readily criticize but less often praise. Many are near when they need you and more than distant when they don't. The results of much a rabbi does that is meaningful is often imputed to others or else so long delayed in effect and secretly cherished by those whom he has influenced that he seldom if ever knows about it. Yet sometimes a seedling planted in the mind of one person comes to fruit many years later. No rabbi should be unaware of these aspects of his work. At times, they are hard to live with. At others, supremely satisfying.

This week was, for me, such a time. It was in fact glorious! And since I like to think true or not, that I
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, April 27
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

"IN OUR HANDS LIES THE
FUTURE OF MAN"

A Theme of Worship
with
Temple Youth Group Participation

See Rabbi Weinstein's Column

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, April 28
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of Bruce Stuart Greenberg,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Avrum Greenberg

Friday Evening, May 4
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

SABBATH WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

YOM HA-ATZMAUT

Observing the
25th Anniversary of
The State of Israel's Independence

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS

will speak on

ISRAEL IN MEMORY AND DREAM

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, May 5
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of Jane Lynn Wigodsky,
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Wigodsky

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

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
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had some small role to play in the events, I am inexpressibly happy. In fairness, that sense of accomplishment must be shared with the congregation of which I and the men involved are a part.

As many of you know, John H. Spitzer, son of our cherished member, Mrs. Malvina Spitzer and Mr. George Spitzer of Hutchinson, Kansas, is to be ordained a Rabbi on June 2. I have every intention and hope to witness that extraordinarily moving ceremony and to share the joy of John and his family.

Still what right do I have to take pride in John's achievement? After all, it was his rigorous study that earns for him the right to be called Rabbi which I still believe to be the most honored title a man can bear.

This week in a letter to me, John wrote: "We have both been successful. I in my studies and you in your influence." I would not trade that statement for any honor or degree I have ever had. Rabbi John H. Spitzer whom I shall now be proud to call a colleague will, I feel absolutely confident, carry on with dignity the heritage of Judaism, teach effectively the wisdom of Torah and lead a life dedicated to the service of our People.

Now, imagine double pleasure in the same week! A few days ago I received notice that Daniel Bleicher, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bleicher, was admitted as a student to the Hebrew Union College. As John becomes ordained a rabbi, Dan begins his studies toward the same goal.

Suddenly my life, justified or not, seems to have taken on some real meaning, some significant purpose, some lasting significance.

I'm grateful to God Whose blessing I ask upon my students whom I love very much.

MEN'S CLUB

Temple Israel Men's Club will hold their last Breakfast with the Rabbi on Sunday, April 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein will speak on "Our Absent Americans and Their Amnesty — Where Do We Stand?"

Guests are welcome.

Celebration Marks Independence Day

On the weekend of May 4 our congregation joins with Jewish communities throughout the world in its observance of the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Beginning with Sabbath Evening Worship Services on Friday, May 4, our congregation will mark Yom Ha-Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Liturgy for our Sabbath Worship will be an innovative prayer service, with "Jerusalem of Gold" as its theme. Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will deliver the pulpit message.



Our religious school and youth group will join in observance of this significant occasion as well. Classes in our religious school have been preparing creative exhibits and displays in commemoration of Israel Independence Day. Many students have engaged in special research projects dealing with various aspects of the history and development of the State of Israel

Mother-Daughter Dinner

A Mother-Daughter Dinner is being arranged by the Temple Sisterhood for Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m.

A delightful program, featuring grandmothers, mothers and daughters, is being planned.

Please phone your reservation to the Temple Office by May 4. The dinner is \$2.50. Guests are welcome. There is no reserved seating.

REMINDER: Flowers ordered through Sisterhood's Geranium Sale are to be picked up between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on May 6 at Temple.

and these will be on display throughout the weekend.

Especially noteworthy as part of our congregational observance of the anniversary was the recent showing of the film "A Wall in Jerusalem" to our congregation and each of our Temple affiliates. This dramatic presentation set the stage for each of the ensuing activities of our congregation in salute to Israel.

On Sunday morning, May 6, students of our Temple Religious School and members of our Temple Youth Group will join with students from each of the other synagogues in a community celebration.

A parade led by a band will start at Memorial Park and proceed to the University of Nebraska at Omaha Fieldhouse where a dramatic musical presentation will take place. (You will receive specific directions for your children to follow that day.)

Lunch will be available at the Fieldhouse for 50¢ at 12:00 noon, after which all are invited to attend the sports competition Maccabim at the UNO outdoor stadium.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join with us for each of these important events in our congregation's salute to the State of Israel. Together with each of these activities we express our joy upon this anniversary of the birth of Israel, and our prayers for peace and security for its people.

COUPLES CLUB INVITES YOU! RAP SESSION EXPERIMENTAL CONVERSATIONS

Saturday Evening
April 28, 1973
8:30 P.M.

Refreshments

Home of
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dloogoff
1316 Holling Drive

\$1.00 per couple

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



For the past several weeks members of our Temple Youth Group have been preparing for our Worship Service which will take place this Friday evening, April 27. Prayers for this Sabbath Evening have been created by our Group. Debbie Farber, Chaplain, has coordinated writing and presentation of the liturgy.

Members of our Youth Group will participate in the reading of the prayers. David Goodman, president, will give the pulpit message.

The liturgy written for this service has as its theme "In Our Hands Lies the Future of Man."

The writing and preparation of a creative liturgy is no easy task. During the long hours of editing and rewriting, the Youth Group has had an opportunity to concretize all they have learned during their years in our school.

Their efforts represent yet another aspect of our overall Youth Group activities. Creation of innovative forms of Jewish worship is a continuing part of our program.

I feel privileged to have worked with our Youth in preparation for this occasion. Their seriousness and their enthusiasm are encouraging reminders that the future of our faith is in good hands. Here is proof that positive attitudes and abiding sensitivity to Judaism continue to be part of our students' lives even after completion of their formal religious education.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday

May 23, 1973

8:00 p.m.

Temple Social Hall

Cantor's Book Holds Delight and Meaning

The Baal Shem of Michelstadt, a small volume just printed in Israel, has a special meaning for the congregants of Temple Israel. This wonderful story was lovingly and painstakingly translated from German by our late Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner.

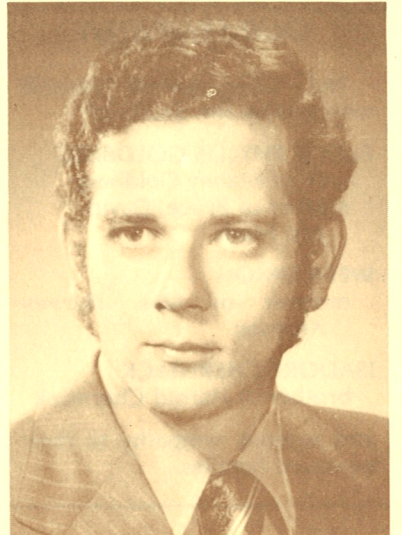
In the book's preface, Cantor Kuttner tells how in 1969 he recalled the delightful historical novel that he had treasured when he was a youngster in Germany. All efforts to find the book were fruitless until he wrote the mayor in the town of Michelstadt. Through the mayor's lead, he was able to obtain a Xerox copy of the book that was too rare to risk sending to America.

Cantor Kuttner went on to say . . . "Wondering whether the novel would still thrill me as it did so many years ago, I proceeded to read it and finished reading the entire book that same evening. It proved still the great experience it had been in the past, and the idea took root to translate it into English so as to share the precious stories with other people, may they be young or old.

"The book deals with a Judaism long gone. I doubt that we shall ever experience again such love for and fulfillment in a religion as our forefathers did. This book tells it so convincingly.

"... a few explanatory words concerning the hero of our story . . . The name *Baal Shem* was applied as a special distinction to certain rabbis who were considered great saints and in whose miraculous powers and deeds the people believed. . . . After reading the novel the reader himself must decide whether our Baal Shem from Michelstadt was a miracle worker or whether, perhaps, he was merely a very clever rabbi who, as his counterpart in our own time, may have used a bit of common sense in counselling the troubled souls of his congregation."

Orders for *The Baal Shem of Michelstadt* are being taken by the Temple Office. The book, which sells for \$3.75 plus tax, would be a treasured addition to your library.



Rabbi To Be Ordained

Rabbi John H. Spitzer will be ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati on June 2. Not since 1906 (when a man named Louis Bernstein was ordained) has a member of Temple Israel graduated from the college.

Rabbi Spitzer has accepted the position of Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Shaare Emeth in St. Louis. His close association with that congregation dates back to his undergraduate days at Washington University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. His wife Cheri is a confirmand of Shaare Emeth.

In addition to going through our Religious School and Hebrew School, Rabbi Spitzer served our congregation on the High Holy days as a student rabbi and years earlier as our Baal T'kiah, blowing the shofar. He was very active in the Temple Youth Group on local, regional and national levels. He served as president of both TYG and MoVFTY.

Our congregation joins in sending its congratulations and best wishes to Rabbi Spitzer and his family.

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Congratulations also to Dan Bleicher, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bleicher, on his acceptance as a student at the Hebrew Union College.

Soon after his graduation from the University of Cincinnati where he majored in music, Dan will leave for his first year of study at the HUC in Jerusalem.